



Newsletter

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2018 Dates to Remember

March

Thu 29th Mar

- Easter Hat Parade
- Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation)
- **Last day term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)**

Fri 30th Mar

Public Holiday – Good Friday

Term 2

April

Mon 16th Apr

First Day Term 2

Wed 25th Apr

Public Holiday – ANZAC Day

May

Tue 1st May

2019 Foundation Information Night 7p.m. - 8.15p.m.

Wed 2nd May

Italian Day

15th – 17th May

NAPLAN (years 3 and 5)

Tue 22nd May

School Photos

June

Mon 11th Jun

Public Holiday – Queens Birthday

Tue 12th Jun

Student Free Day (no students at school)

Fri 29th Jun

Last Day term 2 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term dates 2018

Term 1 - 29th January – 29th March

Term 2 - 16th April – 29th June

Term 3 - 16th July – 21st September

Term 4 - 8th October – 21st December

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

Preferred method of payment is BPay. Your BPay reference number can be located on your family statement and will remain the same throughout your child's time at KPS. EFT/credit card facilities are available over the counter at the main office. Cash payments – correct money is required as there is not always access to change. Please do not send large amounts of cash with your child. Receipts will be issued through your child's classroom. To help the office in finalising accounts, where possible, please limit payments in the last week of any school term.

Sharyn Fletcher, Business Manager

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Principal's Message

As we are nearing the end of Term 1 it is timely for me to acknowledge the combined efforts of students, parents and staff. Collective efforts of all parties have ensured a positive and successful beginning to the 2018 school year. A special mention of our 100 Foundation students made up of 49 boys and 51 girls, they have all settled into the routine of school life and, we are very proud of them. They have attended Monday morning assembly for some time and, will be the stars of the show next term when they will be welcomed to their first Friday school assembly on April 20th. As is the tradition there will be suitable acknowledgements from the student body, staff and the parent audience on that day. An important part of this milestone occasion is the photo shoot of all of the students at their first Friday assembly. This image will definitely be seen and possibly come back to haunt them at their graduation ceremony in 2024. They are a well settled confident group so, I expect they will be able to rise to the challenge and be able to fairly quickly demonstrate the Kingsville bow with flair. Parents of Foundation students you are of course most welcome to come and witness this initiation however, please note that seating is limited in the hall. If you are not available at this time there will be many more opportunities to acknowledge the Foundation students this year and during their 7 year primary school journey. Congratulations also to our 527 Year 1- 5 students. They have all taken up the challenges of moving to their new year level and have had a very successful first term. Finally, let us not forget our 73 Year 6 students who have moved into their final year of primary school. They are described by all who know them as simply a delight - engaging, caring passionate and hard working. A high percentage of these students began at Kingsville in Prep and, all Year 6 students are living examples of what epitomizes a Kingsville student in every sense of the word.

There have been many highlights during this first term including information nights, parent teacher meetings, water safety programs, excursions, Ride 2 school day, and of course our amazing Hot March Night just to name a few. Achievements have also included the establishment of the 2018 – 2019 School Council, subcommittees and, working parties. Our student leaders have been appointed and class parent representatives are in place. In addition to all of this there have been many achievements on a daily basis across the school setting during the 9 weeks which have enriched various learning environments.

We will finish the term with our traditional Kingsville Easter Hat Parade .This is a delightful way to mark the end of term and, it has developed over the last few years from a school assembly style event to a gala occasion – the millinery event of the year. Please see full details in the newsletter of February 23rd and the summary in this newsletter.

A good news story

Today at the school assembly we were all very lucky to witness a special event. A representative from Yarraville IGA supermarket came along to present a cheque to the school in the amount of \$3089. This donation will provide for an expensive piece of equipment that Kingsville does not currently have being, a defibrillator. This generous action on behalf of IGA was made possible by two long term parents Dale Schumann and Trevor Junge who were aware of this need and decided to do something about it. Dr Junge who has a practice in Yarraville took action and was successful in getting IGA to agree to providing a donation. Today, our School Council President Glen Yates along with Lachlan Schuman and, Heidi Junge representing their parents accepted the cheque. Our school captains Holly Green and Benjamin Budlender thanked IGA and provided their representative with a Kingsville Award.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

The leadership team and teachers at KPS have recently received notification from the **“Wellbeing, Health & Engagement Division** “DET that – Kingsville PS has been accepted into the Respectful Relationship government initiative.

“Your school will be assisting in leading the way in taking a whole school approach to wellbeing, health and engagement through your participation in the Respectful Relationships undertaking”

Lucy Toovey
Executive Director
Wellbeing, Health and Engagement Division
DET

This is great news for our school and will involve

- staff briefings
- establishment of a school - based team
- review of school policies
- development and implementation of an action plan
- participation in related professional learning

and very importantly

engagement and work with the students, parents and community in striving to embed a culture of respect and equality. We will become a partner school and have access to \$4000 to assist with the work. Teachers will utilise a range of teaching and learning materials in the classroom including “The Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships” resources. (Victorian curriculum). More news about this program and our ongoing work in evaluating and addressing this vital area of provision will be provided during Term 2.

Easter Hat Parade

Please also see newsletter of February 23rd for detailed information

Date: Thursday 29th March
Time: 11.40am – 1pm approximately
Location: in the Monday morning assembly area in front of the stage (some seating available on the deck but feel free to BYO chair)
Audience: parents, grandparents, family and friends
Dress Code **children** casual clothes (and Easter hats)
audience are encouraged to wear a hat as well

Easter Raffle donations

Well done generous Kingsville families and thank you for supporting this fundraising event. This time last week there were only a small number of items for the Easter hampers. By Wednesday of this week however donations had flowed in and results were evident today with 18 beautiful prizes on display. To the FOKPS subcommittee and, to Zoanne Morrissy who put the hampers together - this was a huge effort and is much appreciated. The draw of the Easter raffle is always a very exciting event at Friday assembly with drum rolls by the students between each ticket being pulled out. Today our guest bunny Zoanne resplendent with designer KPS bunny ears drew the 18 winning tickets.

Please note the FOKPS subcommittee are always on the lookout for baskets to put prizes into for Christmas, Easter and other raffles, so, if any winners wish to donate the baskets back after the “devouring the goodies” that would be appreciated. In addition any other suitable baskets that are taking up room at home and are not needed feel free to donate these at any time of the year.

Sales of raffle tickets \$1533 – Well done Kingsville Primary

Casual clothes day – gold coin donation

The casual clothes day are an important component of the friends of KPS fundraising efforts throughout the year. With 627 students there is the possibility of raising \$1254 if, all families are generous with their choice of gold coin. However, even if all donations being \$1 the \$627 gained would be a much appreciated contribution to our 2018 fundraising target.



Happy Birthday

22nd - 28th March

Happy Birthday to Akur Awar , Oscar Mulhallen, Harry Robertson, Gideon Finlay Edward Elg, William Stembridge, Caitlin West, Oliver Bailey-Stegic, Tahmid Ferdoush Hasan ,Jack Reinoga, Liam Craig and Brodie Clutterbuck.

Italian:

The Kingsville Oath is recited each week at Monday morning assembly. In class we will be learning the Oath in Italian however, if you would like to revise it at home you can listen to it on the school website: <http://www.kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au/>

Kingsville Oath



We are standing with friends we care for and respect.

The flag reminds us that Australia is our home.

We must do what we can, to make it a fair and a happy place for everyone.

Giuramento di Kingsville



Siamo in piedi con amici che vogliamo bene e che rispettiamo.

La bandiera ci fa ricordare che Australia è la nostra casa.

Dobbiamo fare quello che possiamo, per farlo un posto felice e uguale per tutti.

Swimming:

On Tuesday 20th March, 17 students from Kingsville went with children from our other local schools to St Albans to compete in the Divisional Swimming Championships against 79 other schools.

It is an amazing achievement to get this far and we congratulate those children who set themselves the goal of making the District Team.

All children did really well, despite Tuesday being the coldest day in a long time! From this event, 7 children are off to Geelong next Tuesday to compete in the Regional Championships against other schools from the entire Western Region. This is a superb effort. We wish all the very best of luck to: Ella Laverty (breaststroke), Dexter Fawcett (breaststroke), Mila Gleeson (backstroke and butterfly), Jacob Marron (backstroke), Hunter McNamara (backstroke), Asha Karunajeewa (butterfly), and Damon Georgievski (butterfly).

A huge thank you to Mark Deunk from Yarraville Swim Centre, who not only helped our swimmers, but all swimmers from the district prepare for this event. Also thank you to all staff and parents who have helped with the swimming over the last few months.

Cross Country:

What a beautiful morning for a run it was on Wednesday! We had almost 350 grade 3 – 6 children, plus two grade 2 children complete the cross country course. The 9 and 10 year olds did a 2km course, while the 11 and 12 year olds completed a 3km course in Cruikshank Park. It was fantastic to see so many children show resilience and grit to do this, and these are attributes that we have been talking about during their sport lessons.

This event is the first time for the year that children have the opportunity to earn house points, as well as having the opportunity to be chosen in the school team. A house point tally and the school team will be published before the end of term. There will also a chance for this team to prepare for the District Event, which is being held on Friday 4th May.

A massive thank you to the grade 9 children from Bayside P-12 College, organised through Lisa (mum of Tom and Will), who contributed greatly to the running of the event. A massive thank you, also, to the parents and staff, the event could not have happened without everyone contributing.

Athletics:

Another reminder to put Tuesday 17th April in your calendars, as this is the day of the school athletics. Further information about this has been sent to the relevant families through Compass. For the children in Foundation – grade 2, they will be participating in a school based event on this day that involves athletics, soccer, hip hop dance, and circus skills. Further information will be on Compass about this.

Achievements:

We like to celebrate the sporting achievements of the children, not only through school based events, but those outside of school as well. If your child has something to celebrate, they can now write a few lines about this (no more than four) and it will be added to our achievements board.

Sporting Schools:

Kingsville Primary School is very proud to be a part of the "Sporting Schools" initiative. Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport. This initiative brings together schools and sports to help get Australian children more active in their local communities.

Each Term we can apply for a grant to run various sports throughout the year levels, facilitated by expert coaches. This term the grade 3 and 4 children have been lucky enough to have Joel from tennis Australia come out and teach them all about the fundamentals of tennis. This allows them to have a greater understanding of the sport for when they move into grade 5 and 6 and they are able to choose to play this sport in the Summer Gala Day. Over the course of the year, other year levels will have the opportunity to participate in different sports through this scheme.

Sports for Schools:

Don't forget to bring your 'Sports for Schools' vouchers into school and place in the box in the gym. You can also place them in the box at Yarraville Coles, if this is more convenient. The final date to hand them into school is 11th May.

Many thanks.

Lorey Bentley

PE and Sport Coordinator

Walking, Riding or Scooting to School

Walking, Riding or Scooting to school can improve children's health and wellbeing. The Australian Department of Health and Ageing recommends children do at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Children who walk, cycle or scoot to and from school have higher levels of physical activity and improved cardiovascular fitness than children who don't.

At Kingsville we promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage everyone to walk, ride or scoot to school as regularly as possible. To raise the profile of this initiative we hold, in conjunction with the National Ride to School Day, our 'Walk and Wheel' to school day. Encouraging students (and their families) to leave the car at home and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk or wheel.

Once again we had a fantastic response to the event with the number of walkers, scooters and riders tripling in comparisons to a normal school day. A day such as this cannot function without the support of the Kingsville staff and the parent community, and a huge thank you goes to everyone who supported the safe arrival and exit of students today.

Of particular note was the responsible and principled way students (and parents!) dismounted their bikes, scooters and even rollerblades to ensure they safely placed them into their designated areas.

A special congratulations must go, however, to the two grades who have taken out the illustrious Ride2School trophies.

These are:

2LB – the Wheelies trophy, with 71% of students riding to school

34S – the Walkies trophy, with 100% of students walking to school

On top of that there was an active travel rate (walking or wheeling %) of 90% of students on the day – an incredible number.

This equates to over 500 students (and their parents) leaving their car at home and making their way on foot or by wheels to school. This may encourage children and their families to make travelling to school a walking or wheeling option. But there are a few safety issues that you and your child may need to consider when walking or wheeling to school; such as does your child know how to be **street smart**?

Being **street smart** means knowing how to keep yourself safe when you're alone or with other kids. Whether you're walking to school or to the bus, hanging out on the playground, or riding your bike in your neighbourhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**. When you're street smart, you know your way around, you know how handle yourself in tough situations, and you're able to "read" people.

Walking or Wheeling Safety Tips

- cross only at corners or marked crosswalks. (If there is a crosswalk button, press the button and wait for the walk sign to indicate that it is safe to cross.)
- stop at the curb or edge of the road, look left, then right, and then left again before you step into the street. If a car is parked where you are crossing, make sure there is no driver in the car. Then go to the edge of the car and look left right-left until no cars are coming. Keep looking for cars while you are crossing
- walk, don't run. This gives time for drivers to see you before you enter the roadway

Walking or wheeling to school is something everybody can be involved in. Younger children are encouraged to walk or wheel with their parents, and older children on their own when parents decide it's safe. Common parent concerns about letting their children walk or wheel to school alone – such as perceptions of stranger danger, traffic concerns and neighborhood crime – fade away when parents walk or wheel with their children from a young age, teach them about walking or wheeling safely, and gain confidence in their children's safety sense.

Finally, as a growing school, coupled with the value seen by the community in supporting this initiative, we appreciate your reflections on the experience for you and your children. The perspective of those involved allows the school to make decisions in fine-tuning the experience. Feedback can be sent through to the office via email: kingsville.ps@edumail.vic.giv.au .

Thanks once again,

Sam Eason Year 6 Teacher



Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge has started and we are hoping to have many more students complete the challenge this year. All students have received their username and passwords. With the school holidays nearly upon us, it is a great chance to relax and read or experience some beautiful books. If you run out of books, great places to visit nearby are:

- JP BOOKS - 355 Somerville Rd, Yarraville VIC 3013 (03) 9314 0529
Story time: Every Tuesday & Thursday at 11.00am \$5 per family
- Footscray Library Public Library - 56 Paisley St, Footscray VIC 3011
(03) 9688 0290
- Altona North Community Library - Millers Rd & McArthurs Rd, Altona North VIC 3025
1300 462 542
- Maribyrnong Library Service Library - 539 Barkly St, West Footscray VIC 3012
(03) 9688 0292
- Maribyrnong Library Public Library - 120 Rosamond Rd, Maribyrnong VIC 3032
(03) 9688 0231
- State Library Victoria Public Library - 328 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000
(03) 8664 7000

If you have misplaced your username/password, please email me at Shirreff.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Happy reading and enjoy your holidays.

Nicole Shirreff
PRC Co-ordinator