Dates to Remember

**Term 2**

**April**
- Tue 12th to Fri 22nd Apr: F-2 swimming lessons
- Thur 14th Apr: Parent Helper induction 9a.m. and 3p.m.
- Tue 19th Apr: Kingsville Cross Country (Grades 3-6)
- Wed 20th Apr: Parent Helper induction 9a.m. and 3p.m.
- Fri 22nd Apr: last day Book Club orders
- Mon 25th Apr: Public Holiday – ANZAC DAY
- Tue 26th Apr: 2017 Foundation Information Night
- Fri 29th Apr: Kids Movie Night (fundraising event)

**May**
- Fri 6th May: YDSSV Cross Country at Yarraville Gardens
- 10th to 12th May: NAPLAN testing years 3 and 5
- Tue 17th May: School Photos
- June
- Thur 9th June: WMR Cross Country
- Mon 13th June: Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
- June: Curriculum Day – No students at school
- Fri 24th June: • Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation – fundraising) • End Term 2 (2.30 p.m. dismissal)

**Term dates 2016**
- Term 2: 11th April to 24th June
- Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
- Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

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**Principal’s Message**

Welcome back to all Kingsville families for the second term of the school year. This is an eleven week term and as always will be a very busy one so, please ensure you continue to check the “Dates to Remember” each week in the newsletter. Let’s look forward together to an exciting and rewarding term as we celebrate the continued learning journey of our 642 students and, 442 families.

**Student Enrolments for 2017**

It is very pleasing that high interest is regularly shown in our school. Prospective parents have already begun making enquiries about 2017 places for Foundation students. Enquiries will continue throughout the year and will come from local families, those looking to move into the area and, also families from much further afield and outside of the Kingsville Neighbourhood area. Through these encounters we gain feedback about Kingsville and information which clearly indicates that our learning environment and practices are held in high regard.

Whilst we would love to be able to offer places to all interested families this of course is not possible. Numbers have risen at Kingsville steadily over the last 20 years and demand for student places has increased as Yarraville and surrounding areas have become very desirable in real estate terms. Consequently, all schools in the area are dealing with and managing increasing enrolments and demand for student placements.
Foundation for 2017
This is important information not just for current parents who will have another child beginning prep in 2017 but, for all members of our school community.

Our enrolment policy and how decisions are made about admission to Kingsville Primary School is public information and as such is detailed in newsletters, at information sessions and on our website.

Any current parent may be asked questions about this subject by friends, neighbours or community members and by being informed we can all work together to provide accurate information.

Context
- in Victoria all school aged children have a designated neighbourhood government school
- some schools will have a designated neighbourhood school boundary
- designated school is defined as the nearest school to the students’ permanent address
- Government expectations are (if children are being schooled in the Government system) that they attend this neighbourhood school
- each school has a designated student capacity number
- when that capacity number is reached enforcement of a neighbourhood boundary policy may be applied for and approved by a Regional Director
- in the past this may have been referred to as zoning
- currently KPS does not have an enforced neighbourhood boundary however, we are moving closer to our deemed capacity
- procedures, policies and actions at every school manage enrolments and, must ensure that children who live in the school neighbourhood area have access to a place at any time of the year a request is made
- schools such as Kingsville that currently do not have an enforced neighbourhood boundary, may consider enrolment requests from parents outside of their designated neighbourhood area
- there is a set process for this as outlined in this information
- moving closer to our deemed capacity however, means offering such places will be minimal – and any offers possible cannot be made until during term 4

Families outside of the Kingsville neighbourhood area who wish to lodge an “expression of interest” for any enrolment place that may be available, should contact myself as Principal by email. They will then be offered the opportunity to fill in a request/expression of interest form and to provide certain details enabling us to contact them later in the year.

Current Kingsville families Foundation 2017
If any current Kingsville family has a child to enrol for Preps 2017, please email the Assistant Principal, Jeff McDonald, mcdonald.jeff.g@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.

This is important information which allows us to gauge the number of sibling enrolment places required before we begin our overall school enrolment procedures for 2017.

School Tours
Again in 2016 these will be carried out on set Wednesdays during term 2. The dates are 27/4 4/5, 18/5, 25/5 and 1/6. Tours begin at 9.15am and will run for approximately 20 minutes.

Bookings through the school office must be made for these tours.

Foundation 2017 Information Night
This will be held on Tuesday 26th April at 7 until 8pm. This is an open meeting for prospective parents and interested community members and is always well attended. It is essential therefore that we are aware of numbers attending to allow us to plan for seating and resources. So again current parents please spread the word.

Enrolment Meetings
Enrolment meetings are compulsory for all new Kingsville families. Parents who currently have a child at Kingsville who will be enrolling a sibling for 2017 into Foundation may choose to request an enrolment meeting. Of course if there are any particular changed family circumstances or needs of the incoming child then, an enrolment meeting should be booked. If you do not require an enrolment meeting you should gain an enrolment form, provide all required additional paperwork and lodge this at the main office.

Further enrolment information will be provided over the coming weeks.
We are pleased to advise that the Compass School Management system is now in operation at Kingsville. Compass is a web-based system that focuses on improving and streamlining a number of school administration processes. It will also progressively provide the school community with a range of facilities that will enhance communication between school and home.

In the not too distant future parents will be able to log in to the Compass portal via the school website, the Compass website or, via smartphone and tablet app. The Parent Portal will allow parents to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and their child’s progress.

We are currently at Stage 1 of the implementation plan as we work our way through the many suites of applications in the system. Beginning Term 2 classroom attendance rolls will be marked via the Compass software. As we begin to understand the features of the system we will roll out new applications to the school community including:

- **Bulk SMS** - SMS messages to provide immediate notifications. In most cases the SMS message will provide summary information only, directing the user to the Compass Portal for more information and next steps.
- **Attendance** – ability to view your child’s attendance online, notify the school if your child will be away, approve absences and indicate future absences.
- **Contact Details** – parents will be able to log in and update their contact details through the portal.
- **Parent/Teacher interviews** - the facility will exist for parents to be able to book interview times for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- **The School Calendar** will be available for viewing
- **News feeds** - the school will post news to the parent community as a reminder about events and activities at the school. The news feed will be able to be customised to show as necessary only relevant information to parents of students in specific grades or groups.

Other features we will be rolling out during the year will include:

- **School reports** – student reports will be able to be published online through the Compass system rather than printed on paper, ultimately reports will be available online for the duration of the child’s enrolment at Kingsville and available for downloading as often as required.
- **Payments** – parents will be able to pay for excursions and camps by direct payments
- **Permission** – parents will be able to give authorisation for students to attend excursions and incursions as well as provide approval for other activities, these will be electronic permissions and there will not be a need to print permission slips, saving our resources.

Further details about Compass functionalities for parents and carers will be detailed in upcoming newsletters and notes home.

Parents will play an important role in the success of this initiative. As we move forward it will be essential that parents log in regularly to access newsletters, news feeds and more. Compass is intended to be self-explanatory and easy to use (many families in our community already use the system through secondary schools) and instructions for some of the more routine tasks will be posted on the Kingsville Primary School website for your convenience as we roll them out to the community.

Please be assured that Compass uses technology that is encrypted and secure.

Please note for Compass to be a successful communications tool between school and home, contact details need to be current and accurate. Two important methods of communicating are via email and SMS. If you have not provided the school with an email or mobile number or you have recently changed these details, please provide the school with the up-dated information.

Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal

**School Council News**

**Meeting dates 2016**

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**Sub Committees**

Sub committees are advisory bodies to the school council and assist council with the work that needs to be done and provide support to specific areas. They are not compulsory and each council decides on a yearly basis if they will set up committees and if so, what areas will be in. Most schools will have a finance committee or team and, at Kingsville we have a finance/leadership team convened by the Treasurer of councils.

In 2016 in addition to this the sub committees which have been established are
Fundraising
Communication and Public Relations
Education and Policy
Buildings and Grounds.

Each of these will be as required convened by a school council member and membership of the committees will consist of both school council and non-school council members.

Any parent/guardian who wishes to express interest in joining a committee or, would like to find out more about their work please email either school Principal, School Council President or, convenors of sub committees.

Convenors
Fundraising – Max Grarock
mgrarock@me.com
Communication and Public Relations – Marc Dorey
marc@dorey.com.au
Education and Policy – Jeff McDonald
mcdonald.jeff.g@edumail.vic.gov.au
Buildings and Grounds – Dale Schumann
kydal05@hotmail.com

Kingsville Awards
To be presented on Friday 29th April

| Prep C | Harry Robertson |
| Prep D | Thomas Laverty |
| Prep E | Sophie Keating |
| 1C | Oscar Bugeja |
| 2A | James Jago |
| 2B | Dakira Nguyen |
| 2C | Gilbert Strachan |
| 3B | Jacob Marron |
| 3C | Gian Crees |
| 4A | Taye Ragheb |
| 4B | Benjamin Dye |
| 4C | Remy Van Merkestein |
| 5A | Ella Davidson |
| 5B | Jessie Farrell |
| 5C | Tiane Hatfield |
| 6B | Jack Harmer |

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Throughout the Foundation-6 school years students talk, share, research and explore the experiences of Australians during wars, conflicts and peace keeping efforts.

There will be a ceremony in the hall on Friday April 22nd at 2.30p.m. This year the ceremony will be conducted by year 6 students.

Request for assistance
Over the last few years we have had a parent/florist make up for us at school a floral wreath to be used in our ceremony. If any parent has skills in this area and could take on it would be greatly appreciated. Please let the Principal know and resources needed will be provided.

Happy Birthday
24th March to 20th April
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

Sports News

Sports do not build character; they reveal it. Heywood Hale Broun

Not all children are ‘sporty’ and that’s ok. Not all children are ‘arty’ or ‘musical’ either. The one great thing about all of these things, though, is that they add to the development of the whole child.

Whether a child is sporty or not, an event like the cross country gives them an important chance to build their character. They foster their courageous side when they take on challenges, no matter what they are. Every child who competes in the cross country is doing it for themselves. We talk in each lesson about them setting personal goals for themselves, just as they do in the classroom and other specialist areas. Some children have told me that they are hoping to make it to the next level, while others have said that this time they only want to walk half of it, or that they just want to finish it no matter what. Whatever goal a child sets for themselves, is them trying to make themselves better.

If we allow children to miss out on an event like this because it might be too ‘hard’ for them, we are denying them the opportunity to build their strength of character and to experience the satisfaction of saying ‘yes, I did it!’ If your child says to you that they don’t want to participate in the cross country, or any event that they might consider to be too hard, listen to their reasons why and then help them to set goals to complete the event. The internal pride they will feel, will go a long way towards setting them up for a successful life. Assure them that it’s ok to feel nervous, but no matter the outcome, you have tried your best and there is always another day.

There are many great articles and websites that talk about resilience in children, and it is well worth having a look at some of them.

Swimming News

Congratulations to the 10 children who competed in Geelong on Tuesday 22nd March. All children were representing the Western Region and they all did their best. Congratulations to Amelie Le Grand who came first in breaststroke and will now compete in the State finals on Tuesday 19th April at MSAC.

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

Class Rep Network

Our Class Rep Network for this year is well underway with catch-ups and gatherings being enjoyed across the grades. Your wonderful Class Reps are listed in this newsletter and are a great bunch. Thank you to all parents for getting involved and supporting our children’s sense of belonging and social connection.

Inclusion in Class List: If you’d like to be included in your class list and hear about upcoming reminders/social events, please contact your volunteer Class Rep listed below.

Volunteering: If you are keen to volunteer as a Class rep, we would love to hear from you (email below). It’s always much more fun when there are a couple per class! In the junior school, we would love to fill the rep role in Foundation E – if there are any takers?

Class Rep Volunteers: There is an information session for all volunteer Class Reps on Wednesday 27th April, 7pm in the staff-room. Look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks again everyone, enjoy getting to know each other.

Cheers,
Petra Fawcett · petra.fawcett@gmail.com
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Fundraising News

**Kids Movie Night - Oddball**
Friday 29th April
Doors open at 5.45p.m.
Approximate finish time 8.30p.m.
Ticket orders due back by 27th April
Parents must attend, this is not a drop off event.
Order form in this newsletter

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser**
Over the coming days children will come home with a note regarding the Entertainment™ Book fundraiser. The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers for Melbourne’s best restaurants, cafes, attractions and theme parks. Please return the tear off section by 22nd April if you do not want a book sent home.

**2016 KPS Fundraising Goal**

$50,000
$25,000
$50
Total raised $6038.77

**Fundraising Subcommittee**
The fundraising subcommittee always welcomes extra volunteers to help with events. You can choose your level of involvement, adding your name to their list of "helpers" means you'll be contacted in the lead-up to events. Please email the fundraising subcommittee convenor, Max Grarock if you can help mgrarock@me.com
KIDS MOVIE NIGHT AND PARENT CAFE
FRIDAY 29th APRIL

PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS FUN FAMILY FUNDRAISING EVENT!
Your funds go directly to help support and supply resources to our KPS students

MOVIE NIGHT TICKETS - FRIDAY 29th APRIL

Oldest Child Name................................................. Class.........................
Child $7 x .................. Adult $3 x ................. Total $..............................

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM AND MONEY BY WED 27th APRIL
Foundation Update

As part of our Who we are unit, the Foundations students have been hard at work investigating the central idea of the choices we make can affect our wellbeing. As part of this inquiry, we have been learning about the different ways we can research and find information about our wonderings.

During the investigation stage of our units of inquiry we always encourage the children to try to use a primary resource. A primary source provides direct or firsthand evidence about an event, object, person, or work of art. Examples of primary sources can include historical and legal documents, eyewitness accounts and results of experiments.

An excellent source for primary resources is our own families. Students went home and asked their family members about their wonderings and came back to class to report back what they had uncovered. Some wonderings that the students inquired about included:
- How do you make friends?
- Why do we need/want friends?
- Why do we have to eat vegetables?
- What good choices do people make to be healthy?
- How do you keep a friend for a long time?
- How can you be friends with people when they speak another language?

A wealth of knowledge has been brought back into the classrooms. It was a delight to see so many people getting up and confidently speaking to their classmates about what they had learnt.

Another primary resource we found in our community was Harrison’s mum, Fiona Wheeler, from F.D. Fiona came in and spoke to us about how making healthy choices can have a positive affect on our wellbeing. We learnt that exercise can help us feel better and help to make our bodies strong. Fiona also ran a Metafit session, teaching children some different exercises we can do, and boy were we all exhausted after it! It was a great way to spend the afternoon and we are very thankful to Fiona for coming in to help us with our learning.

Metafit reflections:
“it was great fun” – Enya Latu F.A.
“I was so thirsty, but I loved it!” – Keaton Fawoet F.B.
“I could feel my muscles growing” – Harvey George F.C.
“I loved it because it made me feel strong” – Mahi Yacin F.D.
“It was really fun, but I was tired” – Ruby Thompson F.E.
The Kingsville Primary School staff will be holding a Prep Information Evening on April 26\textsuperscript{th} in the school hall.

The session is an introduction to KPS with an opportunity find out about who we are, and our enrolment process and procedures. It is also a chance to meet the Principal, Assistant Principals and current early years staff.

**Where:** Kingsville Primary School Hall  
58 Bishop Street, Kingsville  
(enter via Bishop St double gates entrance)

**When:** Tuesday, 26\textsuperscript{th} April 2016  
7pm – 8.15 pm

**RSVP:** Ph: 9314 5869  
Email: kingsville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Enrolment Information:

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Note: Families who live outside the neighbourhood area i.e. Kingsville is not the nearest school to the student’s permanent address may, put in an “expression of interest” for a place for their child. An expression of interest form can be obtained from the school office and should be completed and returned ASAP. Parents will be contacted in early November if a place for their child is able to be offered.

*Please refer to our website for additional information* [www.kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au)
School Tours For Prospective Students

Where: Kingsville Primary School
      58 Bishop Street, Kingsville

Tours Available: Wednesday mornings in Term 2 at 9.15am. Meet at the general office, entry via Bishop Street. (These tours take approximately 20 minutes and bookings are essential).

Dates: 27th April
        4th May
        18th May
        25th May
        1st June

Bookings: Ph: 9314 5869
          Email: kingsville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au