



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 4

- Mon 19th Dec Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation)
- Tues 20th Dec
- Casual Clothes day
 - Last Day Term 4 (1.30p.m. dismissal)

2017

January

Tues 31st Jan Grade 1- 6 students begin

February

Thurs 2nd Feb Foundation students begin - half day

Fri 3rd Feb Foundation students full day

March

Fri 10th Mar Curriculum Day – no students at school

Mon 13th Mar Public Holiday – Labour Day

Fri 31st Mar

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

Term dates 2017

- Term 1 - 30th January (school staff start)
31st January (students start) – 31st March
- Term 2 - 18th April – 30th June
- Term 3 - 17th July – 22nd September
- Term 4 - 9th October – 22nd December



Principal's Message

As Principal it was my honour and great pleasure to address and congratulate our 69 year 6 students on Tuesday evening at their graduation ceremony. Sixty nine wonderful young men and women now ready to leave behind primary school and confidently take the next step into secondary school.

They were of course “**the stars**” of the night and the hall was packed with their friends, family and Kingsville staff who applauded, cheered, shed a few tears and, took many many photos.

Such a ceremony is an important milestone for the students, their families and the history of this great school. These students are now additions to the ‘roll of honour’ made up by the thousands of students who have passed through and graduated from Kingsville over the last 97 years.

Class of 2016 I hope you are all very proud of yourselves individually and the team you belong to. You presented yourselves with confidence and style as you were awarded with your certificates.

The musical item with all 69 voices coming together in a rendition of “See You Again” – (Wiz Khalifa), was beautifully crafted and very moving.

Thank you to year 6 class teachers who prepared the students so well along with specialist and all other staff who assisted. Thank you also to -

- Aaron Wood for his work as MC
- Bruce Abernethy, School Council President for receiving the traditional framed Year 6 signature school uniform item and his words to the graduates and families
- 2016 School Captains Alex Mozjerin and Hamish Panetta who spoke so eloquently
- Graeme Brown who presented the Jan Brown memorial award

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 0438 045 275 **School Uniform Primary School Wear** 9768 0342
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- Mori Milholland for assisting the students prepare for their musical item
- To Jeff McDonald, Peter Ritchie and Blagma Veljanoska for their work in ensuring the night was a great success
- Jasper Harmer who was the recipient of that award
- Matthew Cameron, Millie D'Arcy and Asha Ralley, talented young filmmakers who put together the video created by students
- Sophia Frangos and Joe Perry who presented the Signature Item to the School Council President
- Anthony La past Kingsville student for his ongoing voluntary work ensuring the beautiful footage from 'birth to year 6' for all students was able to be shown and enjoyed
- Karen Ingram, past Kingsville parent who once again ran the 'Rites of Passage Program' for parents and students and brought parents together again following the graduation ceremony
- Staff, including Kim Cassidy, Blagma Veljanoska, Amila Osmanagic and Diane Graham for cutting and passing around the cake
- to all KPS parents for entrusting us with their precious sons and daughters

To complete celebrations I presented the students with their surprise 'Magic Mortarboards' and this provided another opportunity for some great photos. The graduation cake was then consumed and the "Kingsvillans band" provided some music to conclude proceedings.

Well done everyone and graduates, Kingsville Primary will always be a place that welcomes you back.

Welcome to parents/family members of Foundation Students 2017

Last night we welcomed and celebrated with a large number of new Kingsville families along with current Kingsville families who have a child beginning school in 2017.

The invitation was "Picnic on the Oval" and it was a wonderful sight to see so many parents and children meeting up, forging new friendships and enjoying each other's company.

Thank you to all staff who attended.

School Council News **Student Free Days 2017**

Each year Victorian government schools allocate four student free days (when student instruction does not occur). These days are used for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting.

The first day of Term 1 each year is a student free day in all government schools in Victoria. The remaining three are set by schools and approved by the School Council.

KPS School Council has approved the Student Free Days for 2017. These will of course be listed in all newsletters next year however, advance notice for all Kingsville families is now provided.

1. Monday January 30th (state wide)
2. Friday March 10th
3. Tuesday June 13th
4. Monday November 6th

Staffing Update

In addition to the information provided in last week's newsletter.

Welcome to newly appointed staff

Susan Phillips who will be class teacher for 1SP
and

Emma Eastham who will take up a Visual Arts teaching role for terms 1 and 2.

Kingsville Primary School – School Council

Are you interested?

School Councils play a key role in Victorian Government schools.

At Kingsville Primary School we have a long history of very successful and active governance teams who have helped establish the broad direction and vision for the school.

Successive council have carried out their key roles and in doing so every year enhanced the educational opportunities of our students.

The School Council election process in government schools begin straight away in Term 1 (see timeline below)

Vacancies 2017 – 2018 School Council membership

The size and configuration of Kingsville Primary School School Council is set down in its Constituting Order and is –

Parent members – 8
DET members – 4 (including the Principals as Executive Officer)

A total of **12** members.

For the 2017/2018 council year there will be

- 4 Parent vacancies
- and
- 1 teacher/DET vacancy

Elected terms are for 2 years.

There will also be two 12 month ‘casual’ vacancies, one in the parent category and one in the DET category created by members who have relinquished their position or have become ineligible. A process of co-opting eligible members to fill these vacancies will in line with the requirements take place following any election process required. More details early in 2017.

Monday 27 th February	Close of ballot for election (if required)
Tuesday 28 th February	Count votes & declare poll
Wednesday 1 st March	New School Council able to meet from this date
Monday 20 th March	First meeting of new school council if election required to elect office bearers
Thursday 23 rd March	Government compliance attained

Last 2 weeks of 2016 school year and first week of 2017 school year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raising community awareness regarding school council membership opportunities • providing details of school council vacancies – role of parent members, and expectation of members • setting up questions and answer opportunities • via email and placing information on Compass
Monday 6 th February	Call for nominations
Monday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations close 4pm • Display list of candidates, nominator & seconder • Declare new School Council if nominations accepted equal the number of vacancies • If the nominations are less than the number of vacancies in either category, call again for nominations for a 3 day period.
Monday 20 th February	If election required – distribute ballot papers by this date
Monday 20 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no election required hold the first School Council meeting of new School Council i.e. first special meeting to elect office bearers followed by first full meeting • If election required – current School Council meets for the last time on this day

Year 6 – “Leave a Mark”

A tradition at Kingsville is for the year 6 students to come up with a project that will ‘Leave a Mark’ to remind the rest of the school of their time spent with us. This year once again many ideas were put forward however the idea considered the most relevant and significant was the creation of a **buddy bench**, an idea which sprung from the 2016 Exhibition theme of **Who We Are**.

We are proud to announce that the Buddy Bench is now completed. It wraps around the corner of the kitchen building and faces out onto the grass area and BER building. The year 6 students of 2016 view the bench as a place where students and others can sit, relax and make new friends. Also where someone who is feeling a little lost and alone could go to find someone who will engage with them and make them feel special.

To capture the friendship theme the top of the bench is decorated with a design inspired by the artwork of the artist Keith Haring. The buddy bench will also double as a storage unit for resources used during lunch time club activities.

Because it is a gift from the group to the rest of the school the student body is required to make a significant contribution to the funding of their project. This year, the students raised two thirds of the money needed to fund the ‘Leave a Mark’ project by holding a cake stall, art sale and a year 6 movie afternoon. As a result of their efforts and the generous support of the community they were able to raise a total of \$1632.00.

This bench will now be permanent symbol of the 2016 year 6 group and the impact that the Exhibition experience had upon them.

Year 6 students of 2016



An IB education

An IB education is unique because of its rigorous academic and personal standards. As a result, the programme delivered at Kingsville challenges students to excel not only in their studies but also in their personal growth. At Kingsville we inspire our students to have a lifelong quest for learning characterised through enthusiasm and empathy. This approach connects Kingsville to a worldwide community of schools that celebrate a common humanity and who share a belief that education can help to build a better world. At Kingsville we believe that as a community if we work together we can help to prepare students for living and working in a complex, highly interconnected world.

Teaching and learning at Kingsville celebrates the many ways people work together to construct meaning and make sense of the world. Through the process of engaging students in exploring big ideas open and democratic classrooms of asking, doing and thinking are created. This inspires the children to strive for a lifetime of learning, independently and in collaboration with others. It prepares a community of learners to engage with global challenges through inquiry, action and reflection.

As another year at Kingsville comes to a conclusion, as an IB World School, we should be proud of the work that the Kingsville community does in developing the student body in becoming internationally minded people who exemplify the attributes expressed in the PYP Learner Profile. We have students who are inquirers, communicators, thinkers, risk-takers, open-minded, knowledgeable, principled, balanced, caring and reflective.

An international person could be described as having an understanding of oneself and their culture, feeling comfortable with who they are, and being ready and able to develop positive relationships with friends, family and community. An international person respects the environment and has an understanding and appreciation of the world, and their place within it. Internationally minded people, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. To be international minded, is to be an inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young person who helps to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect, becoming active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator



Update

Early Thursday morning the

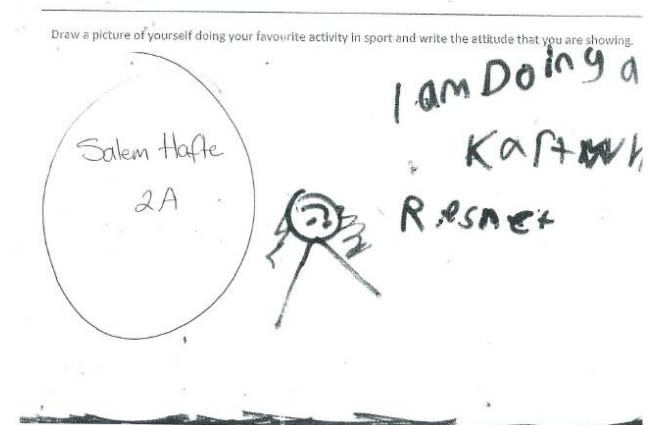
Compass Management System completed a large data change over. As a result of this change over Compass has not remembered usernames and passwords. The username and passwords have not changed but parents will just need to type usernames and passwords in again. If you don't remember your username or password you will need to click on the "Can't access" button, which is under the sign in button. If you are still having trouble accessing your Compass account, please contact the school and we can reset your passwords for you.

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator

What a creative refreshing illustration

There have been so many amazing pieces of art work produced this year both with the Visual Arts program and classroom work.

Here is a 'joyous' one to finish the year. Salem Hafte your interpretation of yourself doing a cartwheel is a "Naïve" masterpiece. Long may your stick figures engage in such adventures.



Lost and Found Item

On the school oval in a Target bag, looks like some lost Christmas shopping. See Betty in the school office if it is yours.

Hour of Code

Last week, hundreds of Kingsville students joined more than one hundred million students from around the globe in the largest learning event in history; The Hour of Code.

Many students from Foundation to Grade Six were involved in computer programming lessons in their classrooms throughout Computer Science Education week, creating thousands of lines of code.

The week culminated in a lunchtime event in the hall, where students had the opportunity to share their coding knowledge, the games and programs they had created; or simply spend some time employing their critical and creative thinking skills, through code based games.

As a PYP school focused on development of the whole child, preparing them for a future where they will need to solve problems that do not currently exist, we believe that students should have the opportunity to learn to create technology. Computer science is rapidly changing every industry on the planet. As year 5 student, Mali articulately stated, 'Coding is important for our future because most jobs are going to involve coding.'

We hope that the students who participated can take home what they have learned this week and teach their family members and friends. The website, code.org is a great place for children and families to start. Asher in year 4 assures us that 'Code.org is a really fun type of coding that's easy to understand'.

Kingsville Primary School would like to thank Kenn Coleman for his time, unbridled enthusiasm, and the robot he brought to Kingsville last week.

There will be many more opportunities for students to be involved in coding in next year.

Gareth Dainton, teacher

2016 Sport Review

What a year of sport!

While we have had many achievements that we can celebrate, it is quite often the everyday personal achievements that can mean the most. When a child has been working on a skill for quite some time and they finally accomplish it, the sense of pride they feel means so much to them. Our sport time is always focussed on being a better person than you were last week.

With that in mind, there are some achievements that are worth noting because of the combined efforts of a group of children or because of the level that they were attained.

Kingsville House Cup (this is awarded to the house who has achieved the most points from the combined scores of the athletics and cross country results)

2016: Bishop

2016 SSV Representatives:

Charlotte Whiteside – SSV Hockey Championships
Amelie Le grand – State Swimming Championships
Essie Houghton – State Cross Country Championships
Orla Grenfell-Fox – State Cross Country Championships
Mac Leith – State Track and Field Championships

2016 Kingsville Senior and Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Selection Criteria:

This award is presented to a grade 4 and a grade 6 person who consistently demonstrates the PYP attitudes in all areas of sport; including, PE lessons, House Competitions, District, Regional or State Competitions; and who represents their school with integrity in district, regional or state level in an individual or a team sport.

2016 Junior Sportsperson of the Year:

Olivia Powell

2015 Senior Sportsperson of the Year:

Charlotte Whiteside

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support this year, particularly with the larger sporting events.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Neylan Balbontin who became Victorian State Champion last weekend for U12's under 44kg weight division at the Victorian State Judo Championships and will be representing Victoria next year at the National Championships.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support this year, particularly with the larger sporting events.

Lorey Bentley, PE and Sports coordinator
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Green Umbrella Karuna Kumar School Cambodia

Please also see display on noticeboards outside library (internal entry) with a heading of Green Umbrella.

The display provides pictures and information about Green Umbrella which is a not for profit NGO focusing on and supporting the community through education, social enterprise and community projects in Cambodia.

The Kingsville link/knowledge of Green Umbrella to date has been through Margo Marks, a former DET teacher who worked in schools in this area for many years. Margo has also worked in IB World Schools in China and Singapore over the last 20 years. She was a guest speaker at KPS in 2014 when she accepted an invitation to address the year 6 students as they were preparing for their year 6 exhibition.

Margo at that time was teaching in Singapore but was also organising trips for students and parents to Cambodia and the Green Umbrella schools as part of

the 'taking action' component within her IB World School. She has now retired from teaching and is predominantly living in Cambodia and carrying out voluntary work with Green Umbrella. Developments over the last few years has seen gaining land, building some classrooms, developing a library and a strategic plan, a website and engaging the local community. More information is available at <http://greenumbrella-khmer.org/>

December 2016

Margo spoke to staff back in June and is now back in Melbourne. This week she has left behind at Kingsville some Cambodian Colouring Books (see display copy) and is hoping some Kingsville staff or families may purchase some for a stocking fillers or just to provide a donation as such. They need a minimum of USD\$5 (approximately AU\$7) for each but please keep in mind if you choose to donate anything above this it will go straight to the Karuna Kumar School in Cambodia. **We are hopeful that we can in the future develop an ongoing link with this school.**

Copies of the book are available from the main office.

