



Newsletter

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2023 Dates to Remember

Term 1

March

Mon 13 th Tues 14 th	LABOUR DAY Public Holiday Grade 6 Peer Relationships incursion
Wed 15 th to Friday 17 th	Grade 3 and Grade 5 Naplan – Literacy & Numeracy Assessment
Mon 27 th March to Wed 5 th April	Foundation - Year 4 swimming – Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre
Fri 24 th Fri 31 st	National Ride2School Day Hot March Night

Mon 27th
April School Council Meeting

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

Term 2

Mon 24th
Tues 25th **First day Term 2**
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



Principal's Message

School Council Membership News

As outlined in the last newsletter February 4th, the first meeting of the 2023 School Council took place on Monday 20th. The first meeting of the year for all government school councils is called the "first special meeting" and, is for the sole purpose of the election of office bearers in line with the Constituting Order of each council.

My congratulations to members who were elected into office bearing roles.

- Glen Yates President
 - Clive Domone Vice President
 - Tom Weir Treasurer
 - Sam Eason Secretary (correspondence)
- Erica Ryan, Business Manager determined by school council to carry out the role of **Minute Secretary**

I am very pleased to announce that following a number of co-options to school council after the completion of the election process, we now have all membership positions in both **parent member** and **school employee** categories filled.

School Council Membership Update

<i>Parent Members</i>	<i>Eligibility – parent/carer of KPS student/s</i>
Fiona Jensen	Angus and Hazel Jensen
Tom Weir	Milly Weir
Clive Domone	Scarlett Domone
Glen Yates	Sophia Yates
Rebecca Plieger	Scarlett Plieger
Linda Vo	Archie and Jude Scanlan
Bryce Geyer	Lachlan and Henry Geyer

<i>School Employee Members</i>	<i>Eligibility Employment status</i>
Jeff McDonald	
Mike Carey	
Sam Eason	
Kath Ginnane	



Wanted

Parent Class Representatives – 2023

Expressions of Interest called for

Kingsville Primary School staff welcomes and relies on parent / carer support in many different ways. We encourage and value the active involvement of parent / carers in the ongoing life of the school.

The **Parent Class Rep Program** is an excellent example of support the school has benefited from over a number of years. This program was in place pre Covid and now in 2023 following a review, it is being reintroduced.

Whilst it is managed by school leadership it has proven to be of a significant advantage to school council undertakings particularly in the areas of fundraising, community engagement and buildings & grounds.

The key aims of the program are to –

- encourage engagement and participation in the school community by parents
- facilitate communication within the school community overall
- assist in building **class cohort communities** and, provide connections and network opportunities for families
- support classroom teachers with communication as requested

The program requires (1) parent **coordinator of the school program** and in 2023 **(21) class representatives** (class reps).

In 2023 –

- the 21 class reps will be determined via an **expression of interest** process
- **expressions of interests** are now called for today **March 3rd** and should be emailed to the school email address kingsville.ps@education.vic.gov.au with the subject heading EOI Class Rep (your child's class e.g. 1/2 E). by next Thursday March 9th
- the EOI should be brief approximately 150 – 200 words addressing

how you see yourself building, encouraging and supporting class cohort communities to engage and participate in the life of the wider school community

Requirements –

- class representatives must have a current Working With Children Check
- have already or, are willing to attend a KPS Volunteer Induction session

Role of the class representatives

The role and purpose of the class representative is to assist in the development and nurturing of a strong sense of the school as a community focusing on the aims of the class rep program. Class reps appointed will receive induction and support in taking up their roles.



Swimming News

The 2023 KPS swim team went to the district swimming carnival on the 24th of February at Maribyrnong aquatic center. We had a friendly competition against 8 other schools in our district such as Yarraville West PS , Footscray City PS Wembley, St Margret Mary, and St Augustines.

We were very proud of every Kingsville student who competed. Everyone showed great sportsmanship, as well as giving their all.

There are 13 people that made it through to the division competition which will be on Thursday the 9th March, at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents that helped with early morning training and on the day and wonderful job to all the swimmers who competed in the district carnival and good luck to our divisional swimmers.

KPS Swim Team Captains
Josie, Isabelle and Charlie



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 10th March

1/2D	Amelia Weir	6LA	Andy Diep
3/4I	Nina Skladzien	6CM	Freya McGlone
3/4B	Felix Crouch Caralt	6JL	Frankie Ross
3/4H	Olivia Diener		
3/4F	Quinn Karunanayake		
3/4S	Baradu Abdu		
5AA	Elli Milligan		
5DS	Polly Marinko		
5CH	Beatrix McGregor		



Happy Birthday

25th February – 3rd March

Happy birthday to Charlotte Williams-Valladares, Bella Dao, Isobel Trollope, Ava Clarke, Scarlett Plieger, Arie Huang, Mitchell Gumley, Rosa Marzano, Poppy Panton, Alison Tran, Ada-Oola Holten and Logan Bellis.

Traditional Easter Hat Parade

We are now over the half way point of this 11 week term. It is therefore time to provide some information and direction regarding our ***Traditional Yearly Easter Hat Parade***.

Easter is still some time away but as usual the signs are out there with 'eggs', 'chickens' and 'rabbits' so to speak, in the shops already. It is not too early however, it is not too early for parents and children's minds to turn to

Easter Bonnets "with all the trims upon it"

The now traditional school Easter Hat Parade is always held on the last day of Term 1 ***"by executive order of the Principal"***.

Even though the event was somewhat curtailed during the Covid period it is well and truly back for 2023.

It is a delightful way to finish the term and has grown over the last few years from a school assembly style event to a 'Gala Occasion'. I am always so thrilled in the ways parents and extended families embrace this event.

Parade Details

Date: Thursday April 4th
Time: 11.40am – 1pm approximately
Location: in the Monday morning assembly area in front of the deck
Audience: parents, grandparents, family and friends

Dress Code for audience:

- audience members are encouraged to wear a hat or a head wear creation or just have an Easter touch
- some seating available on the steps of the deck

So all **"old"** KPS parents you have been through the ***Easter Hat Challenge*** before, **new** parents here are some guidelines for you.

1. as always I recommend **don't panic**, we do not want Kingsville parents staying up creating "millinery masterpieces" into the wee small hours
2. **we do want it to be all about participation and fun for the students and creating great memories of events and traditions during their primary school life.**

So, families get together to create your headgear e.g.

- a Kingsville creation
- a school sun hat decorated
- traditional Easter theme
- PYP "Profile of the Learner" hat (and we might see):
 - balanced
 - open minded caring creative hats

or

- other traditional Easter symbols

Yes, usually a football theme will always sneak in somewhere as well and that is fine. Teachers provide a great example and will always create and wear a hat and parade with their class.

So ***glue guns to the ready*** yet again and, let the imagination go and see what happens. Some members of our support staff team will again form a panel of observers who will cast their eyes over all entries and, acknowledge special efforts from each class. **Not the best, biggest or fanciest** – just a special effort award for a member of each class and yes, a parent one as well.

Remember this is a casual clothes day so take that into consideration regarding the overall practicality of hat. Also the weather i.e. on windy days hats may need more attachment to the head. In some years there have been cases of students matching their casual clothes outfits to their Easter hat theme – extraordinary efforts.

National Ride2School Day

Not only is active travel good for your health, it's good for the environment too!



Did you know ?

For every kilometre you actively travel instead of driving, you save 243.8 grams of carbon emissions.

But what does that actually mean?

On National Ride2School Day 2022, students across Australia saved 28 tonnes of CO₂ by actively travelling to school – the equivalent of planting 195 trees. That's only one day. Imagine if we did that every day of the school year. Over a year we'd save 5,600 tonnes of CO₂ – the equivalent of planting 39,000 trees!

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity for Australian students and school communities to embrace a healthier start and to try walking and riding to school for themselves. 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. This day is all about 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.

The experience of being involved in the day may encourage children and their families to make travelling to school a walking or wheeling option. However, it is important that as a community we are aware of the safest way to walk or wheel to school.

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 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

Directions on the morning of March 24th

Gates will be open at 8:45am except for Somerville Road which will still be open at 8:30am. Please be aware and walk around to another gate if there is any congestion. To help ease the bike and scooter traffic entering the school students will store their bikes, scooters or other "wheels" close to the gates they entered through. We will have some Grade 6 students to help out with directing students.

Please remember everyone needs to walk their bikes and scooters across the pedestrian crossings on Somerville Rd and Julian Street and once inside the school grounds.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Frances Waugh. (Ride to School Co-ordinators)

frances.giorgi@education.vic.gov.au



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 (3rd 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.

 Kaur & Carmel 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



Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.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.



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Upcoming incursion:

Hip Hop

Date: Wednesday, 29th March 2023

Come along and join us for a fun, engaging, and educational incursion in After School Care at camp Australia - Kingsville Primary School OSHC. Joining us on March 29th will be Cube Sports bringing their awesome Hip Hop session, for all children to enjoy!

To enrol your child into the incursion at no extra charge than their regular session fee, make sure you book the After School Care program on March 29th.

Book now from your Parent Portal

Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now



Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.



Register free and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

by  Camp
Australia

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!