



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

February

Mon 22 nd Feb	Current School Council last meeting
Tue 23 rd Feb	Kitchen Garden Working Bee
Thur 25 th Feb	Yarraville District Swimming Carnival
Mon 29 th Feb	Foundation students first full week

March

Tue 1 st Mar	School Council election ballot closes 4p.m.
Wed 2 nd Mar	Parent Teacher meetings
Fri 4 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride and Walk to School Day Hot March Night (fundraising event)
Mon 7 th Mar	Teacher Planning Week
Mon 14 th Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Tue 15 th Mar	Student Free Day – no students at school
Fri 18 th Mar	Summer Sports Gala Day Years 5/6
Mon 21 st Mar	First meeting of new school council
Tue 22 nd Mar	WMR Swimming Carnival years 3-6
Thur 24 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casual Clothes Day (fundraising) End Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term 2

April

Mon 11 th Apr	Term 2 begins
Tue 12 th Apr to Fri 22 nd Apr	F-2 swimming lessons

Term dates 2016

Term 2 - 11 th April to 24 th June
Term 3 - 11 th July to 16 th September
Term 4 - 3 rd October to 20 th December



Principal's Message

Information Nights

Well done Kingsville staff and thank you Kingsville parents. Together you created and participated in the important Information Nights that have been held over the last two weeks.

Session for Foundation, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6, all had a good number of parents attending. In total, close to 300 parents came along and many of those to more than one session. To the Kingsville level leaders, teaching, specialist staff and members of the leadership team thank you for your time and the sharing of your knowledge.

I am confident the information provided contributed greatly to an increased level of parent understanding and, set the foundation for strong parent teacher learning partnerships this year.

For parents who were unable to attend, materials will be as promised, provided to you.

Feedback

The school leadership team regularly reviews how information is provided to parents. As we reflect on the format of the recent information nights and plan for 2017 provision, we would value parent feedback.

At Kingsville our growing student enrolment brings with it an increased number of parents with children across multiple levels of the school. We need to ensure that information nights continue to provide access and, the best opportunity for parents to gain key information relevant to each level of the school.

So any feedback to assist our review will be appreciated. Please provide this by email to Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au or mcdonald.jeff.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

General Guidelines for Parents when making any Payments to the school:

End of Terms 1, 2 & 3	All payments need to be made prior to 10:00am on the last day of term.
End of Term 4	All payments must be made 2 days prior to the end of term.
Cash Payments	Correct money is requested, as change cannot always be provided.

School Council President Leah Young 0418 369 039
OSHC Camp Australia 0401 054 261

School Uniform Primary School Wear 9363 8458
Program Manager Asi Malu

Parent Teacher meetings

These important meetings are coming up on Wednesday March 2nd. Please see the information provided in this newsletter.

Foundation Picnic

The weather was fine and the oval filled up with parents, some staff, students and other family members on Wednesday evening.

Thank you to families who could come along and meet and mingle with other foundation families.

Welcome again to all of our foundation students and their families.

Student Leadership

School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains will receive their badges next Friday 26th February. This is just a reminder as often parents of these students like to attend. Please don't worry if you can't get there, photographs will be taken.

Recipients

School Captains

Alexandria Mozjerin and Hamish Panetta

School Vice Captains

Sophia Frangos and Joseph Perry

House Captains

Julian House (Red)

Captains – Charlotte Whiteside and Harley Lumsden

Vice Captains – Grace Atherton and Earl Vodicka

Somerville House (Blue)

Captains – Orla Grenfell-Fox and Jack Hatty

Vice Captains – Lily Kynion and Olly Greenshields

Cruikshank House (Green)

Captains – Sonia Cekalovic and Phoenix Horne

Vice Captains – Alyssa Reinoga and Paddy Weldon

Bishop House (Yellow)

Captains – Amelie Le Grand and Austin Howell

Vice Captains – Chelsea Davies and Hudson Mullane



Happy Birthday

25th February to 2nd March

Happy Birthday to Takdanai McLeod-Smith, Kalan Doloughan Marion, Conor Hennessy, Conor Evans, Samrawit Mersha, Eliza Lavery, Liam Swan, Isla

Munro and Jasmine Walker.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 26th February

1B	Laughlan Gumley
1C	Ethan Nguyen
1D	Jaisaiah Fraser
2B	Ava Artavilla
2C	Madeleine Ahlip
2D	Annie Brocklesby
3A	Liam Kalpenos
3B	Charlotte Ring
3C	Ben Becker
5A	Evelyn Jaffray
5B	Rory O'Shea
5C	Gracie Droogleever
5D	Lloyd Deunk
6A	Josh Schumann
6B	Anika Ostojic
6C	Lily Furnari



Ride and Walk to

School Day

Friday March 4th

On Friday March 4th, two fine and remarkably valuable trophies will be up for grabs: the much coveted "Walkies" and "Golden Bicycle" trophies.

Students and staff are encouraged to walk or wheel their way to and from school on this day. Walking and wheeling - riding your bike, scooting, and skateboarding - are all great ways to get around, and do not rely on fossil fuels, just healthy food to power your body!

Starting closer to school is encouraged for younger students and those just learning to ride bikes, scooters or skateboards. Parental support is also welcomed in helping students walk or wheel.

As always, your safety and that of others is first and foremost. Student 'Wheelers' at KPS may legally use footpaths, but remember, 'Wheelers' give way to 'Walkers', and they walk their 'wheels' in school grounds. Make sure your 'wheels' are in top condition before you head out. Please observe the laws and rules of the road. Cross busy roads at traffic lights,

and look out for traffic. All 'Wheeler's' must wear a helmet on their head, and not their handlebars. It's the law in Australia.

Your teacher will record each 'Walker' or 'Wheeler' in their grade on the day. The grade with the highest percentage of 'Walkers' or 'Wheeler's' will win that particular Golden Trophy.

So, come on KPS, "On yer bikes, legs, or wheels", leave the old fossil fuel guzzler behind, have fun getting safely to school, and help your grade win a trophy! Which grades will walk or wheel away with them this term?

It's up to you KPS!
Ian Phillips, teacher



Safer Internet Day 2016

Tuesday 9th of February was Safer Internet Day. For the first time, some of the students from grade 5 and 6 were involved in an interactive cyber awareness "webinar" run by the Department of Education. The webinar used animations and voice overs to pose a series of scenarios about social media and being safe online. Students were able to put forward their ideas and discuss issues with other students in real time, leading to some important discussions around being safe and kind in a digital world.

Here are some student responses about the activity:

"We were put in a program where we were commenting on cyber bullying scenarios and how the characters would feel or how we would feel if it happened to us. I thought it was interesting to have other people comment from other schools. I also thought it was a great program. I liked how Greg and Sandy guided the students in answering the questions for the scenario. I thought the idea for the fake act was a very good idea for getting the students to talk with each other about cyber bullying. I thought that the scenarios were very realistic and kind of likely to happen."

By Chelsea

"I think that the webinar went really well. If I was in any of the situations we saw I wouldn't feel really happy. For example if I was in Jacob's position when my friends are trying to kick me out of a band I would feel sad, mainly because they would never tell me and the conversation was online. I don't know why people cyber bully. How would it make you feel if someone made a website about you that makes you

look like a show off? I would feel really sad and that's exactly one of the situations we saw in the webinar. I would hate if I made a message and it was about doing a group dance with my friends and then they just go and make another chat and it is about kicking me from the dance group. Again, I would feel really sad."

By Hudson

"I liked the webinar because it has taught me how to fight cyberbullies and it was really fun answering the questions. I love webinars"

By Josh

"The webinar was really cool that you could talk to people that were from different schools about what you thought about the groups and how some of the things they said were cyber bullying or not. Also what was cool was that the people were talking on a web chat like Skype"

By Leon

"I think the webinar is good because you can read other people's thoughts and their opinions on the situations. It's a good idea having those two presenters and having someone explain the stories and what's going on. Cyber bullying itself is really terrible and can hurt people in lots of different ways. I think it's a good idea to have the kids' hotline so that kids can talk to a professional and try and help them."

By Maia



Sports News

Swimming Team

The swimming squad had their final practice today in preparation for next Thursday's District Carnival.

Thank you again to all staff who have been able and willing to help out and also to Mark Deunk for all of his efforts.

Best of luck to all children involved. I am sure that they will do themselves and the school proud with their efforts and sportsmanship.

Lorey Bentley
PE and Sport Coordinator
bentley.lorey.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- \$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students
- Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student
- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents, are eligible to apply
- For more information, contact the school or see: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- To be eligible, students need to be enrolled at the school on 27th January 2016
- Forms are available from the General Office and application must be made in person by the concession card holder – the concession card must be presented at the time of application
- Applications close 03/06/2016

Linda Bowman, Business Manager



Fundraising News

Hot March Night Update

- We would like ticket order forms back at school by Friday 26th February. This will help with final numbers for catering. Tickets are selling fast and we don't want anyone to miss out!
- You can volunteer to help out at Hot March Night using our online sign-up sheet at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/YERYM> and qualify for a discounted ticket.
- The Fundraising Committee would like to extend a big thanks to the High Voltage Rock School www.hvrs.net.au and Danniell Smith for providing the PA for Hot March Night.



- Attention Bakers! We need contributions of baked yummys for sale at HMN. Please contact Linda 0404 072 328 or Maribel

0403 439 761 for a list of items they'd love you to make for the sweets stall.

Thank you
Ché Stockley, Fundraising sub committee

Traffic Safety

A traffic safety poster with a decorative border of black dots. The text reads: "Most children haven't developed the skills to be safe in traffic. They may: • not notice objects directly in front of them • have trouble judging the speed of cars • not behave safely. If you drive or park near the school take extra care and keep on the lookout for children." On the right is a cartoon illustration of a child in a hat looking over a ledge. At the bottom left are the logos for "vicroads" and "The Government of Victoria".

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Parent -Teacher Conferences, Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Parent-teacher conferences offer great opportunities to deepen the working relationship between parents and teachers. It is a conference because it is a two way conversation. The conference is an opportunity for both parties to highlight the child's strengths, discuss academic or social concerns, and share information about the child development. Parent support for, and involvement in, your child/children's education is a critical factor in student engagement and achievement. Creating a true partnership in a child's education establishes shared expectations for your child to ensure they achieve their full potential.

Parent Teacher conferences will be held for **all students** from **1.30pm to 6.50pm on Wednesday 2nd March**

Parent Teacher conferences will be of **10 minutes duration**.

For these Parent Teacher conferences we are again using the internet-based booking system called **Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO)**. This system will go **live from 9am on Monday 22nd of February** and you will have **until to 5.00pm on the day of Monday 29th February** to make a booking.

PIN and Password:

1. If you **have provided** the school with an email address:
 - go to the **school's home page**: www.kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au
 - and click on the **PTO icon** 
 - click the link that says '**obtain pin and password**' in the '**Need Help?**' section
 - input the **email address** you have given the school and click '**send email**'
 - an email with your **PIN and Password** will be sent to you
2. If you have **not provided** the school with an email address your **Pin and Password** will be sent home with the eldest child in your family.

Booking interview times:

- go to the **school's home page**: www.kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au
- click the **PTO icon** as shown here ... 
- login using your PTO online pin and password

Full instructions are provided to you after log in.

Using this system you will be able to book the Parent Teacher conferences times that suit you best from any internet-connected device. A computer will be available outside the main **office** during school hours (8.45am – 4.00pm) if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for *individual* parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single conference time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.
- You will only see time slots that are *available* at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a *report* of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and *change bookings* any time **up to 5.00pm on the day of Monday 29th February**.

- Please note other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot, it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- Please don't forget to **print off** a copy of your appointment(s).
- If you encounter any problems using the PTO booking system please contact the school office by phone on 9314 5869

Yours sincerely,

School Leadership Team

Kath Ginnane, Jeff McDonald, Peter Ritchie and Blagma Veljanoska

KPS KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE

February 2016

The KG team has now had two working bees and achieved quite a lot. With the garden beds topped up, the shed cleaned out and the scarecrow looking scary, we're now ready to get the teachers and kids involved in planting seeds for a fabulous autumn harvest.



LIKE TO HELP?

If you'd like to get involved, our next working bee is Tuesday 23 February. Alternatively, if you'd like to assist your child's class with planting, please contact Leah on 0418 369 039.

WHAT WE NEED

Here's a list of pre-loved items we need in the kitchen garden. If you have any of these items laying around in your house or shed, please bring them over to the garden. Thanks!

- Old wheelbarrows
- Old bikes
- Timber tables
- Timber benches
- Timber boxes
- Timber chairs
- Gum boots
- Terracotta pots
- Glazed pots
- Garden trolley





HOT MARCH NIGHT

Tickets are now available for the HOTTEST night of the school year! So pack your picnic blanket, grab the camp chairs and join the KPS community for an evening of music, food and family fun..... Featuring:

MUSIC

- The Sweet Carolines a talented group of KPS parents & teachers playing live
- DJ Marky B spinning rock and new wave

FAMILY FUN

- Learn to play Bocce
- Join the paper plane comp
- Paint your masterpiece

DINNER

- Gourmet BBQ
- Salads
- Sweets and cupcake stand

DRINKS

- Soft drinks
- Temple Brewing Co Beer
- Shadowfax wines
- Mandala Yarra Valley sparkling

All happening at KPS school grounds, enter via front gate Bishop St. (tickets required)

Hot March Night is a family-friendly event. Alcohol is available for purchase, but we remind all adults to consume alcohol responsibly. Strictly, NO BYO.



Book your tickets now!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Eldest Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I wish to purchase (select one by ticking box)

- Premium Family Ticket (2 adults, unlimited children) \$20
- Premium Single Family Ticket (1 adult, unlimited children) \$12
- Registered Volunteer Family Ticket (2 adults including 1 registered volunteer, unlimited children) \$15

Would you like to volunteer for 45 minutes on HMN?

All Volunteers pay a discount entry ticket.

Please supply your volunteer:

• Contact number: _____

• Email Address: _____

Please place this form along with your payment in an envelope and return to your child's teacher.