



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

Mon 21st Mar

- last day for Hot Cross Bun orders
- first meeting of new school council

Tue 22nd Mar

- last day for Easter raffle donations
- WMR Swimming Carnival years 3-6

Wed 23rd Mar

Hot Cross Bun day (fundraising)

Thur 24th Mar

- **Easter Hat Parade 11.40a.m. - 1p.m. approx.**
- **Easter Raffle draw (held during Parade)**
- **Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation - fundraising)**
- **End Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)**

Term 2

April

Mon 11th Apr

Term 2 begins

Tue 12th Apr

Parent Helper induction
9a.m. and 3p.m.

Tue 12th Apr

F-2 swimming lessons

to Fri 22nd Apr

Thur 14th Apr

Parent Helper induction
9a.m. and 3p.m.

Wed 22nd Apr

Parent Helper induction
9a.m. and 3p.m.

Fri 22nd Apr

Parent Helper induction
9a.m. and 3p.m.

Mon 25th Apr

Public Holiday – ANZAC DAY

Tue 26th Apr

2017 Foundation Information Night

Fri 6th May

YDSSV Cross Country at Yarraville Gardens

Term dates 2016

Term 2 - 11th April to 24th June

Term 3 - 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 - 3rd October to 20th December



Principal's Message

We are nearing the end of Term 1 with only a short 4 day week ahead of us and, an early student dismissal of 2.30p.m. on Thursday 24th.

As this is the last newsletter of the nine week term it is timely for me to acknowledge the combined efforts of students, parents and staff. These have collectively ensured a positive and successful beginning to the 2106 school year.

Our Foundation students all 105 of them, have settled in to the routine of school life. They were the "stars of show" this morning as they were welcomed to their first Friday morning assembly. They entered the hall to the applause of all other students and then gathered out the front for the traditional 'photo shoot'. Certainly not a shy bunch as they waved to their parents and 'fans'. They also learnt to take a Kingsville bow and passed with flying colours.

In working to get to know these students a small number will introduce themselves at assembly each Friday morning. Today without any warning Rose Brookman, Lulu Giansiracusa, Elizabeth Diamond, Matilda Williams, Edith Oliver, Bailey Windle, Lena Marron, Easton Nette, Flynn Abernethy and Ubaidah Naghar in strong and confident tones carried out that task. Well done to all students and staff involved for a great Foundation introduction.

Our 470 year 1-5 students have all taken up the challenges of their new year level and our 68 year 6 students have had a very successful beginning to their final year.

There have been many highlights in our first term including the information night sessions, parent teacher meetings, prep picnic, swimming program, 'share and connect' sessions and of course our amazing Hot March Night. We have also moved through a school council election and have put in

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 Bruce Abernethy 0467 788 058

School Uniform Primary School Wear 9363 8458

OSHC Camp Australia 0401 054 261

Program Manager Asi Malu

place our new school council for the 2016 year. In addition there have been many more individual, group, or whole school achievements which have occurred during the 9 weeks and have enriched all learning environments.

We will finish our term with our traditional and enjoyable Easter Hat Parade next Thursday and the drawing of the Easter Raffle will be a highlight.

So from a grateful Principal, thank you to all staff and members of the community for a collaborative Kingsville effort.

Easter Reminders

Last Monday morning we had 2 boxes of chocolates and 2 other donations. Today we have tables set up in the foyer with 4 tubs filled with beautiful Easter themed donations. These as usual have come from very generous Kingsville families and it is wonderful to see students with their parents bringing down their donation and adding it to the collection. A little spy has told me that Yarraville West Primary School has currently more Easter goodies than us donated but, I'm sure the quality is not as high.

So thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and we look forward to more contributions early next week. Don't forget however, they will need to be in by Tuesday to ensure fundraising team members are able to include them in the Easter basket prizes they will be putting together.

Please see full details of **Easter Hat Parade** in newsletter of 4th March.

Share and Connect

Twice a year the levels open their classrooms to 'Share and Connect' with the community. The 'Share and Connect' activities provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their growth, understandings and application of the essential elements of the programme – **skills** they have applied or learnt, **knowledge** they have crystalized or discovered, **attitudes** they have demonstrated or developed, **concepts** that promote meaning and understanding and **action** that goes below the surface of the understanding and gives each child the feeling that they have the ability to create a better world.

At the 'Share and Connect' the students have an opportunity to communicate any or all, of these five essential elements. This engagement with the broader community is an authentic way to connect and collaborate with others. Being able to share how we learn and what we know with others, ensures our own and our audience's learning curve never becomes flat.

The success of the 'Share and Connect' is not judged on a 'wiz bang' poster or diorama from a child's personal inquiry. The focus of the 'Share and Connect' is about the student sharing their learning journey of the unit of inquiry. It is about the skills they utilised to investigate and the attitudes they called upon during the journey – the provocations, tuning in experiences, their personal wondering and assessments. Good inquiry leads us to action and further questioning.

The first of these opportunities began today Friday 18th March at 2.30p.m. for level 4's and the second one will take place on Wednesday 23rd March at 9.00a.m. for level 6's in the classrooms. I encourage you to take the opportunity to engage in these occasions, within and outside your child's level. The 'Share and Connect' sessions are a wonderful chance to delve into the different aspects of learning for the students as they journey through a unit of inquiry. Other levels will be organising their Share and Connects in the coming terms.

Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal
Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator

Parent Engagement

There's plenty of evidence that shows positive communication between parents and teachers helps improve academic performance.

As your child's greatest role model, it's vital that you get involved in their schooling, rather than sitting back and letting the teacher handle it all. Your child needs to see the importance that you, as their parent, put on their education, though make sure this doesn't translate as an emphasis on always having to come first or being top of the class.

Parent-teacher conferences are an opportunity for you to be engaged, by meeting your child's teacher and deepening the working relationship between the two of you. While teachers are experts in teaching, you're the expert on your child. You know what stimulates, bores and interests them, what they're good at and what they struggle with. So ongoing communication with your child's teacher is essential to make sure they can tailor their approach to your child while in class.

Kingsville Primary's Parent Teacher conferences were held with great success on **Wednesday 2nd March**. Where this sharing of information was clearly evident. As part of this years conferences we collected some data around the engagement of the interviews. I wanted to share just some of the data we collected about the night.

- 85% of parents attended a meeting
- 93% of those parents used the online booking system
- 2% of parents booked a time but didn't attend

Peter Ritchie
Assistant Principal/PYP Coordinator



Happy Birthday

17th to 23rd March

Happy Birthday to Levi Matara-Ng, Amelie Le Grand, Misha Thornton, Ellie Robson, Ruby Phillips, Hollie Green, Tessa Crawford, Madeleine Elg, Luka

Kolundzija, Shreshta Siddam, Mila Gleeson, Gian Crees, Willow Macquire, Alby Monagle, Fitzroy Ferguson, Oscar Mulhallen, Harry Robertson, Gideon Finlay, Lloyd Deunk and William Stembridge.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Thursday, 24th March

1A	Violet Mautner
1B	Samuel Tu
1C	Leoness Latu
1D	Louka Exarhos
2B	Thomas Cameron
2C	Lucy McConnell
2D	Eliza Lavery
3B	Sam Dynon
3C	Alex Elg
4C	Noah Harrison
5A	Alex Ring
5B	Luka Morton
5C	Lulu Greer
5D	Lawlor Dummett
6A	Leon McCann
6C	Phoenix Horne

Parent Helper Induction

Due to demand the school will now hold 8 more Parent Helper induction sessions during the first 2 weeks of term 2. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions or have any further questions contact Nicole Shirreff - shirreff.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please see Dates to Remember for the dates and times of these sessions.

Nicole Shirreff, ES staff member

KPS Musical Production

We have selected our show for this year: a high energy fairy tale based story called *Princess Whatshername*. The auditioning process has begun and we have already seen a number of very talented Kingsville students, but it's not too late to join the production! If you are interested in joining the show you can get an audition sheet from Greg, Mori, or from the link below. We have one more audition date - Monday 21st of March and our call backs will be the next day, Tuesday 22nd. Parts will be assigned and the script will be handed out prior to the end of term. We hope to see you at auditions and look forward to presenting this wonderful production to our community!

<http://www.tinyurl.com/KPSmusical2016>

Greg Milholland, Mori Milholland

Grade 3 Share and Connect

Our first of two Share and Connect sessions for 2016 is coming up:

Wednesday April 27
at 2:30pm in your child's classroom

This is an opportunity for your child to explain their learning in our first inquiry into "How the World Works". Our Central Idea for this inquiry is: heat affects the way humans live. Children will have worked either alone, or in a group to research and respond to a question of significance to them. We hope that you will be able to make time to come into your child's classroom and have them share their learning with you. A note will be sent home with information; we request that you also return an intention to attend (or not) slip.

Mik Weir
Grade 3 Leader / Teacher

Student Voice

Junior School Council (JSC) 2016

The Junior School Council is a student group that aims to understand the issues impacting on the students around the school, to problem solve solutions and act on them to improve their school – culture and environment. Students have a positive contribution to make within the decision-making processes of the school. When students are actively involved in these processes, they have an enhanced sense of commitment to the school and its initiative and programs. The Junior School Council aims to:

- Provide an avenue for the development of 'student voice' within the school.
- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the children.
- Raise student awareness of local and global issues and associated support options.

The Junior School Council is made up of the school's student leaders and in 2016, twelve representative from the 5/6 level. The Junior School Council is guided by a staff member, the Student Voice Coordinator, to coordinate and conduct meetings and lead the group through actions they are investigating or working on.

The Junior School Council representatives observe and canvas issues and ideas from the student body prior to the meetings via classroom visits and play time surveys. These issues and ideas are then discussed at their fortnightly meeting and present to the Student Voice Coordinator who then forward it to the school leadership team.

Announcement

I take great pleasure in announcing and congratulating the successful twelve representative from the 5/6 level for the 2016 Junior School Council. They all wrote very clear and detailed applications addressing the selection criteria and including a number of fresh and innovative ideas to implement throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Rosemary Talbot and Mori Milholland who assisted me in this selection process. We were all very impressed with the volume of applications and the high calibre of writing.

Kingsville JSC reps for 2016

Evelyn Jaffrey	5A
Olivia O'Rourke	5A
Tas Hapi	5A
Lily Hudson	5B
Adelaide Waddell	5D
Poppy Rose	5D

Lindsay Ipsen	6A
Leon McCann	6A
Asha Ralley	6B
Coltrane Griffith	6B
Anika Ostojic	6B
Chloe Bradbury	6B

Congratulations to you all.

Anna Terzi

Student Voice Coordinator

Sports News

What a busy few weeks we have had!

Swimming:

Well done to the 12 children who represented, not just the school, but the Yarraville district last week at the SSV Divisional Swimming Competition. They did themselves and the school proud. Although we did manage to choose the one cooler day for the event, all did their very best in the conditions, and we now have 10 children going to Geelong on Tuesday 22nd March for the Western Metropolitan Region Event.

Congratulations to: Mac Leith (Freestyle, Relay); Takdanai McLeod-Smith (Medley Relay); Alice Robertson (Backstroke); Hunter McNamara (Backstroke, Relay); Alec Usher (Relay); Stefan Holmes (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Medley Relay); Oscar Marks (Medley Relay); Lloyd Deunk (Breaststroke, Butterfly, Medley Relay); Amelie Le Grand (Breaststroke, Butterfly) and Neylan Balbontin (Relay).

Cross Country:

Letters went out last week to the eligible children for the cross country. Just a clarification, if your child is in grade 3, but is still 8 years old, they still compete in the school event. They just will not be eligible to go on to the next stage at Yarraville Gardens. Children run in age groups, not year levels.

Please return your note ASAP as the children will be familiarising themselves with the course over the next few weeks. If any parents are free on the morning of the event, please volunteer to help, the more the merrier. *All parents must have a working with children check.*

Summer Gala Day:

On Friday 18th March, grade 5 and 6 were going to be participating in the Summer Gala Day. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. An email was sent out to all grade 5 and 6 parents about this. The new date for the event is **Tuesday 19th April.**

Tennis:

Recently Alek Jankovic competed against children from other local schools in a tennis tournament. Alek was successful in this and will compete at a higher level through the SSV process.



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



Fundraising News Easter

- **Easter Egg donations** - the fundraising committee are asking for donations for the Easter egg hamper. Donations of yummy chocolates, eggs and associated Easter goodies can be left outside the office until **Tuesday 22nd March**. Raffle drawn **24th March**.
- **Easter Raffle** - the Easter raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter. The Easter raffle will be drawn during the Easter Hat parade, on **March 24th**. Raffle tickets need to be sent back to the school by **Tuesday 22nd March**.
- **Hot Cross Bun Day** - Hot cross bun day will be held on Wednesday **23rd March**. Please send a completed form back to the office (attached to this newsletter).

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

Mac Leith	5D Ian	9/10	Freestyle, Relay
Takdanai McLeod-Smith	5C Di	11	Medley Relay
Alice Robertson	5C Di	9/10	Backstroke
Hunter McNamara	4B Alison	9/10	Backstroke, Relay
Alec Usher	5D Ian	9/10	Relay
Stefan Holmes	5D Ian	11	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Medley Relay
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Lloyd Deunk	5D Ian	11	Breaststroke, Butterfly, Medley Relay
Amelie Le Grand	6A Mori	12	Breaststroke, Butterfly
Neylan Balbontin	4C Marg	9/10	Relay



HOT CROSS BUN DAY

WED 23rd MARCH

PLEASE RETURN FORM / MONEY BY MON 21ST MARCH

HOT CROSS BUN \$1.50 / GLUTEN FREE \$2.50

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Class:</u>	<u>Std/GF</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT: (1 per child)

Kingsville Primary School Easter Raffle – \$1 per ticket

Name & Class: _____

Contact no.: _____

Tickets due back to school by Tuesday 22nd March. Raffle drawn Thursday 24th March at Easter Hat parade

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