



# Newsletter

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## 2023 Dates to Remember

### Term 1

#### February

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation ‘social event’ – picnic (postponed)</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Council
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Teacher Meetings (1.50 – 6.50pm)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation students first full week

#### March

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 6 swimming – Altona Beach
Frid 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 5 swimming – Altona Beach
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LABOUR DAY Public Holiday</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Peer Relationships incursion

Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 and Grade 5 Naplan – Literacy & Numeracy Assessment
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Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Foundation to Year 4 swimming – Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre – daily for 8 days
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Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Hot March Night
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#### April

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Hat Parade <b>Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)</b>
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### Term 2

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day Term 2</b>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Public Holiday - Anzac Day</b>

### 2023 Term Dates

Term 1	Friday 27 January to Thursday 6 April
Term 2	Monday 24 April to Friday 23 June
Term 3	Monday 10 July to Friday 15 September
Term 4	Monday 2 October to Wednesday 20 December



# Principal's Message

## Well done Foundation families and staff

It was wonderful to welcome 2023 Foundation parents / carers to an Information Evening last Tuesday. Offering this session on the night of Valentine's Day certainly did not diminish the numbers present. From a school leadership Foundation and, staff perspective our love and appreciation regarding attendance was certainly expressed.

I would like to thank –

- Foundation teachers Frances Waugh, Mike Carey and Rosemary Talbot, who provided a great deal of information regarding the all important first year of primary school
- all 2023 specialist staff who had recorded a valuable and engaging film about specialist program provision
- leadership staff Jeff McDonald, Sam Eason and Blagma Veljanoska, who contributed to the evening and answered questions put from both new and current parents

Again, well done to the Foundation students who have now completed their third week and will begin their first full week on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parent Teacher Meetings - Foundation – Year 6 reminder**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 – 1.50pm to 6.50pm

Full details were provided in last week's newsletter 10/2 NO 2 (see reprint below)

Bookings have been excellent with over 80% of families having now scheduled their meeting time/s. For families who have not yet made a booking please do so quickly. It is important that teachers are able to meet next Wednesday with most if not, all of their student's parents/carers.

## **Newsletter No 2 (extract)**

Parent Teacher meetings are a valuable opportunity to connect and develop working relationships between parents/carers and teachers. These meetings, held onsite at Kingsville, offer a chance to formally meet and share insights into your child's/children's interests, passions and engagement from both your own perspective as parents and that of the teachers.

Parent support and involvement in the education of their child/ren is a critical factor which impacts on their engagement and achievement. Creating a true partnership between home and school establishes shared expectations and a common language as for the child, supporting them in achieving their full potential. We encourage all parents to take the time to attend these meetings and book a time for February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

The opportunity to meet will be for **10 minutes** duration, with appointment times available from **1.50pm to 6.50pm**. To provide the chance for all parents/carers to meet and engage with the classroom teacher, it is important that the meeting times allocated are adhered to.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

I am pleased to **update** the school council membership for 2023 as of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### Council Membership 2023 – March 2024

<b>Parent Members</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Term of office end</b>
Fiona Jensen	<u>KPS Parent</u>	❖ <u>March 2025</u>
Tom Weir	<u>KPS Parent</u>	❖ <u>March 2025</u>
Clive Domone	<u>KPS Parent</u>	❖ <u>March 2025</u>
Glen Yates	<u>KPS Parent</u>	❖ <u>March 2024</u>
Rebecca Plieger	<u>KPS Parent</u>	❖ <u>March 2024</u>

## House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2023

	<b>Bishop - yellow</b>	<b>Julian - red</b>	<b>Somerville - blue</b>	<b>Cruickshank – green</b>
<b>Captains</b>	Sasha Nacov Josie Simnett-Sage	Lewis Metcalf Frankie Ross	Charlie Panton Hazel Baddiley	Malaki Germaine Freya McGlone
<b>Vice Captains</b>	Teddy Elg Daisy Mitchell	Timoci Chung Caitlin West	Lucas Nguyen Isabel Grieve	Rafael Phillips Scarlett Bull



## Happy Birthday

11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> February

Happy birthday to Austin Maitland, Evie Baltruschat, Hunter Hillman, Snithnik Mittapalli, Alyssa Jones, Isaac D'Souza, Eric Justice, Dante Lamberti, Archie Newnham, Jaiden Sibal and Jack Moore.

# Mobile Phones and Cellular Connected Wearables at Kingsville

A reminder and up-date to students bringing Mobile phone or Cellular Connected Wearables (smart watches) to school.

Reminder that -

- students who bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours
- student who wear wearables (smart watches) must have the cellular function turned off or restricted during school hours
- students who wear wearables (smart watches) and are unable to turn off the cellular function must securely store them during school hours
- the school provides secure storage for mobile phones that are brought to school at the front office

Mobile phones and /or smart watch owned by students are brought to school at the owner's risk like any other personal items. The Department's "Personal Goods Policy", states that private property brought to school by students is not insured by school or, covered by school insurance and is not the responsibility of the Department of Education and Training or, a school if that property is lost stolen or damaged. Consequently, DET Victoria advises parents/carers to consider obtaining appropriate insurance for phones and any other device that may connect to or, have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

If a family chooses to provide their child with a phone or smart watch to take to school please note:

- ❖ take mobile phone and/or cellular connected smart watch to main office each morning (the goal would be before 9am)
- ❖ the child will be provided with a 'zip lock' bag with name tag and they will place their bag in the storage facility
- ❖ at the end of the school day, that is after 3.30pm they are required to collect their phone and/or cellular connected smart watch

It is important to note that whilst the school provides secure storage it is the responsibility of the student to ensure they securely store their device as directed to do so. Teachers or other staff member do not store the phone for them.

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# House Captains Announcement

Last Friday we heard some very impressive speeches from the candidates for House Captains across all four of our KPS Houses. Students from Grades 3 to 6 participated in voting for their chosen leaders.

We are excited to announce the elected House leaders for 2023 are:

**Bishop House Captains:** Sasha Nacov and Josie Simnett-Sage

**Vice Captains:** Teddy Elg and Daisy Mitchell

**Julian House Captains:** Lewis Metcalf and Frankie Ross

**Vice Captains:** Timoci Chung and Caitlin West

**Somerville House Captains:** Charlie Panton and Hazel Baddiley

**Vice Captains:** Lucas Nguyen and Isabel Grieve

**Cruickshank House Captains:** Malaki Germaine and Freya McGlone

**Vice Captains:** Rafael Phillips and Scarlett Bull

House Captains and Vice Captains will be acknowledged at our next Friday Assembly (24<sup>th</sup> Feb).

Below is a photo of our growing student leadership team.



Thanks,  
Grade 6 Team  
Christie, Lauren, Jacqui, Lucy and Myffy

# Kingsville teaching staff 2023 - Update

Level	Teacher
Foundation	Rosemary Talbot
Foundation	Mike Carey
Foundation	Frances Waugh
Level 1/2	Gareth Dainton & Sarah Williamson
Level 1/2	Catherine Wood
Level 1/2	Alison Michetti
Level 1/2	Denise Gallo
Level 1/2	Amila Osmanagic
Level 1/2	Jennifer Duckworth & Anna Terzi
Level 3/4	Catherine Bui
Level 3/4	Finnia Gray
Level 3/4	Louise Iero
Level 3/4	Susan Phillips
Level 3/4	Susan Hosking
Level 3/4	Luisa Ballestrino
Level 5	Dianne Sturrock
Level 5	Abbas Alidina
Level 5	Caileb Harrison
Level 6	Christie Miller
Level 6	Jacqui Leslie & Myffy Scott-Walker
Level 6	Lauren Anile & Lucy Oates
Visual Arts	Monica Gallivan
Performing Arts	Kate Middleweek, Georgia Jennings & Myffy Scott-Walker
P.E	Nick Fitzpatrick
LOTE – Italian	Jeanette Mejak & Anna Terzi
Literacy/ Language Intervention	Diane Graham

**Welcome** to our newest staff member Sarah Williamson who will be a class teacher for 1/2 E, team teaching with Gareth Dainton.





**March 13-17**

For your chance to compete, book into Your OSHC at no additional cost to your session fee.

## A message from your Coordinator

Hello Kingsville Community

An exciting time at Camp Australia during March (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row) we will be having a "Handball Competition". And everyone is welcome to join in the fun and physical activity. Book in, follow the links, come and enjoy.

A reminder to all parents/carers that if you have a children with medical conditions the appropriate forms both online and within the service need to be completed as soon as possible and any medicines brought to service in "original" boxes. It is Camp Australia's policy that all action plans be updated on a yearly basis (at their due date). If assistance is needed please do not hesitate to see us at the service.

Another important reminder is if you have a child booked in on any given day and decide to pick your child instead it is extremely important that you go online and cancel that booking asap, or phone the service (0401 054 261) and leave a message or just come across to the service at 3:30 to tell us you are taking your child home. It makes accounting for every single child so much easier if we know where they are. Thank you for your assistance with this. We are looking forward to having at great year here at Kingsville OSHC with lots of great activities and fun.

Kingsville Camp Australia.

Arshdeep Kaur & Carnel Cooper



### Activities coming up

- Music & Dancing
- Drawing & mindful colouring
- Gardening in our community garden school plot
- Outdoor games & ball sports
- Paper craft- collage
- Holi ( Festival of Colours)



### What's on the menu

- Great range of fruit & veggies
- Banana bread
- Mountain bread, Spaghetti

## It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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