



Newsletter

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2023 Dates to Remember

Term 1

February

Mon 27th Foundation students first full week

March

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

Wed 15th to Friday 17th Grade 3 and Grade 5 Naplan – Literacy & Numeracy Assessment

Mon 27th March to Wednesday 5th April Foundation to Year 4 swimming – Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre – daily for 8 days

Fri 31st March Hot March Night

Mon 27th March School Council Meeting
April

Thurs 6th Easter Hat Parade
Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term 2

Mon 24th **First day Term 2**
 Tues 25th **Public Holiday - Anzac Day**

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



Assistant Principal's Message

2023 School Council

The first meeting of the 2023 School Council took place on Monday night and office bearers were elected. The results of the election process were –

- President Glen Yates
- Vice President Clive Domone
- Treasurer Tom Weir
- Secretary (correspondence) Sam Eason

This is a very positive and productive place to be at this early time of the year and again, I thank the above members for accepting nomination and congratulate them on their appointment to these positions.

In working to decide what sub-committees will best assist the work of council in any year a range of factors are taken into consideration. These include but are not limited to –

- the schools Strategic Plan KPS 2023-2027 and Annual Implementation Plan (2023)
- any ongoing work from the past council year which needs to be taken forward by the new team
- specific priorities for the year that come under the auspices of the council

At the first meeting of council, sub-committees for 2023 were determined. It was agreed that the sub-committees would be -

- Finance
- FOKPS (Friends of KPS – fundraising)
- OSHC (Out of School Hours Care)
- Buildings & Grounds

Council also determined convenors for these sub-committees, and we thank parent members for taking up these responsibilities.

- Building and Grounds - Clive Domone
- Finance - Tom Weir
- OSHC - Rebecca Plieger
- FOKPS - Fiona Jensen

Due to the nature of the work involved for the B&G and FOKPS sub-committees they will always benefit from additional non-school council volunteer parent/carer members. These volunteers assist the convenor and school council members to drive and facilitate the brief and scope of works, as developed by School council.

Each of these sub-committees is now seeking 5 to 6 volunteers from the community to support the implementations and actions as approved by school council. If you would like to volunteer to be part of either the Building and Ground or FOKPS sub-committees please email the school kingsville.ps@education.vic.gov.au with the subject heading Building and Ground sub-committee or FOKPS sub-committee. Then in the body of the email your name, email address and your child/children's names

Ensuring knowledge of and, appropriate and desirable transparency with regard to the work of a school council is vital every year and in 2023 these will communication in newsletters and compass posts relating to the work of the subcommittees and council as a whole.

Parent/carer and Teacher Meetings



A wonderful and very worthwhile afternoon and evening of conversations between parents/carers and teachers took place on Wednesday. Thank you to all parents who booked a meeting time and came along to participate in this very important exchange of information.

As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else does and this meeting gave your child's teacher or teachers an opportunity to get to know both your child and your hopes and dreams for them from your perspective.

© Can5 As a school we recognise that both parents and teachers play an important role in children's learning, development and wellbeing, and that children generally do better when there are positive connections between the different spaces they learn in. We believe that when a strong and respectful relationship is in place with your child's school and teachers, you're in a good position to give them the information they need to help your child get the most out of their education.

The data shows that there were 444 bookings for the night, which equates to a 91% whole school response. At individual levels we saw Foundation - 92%, Grade 1/2- 93%, Grade 3/4 87%, Grade 5 - 87% and Grade 6 - 85%.

Parents, in partnership with schools, play a key role in assisting their children understand and value the roles and responsibilities schools play in society. Parent teacher meetings provide for authentic engagement with our parent community and an opportunity to meet, share information and, build the learning partnership. The attendance on Wednesday should be seen as an indication of the level of parent engagement and interest in the learning journey of their children and the work of the school.

Well done Kingsville parents and carers and thank you for participating in such high numbers in this important experience.

The link below is an opportunity to provide feedback to the school in relation to the beginning of the year parent/carer and teacher meetings.

<https://forms.office.com/r/88cGhHsLrA>

Hot March Night is Back

Here at Kingsville for many years we have benefited from amazing opportunities to gather as a school community. These events are an important source of social connection and build a sense of belonging. When our school families come together for school events they offer opportunities to build a wider social circles, allowing both 'old and new' members of the community to meet, socialise and get to know other people.

Along with this comes, at times, the opportunity to fundraise for the school. The school is always grateful for the work done by very effective fundraising teams comprised of school council members and many other parent volunteers who have facilitated the varied opportunities to fund raise that across the year.

Currently members of the new school council - Fiona Jensen as FOKPS convenor - along with leaders and volunteers from past FOKPS working parties have been planning for our first community event this year, **Hot March Night**.

So, please **save the day** to ensure you do not miss out on **Hot March Night** coming up on March 31st. This is now a legendary event, described as the HOTTEST night of the school year.



Kingsville Awards

A Friday morning assembly tradition is the acknowledgment, via a Kingsville award, acts by students that have made positive differences within the broad school community both in and out of the classroom. As an IB World school these awards focus on actions and attitudes described in the attributes of the Learner Profile. When we shared these wonderful stories at assembly it demonstrates how the school community fosters internationally minded people.

In 2023 Kingsville awards will embody student voice. Students in classes will assist the teacher in recognising the attributes of a randomly selected classmate and jointly write the award for that student.

Across the course of the year every student will be recognised with an award. Given that there will be 31 opportunities for awards to be presented at Friday assembly not every class will have representative at every assembly. Those students receiving an award will be highlighted in the school newsletter the week before they are presented with their award. This will allow parents to attend the assembly and witness their child been recognised by their class and teacher as well as being celebrated by the whole school community.

Jeff McDonald
Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

Although no two days are ever quite the same, a typical day at Kingsville Primary School is organised, scheduled and predictable for students. Over the past weeks classroom and specialist teachers have worked to engage with and understand their cohort of students, developing shared, high expectations inside and outside of the classroom. This is evident throughout the school, from conversations with students, to their work in the classroom, to their enjoyment in connecting with friends, new and old in the yard.

So, a big well done and thank you to the Kingsville community for your support in helping 2023 at KPS begin so smoothly!


Learning starts at 9am

For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption and will, on rare occasions, be completely unavoidable. Inevitably, children feel sick or tired some mornings, or the alarm clock dies during the night, or the car just won't start. However, chronic lateness takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. For a student to miss "only" 10 minutes of school, 3 times a week is the equivalent of an extra 28 days absence over the course of their time as a Kingsville student.

As mentioned above, a day at Kingsville is organised, scheduled and predictable. Students know and trust the structure of their day. They know where they must be and when. They know the main purpose of being at school is to learn, and that the routines are in place to allow them the best chance of succeeding.

For children who are often or repeatedly late, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late can have trouble settling in and mastering these routines. Tardiness can throw off the whole morning, particularly if the late commute to school was stressful. We know that this has a significant impact on the students, who can feel anxious and upset. It also disrupts other students and often means either important key instructions are missed or have to be repeated by the teacher.

To support students entering the school yard on time, all major school gates are opened in the morning at 8.45am – Cruickshank Park, Bishop Street, Sommerville Road and Julian Street. Students can enter through any of these gates and make their way to their designated line up area. The morning bell rings at 8.55am, signalling for students to line up and wait for their teacher. By 9am, all classes are in their room, ready to learn.



In highlighting this issue we hope to improve and support students arriving on time and, subsequently, improve student learning outcomes as well.

Sam Eason
Assistant Principal



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 3rd March

3/4L	Chase Giacomini	6LA	Ryan Ly
3/4H	Isis McKenzie		
3/4I	Parv Thacker		
3/4S	Myra Raynold Peter		
3/4B	Grace McDonald		
6CM	Archie Taylor		
6JL	Tahmid Hasan		



Happy Birthday

18th – 24th February

Happy birthday to Aiden Blassan, Henry Geyer, Zoe Clarke, Riley Voyce, Spencer Nye, Nick Pryor, Frida Crawford and Alex Goncalves.

Kingsville Primary School

is excited to host

Hot March Night

Friday 31st March 6pm to 10pm

KPS School council and Friends of KPS (FOKPS) are pleased to bring you **Hot March Night** - the **HOTTEST** night of the school year!

There will be amazing food, awesome tunes and craft beer and wines - it is going to be a fantastic night for everyone.

Pack your picnic blanket, grab the camp chairs and join our KPS community around the large hall deck for a fantastic evening.

So.... save the date: Friday 31st March

Tickets for the HOTTEST night of the school year will be opening soon!