



# Newsletter

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## 2019 Dates to Remember

### Term 1

#### February

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Call for school council member nominations
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swim offs/ Swim Team training, Roberts Street Pool, 6.50a.m. – 8a.m.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swim Team training, Roberts Street Pool, 6.50a.m. – 8a.m.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term 1 Planning week
	School Council nominations close at 4p.m.
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Foundation Information Night 6.30 – 7.30p.m.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Levels 1 and 2 Information Night 6.30 – 7.30p.m.
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swim Team training, Roberts Street Pool, 6.50a.m. – 8a.m.</li> <li>• Levels 3 – 6 Information Night 6.30 – 7.30p.m.</li> </ul>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swim Team training, VU Swimming Pool, 6.50a.m. – 8a.m.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FOKPS Bunnings BBQ
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Teacher meetings
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Grade 5 – 6 Swimming Program, Williamstown Beach

#### March

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Hot March Night (FOKPS event) from 6p.m.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Foundation students first full week
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Curriculum Day – no students at school</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Public Holiday (no students at school)</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KPS Cross Country
18 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation – Grade 2 Swimming Program 9a.m. – 12.30p.m. Grade 3 – 4 Swimming Program 12.30 – 3.30p.m.

#### April

Fri Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casual Clothes Day (FOKPS event – gold coin donation)</li> <li>• Easter Hat Parade</li> <li>• Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)</li> </ul>
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#### Term dates 2019

<b>Term 1</b>	- 29 <sup>th</sup> January (students begin Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January) – 5 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Term 2</b>	- 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – 28 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Term 3</b>	- 15 <sup>th</sup> July – 20 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Term 4</b>	- 7 <sup>th</sup> October – 20 <sup>th</sup> December

#### **General Guidelines for Parents when making any Payments to the school:**

Preferred method of payment is BPay. Your BPay reference number can be located on your family statement and will remain the same throughout your child's time at KPS. EFT/credit card facilities are available over the counter at the main office. Cash payments – correct money is required as there is not always access to change. Please do not send large amounts of cash with your child. Receipts will be issued through your child's classroom. To help the office in finalising accounts, where possible, please limit payments in the last week of any school term.

**Sharyn Fletcher, Business Manager**

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**School Uniform Primary School Wear** 9768 0342 **OSHC Camp Australia co-ordinator** Arshdeep 0401 054 261

# SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019

Please see details regarding the 2019 School Council election process in this newsletter (pages 6 and 9)



## Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the 2019 school year. What a wonderful time to be part of the Kingsville community as we acknowledge our Centenary. There will be a great deal of information shared during the year as we celebrate the milestone of 100 years. To begin with however a few facts from the history books.

Kingsville Primary School first opened the doors on August 1<sup>st</sup> 1919. On August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 therefore the school will have provided an outstanding learning environment for children of Kingsville and surrounding areas for 100 years.

Over the years the 'large red brick school' as it has often been referred to, has stood the test of time and its inhabitants have witnessed many changes in the decades since day one. Back in 1919, the main building boasted eleven classrooms, a staffroom, one store room, an office and a foyer area. A photograph of the time shows the significant two storey structure dominated the physical landscape of the area and even now, with built up housing and the adjacent large greenbelt, it can be seen from quite a distance.

Two hundred and eighty children were enrolled or taken in on the first day. All the records were entered by hand and a long line of prospective students so the history books tell us, stretched out the door and around the corner. Within a week another 59 students had been added to the school enrolment then, by the end of August the total was 387 and by December and the Christmas break 410 students. Obviously the word spread quickly right from those early days that Kingsville was a great school.

So well done KPS you're almost there, the big day in August is not far off.

### **Beginning 2019**

#### **Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> 8.a.m.**

The school all set up and waiting for the students to arrive with a very warm day expected.

#### **Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 8.45a.m. - 9a.m.**

A very different picture as most of the 555 students from Levels 1-6 descended on their school. The sight and sounds of students and parents brought the school back to life. So many families mingling and catching up after the break is always such a great sight and one of the best times of the year.

#### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9.05 – 9.30a.m.**

Children in their classrooms paying full attention to the teacher looking very smart in school uniform and a variety of new hair styles.

#### **Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> morning – 100 Foundation students to begin in our 100<sup>th</sup> year**

Saw the remaining 100 children (Foundation students) begin their first year of primary school. The Foundation cohort of 2019 made up of 52 boys and 48 girls arrived at staggered starting times during the morning. There was great excitement and many last minute photo opportunities as the children joined their class groups. Only a few tears (mostly from parents rather than students).

All students settled in to their new classes staffing and timetabling completed and specialist programs ready to begin. I am very pleased to announce that 2019 is off to a great start. My congratulations to all students Foundation to Year 6, you have moved into your new groups and quickly settled down.

How wonderful that an ongoing number of between 80-100 Foundation students have begun at Kingsville every year over the last 5 years. This steady flow of enrolments continues from new and

current families within our neighbourhood area and that number is a high one this year with, 45 new students already having a brother or sister at Kingsville.

Thank you to all parents/guardians for entrusting your precious sons and daughters to myself and Kingsville staff. I am proud of all our children every day and am honoured as Principal to be working and engaging with them and their families in this great school community. I anticipate as I'm sure you do, a very productive and memorable school year.

### **Staffing to begin the school year**

The staffing details below were published in the December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 newsletter. They are repeated here to ensure all families including new families have these details.

### **Welcome to newly appointed staff**

**Kimberley Phair** – new staff member

**Lauren Anile** - new staff member

**Juri Ilves** – new staff member

**Jessica Rankin** – new staff member

**Natasha King** – new staff member

### **Congratulations to**

**Susan Hosking** who has gained a permanent teaching position at KPS.

**Ryan McCann, Michael Carey, Rhonda McLeod and John Diegan** who have gained further contracts.

### **Welcome back to**

**Jacqui Leslie** – returning from Parental Absence Leave

**Rosemary Talbot** – returning from 12 months leave

### **Staff Leave for 2019**

**Sam Eason** - 2019 school year

**Anna Terzi** –2019 school year

**Lily Demetriou** –2019 school year

**Helen Lissmyr** –2019 school year

**Brigitte Bentley** – Parental Absence Leave

**Kate Middleweek** – Parental Absence Leave

**Emily Keeling** – Parental Absence Leave

**Laura Winberg** – Parental Absence Leave

**Hilary Henderson** – Parental Absence Leave

### **Change of teacher during the year**

As Principal I will always provide information to parents throughout the year about staffing changes – short term, longer term or permanent. Changes will be necessary in most years for some classes due to a range of reasons including approved planned leave, leave due to unforeseen circumstances and/or teachers gaining positions elsewhere. Also at times staff will resign, retire or, be absent for longer than expected periods of time.

Short term replacement of staff is sometimes also necessary whilst a recruitment process is undertaken to replace a staff member longer term. To assist with this and lessen the impact of change for students we use only one teacher replacement employment agency. We also work to engage known staff wherever possible for these interim periods of time.

Please be assured however that as Principal I will always communicate with parents and speak to students when there is a need for a change. I will also outline what the teacher arrangements for the short or longer term will be

<b>Principal/Leadership team</b>	<b>Level 5</b>
Kath Ginnane, Principal	Abbas Alidina
Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal	Georgia Jennings
Blagma Veljanoska, Acting Assistant Principal	Amila Osmanagic
Lauren Anile (Leading teacher)	Dianne Sturrock
Sharyn Fletcher (Business Manager)	<b>Level 6</b>
<b>Office Administration Staff</b>	Jennifer Duckworth
Betty Petrovski	Ryan McCann
Sonja Eastment	Rosemary Talbot
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Specialist Teachers</b>
Luisa Ballestrino	<b>Performing Arts</b>
Emma Eastham	Jessica Rankin
Denise Gallo	<b>PE/Sports</b>
Louise Iero	Lorey Bentley
Catherine Wood	<b>Italian</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	Sam Meddis
Jane Herringer	Lisa Fedele
Susan Hosking	<b>Visual Arts</b>
Jeanette Mejak	Lucy Oates
Alison Michetti	Rhonda McLeod
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Intervention</b>
Michael Carey	Diane Graham
John Diegan	<b>Other Specialist</b>
Kimberley Phair	Gareth Dainton
Susan Phillips	Myffy Scott-Walker
<b>Level 3/Level 4</b>	Frances Waugh
Lauren Anile/Myffy Scott Walker	<b>Education Support Staff</b>
Tracey Doherty	Kim Cassidy
Kathleen Gannon	Carmel Cooper
Juri Ilves	Trish Harris
Jacqui Leslie/Frances Waugh	Nicole Shirreff
Natasha King	
Christie Miller	

### **Student Enrolment**

To begin the school year we have a total of 655 students. Gender balance is very satisfactory with boys – 324 and girls – 331.

<b>Foundation</b>	100	<b>Year 4</b>	91
<b>Year 1</b>	98	<b>Year 5</b>	103
<b>Year 2</b>	91	<b>Year 6</b>	75
<b>Year 3</b>	97		

### **Student Free Days 2019**

1. Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January (state wide)
2. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March
3. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June
4. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

## **Friday morning assembly**

The Friday morning full school assembly has been part of the school week at Kingsville for over 29 years. It is a time of celebration and a coming together to share achievements and build school culture and pride.

Accommodating students, staff and some parents comfortably into the hall has been more of a challenge in the last few years as numbers increased. We welcome parents to the assemblies however it does need to be realised that most weeks the limited audience seating is taken up quickly. We ask parents to be aware of this and ensure that all exits to the hall are kept clear.

Friday assemblies for students in Year 1 – 6 will begin next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Melbourne Water Project Update**

The school and Tim Pilgrim, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor for John Holland, are regularly touching base on the progress of the work being done on the West Footscray to Yarraville Water Main Renewal Project.

As outlined in the Compass post on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, work is occurring in Charlotte Street (east) and construction machinery and vehicles will be accessing Julian Street continually as they work in Charlotte Street (east). A reminder that work in Charlotte Street (east) will impact the school. Please note that car access to Julian Street will be for locals only. Pedestrian access will be available but we would ask parents and children to use Somerville Road and Bishop Street entrances as much as possible.

Jeff McDonald  
Assistant Principal  
Welfare Coordinator

## **Good News**

### **Holiday Works**

Electricians and plumbers were in high demand at Kingsville during the holiday break. Through the school council maintenance and repairs funding a great deal was achieved.

- the main foyer of the school which has previously not had any effective lighting, finally gained a set of 6 effective low energy use spotlights which will make a great difference as this area gets very dark in the winter months.
- ongoing work in student toilets saw a number of cisterns replaced with durable and water efficient models
- sprinkler system to maintain and sustain garden beds were completed
- repairs to some gates
- all air-conditioning systems serviced
- successful and comprehensive cleaning of the school buildings

All of these of course required staff on site at times to supervise – a big thank you to Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal for facilitating this work.

Kath Ginnane Principal  
Glen Yates School Council President

# School Council 2019

## **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 councils have carried out their key roles and in doing so every year have enhanced educational opportunities of our students.

The School Council election process in government schools begins straight away in Term 1. Please see timeline and information regarding the election at the end of this newsletter. Vacancies for the 2019 School Council are

**Parent Category            3**

**DET Teacher Category   2**

Nominations will be called for in line with the published schedule. They will open on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am and, the opportunity to lodge a nomination will remain until Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m. Nomination forms will be available for collection from the main office from 4/2/2019. In line with government expectations there will be a number of "Notices of Election and Call for Nominations" displayed around the school.

Please also see with this newsletter an information sheet for parents regarding School Council elections provided by DET.

If you are interested in being nominated or would like further information, please contact Kath Ginnane, Principal email [Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Parent Information Nights

**Please note all information sessions will run from 6.30p.m. – 7.30p.m. In the school hall (please see dates to remember)**

These sessions are a very important communication tool and are provided for parents early in every school year.

Format of the sessions will vary across the levels but at each one parents will be introduced to the teaching team members for 2019 - a great chance to put that face to the name.

So please come along and join with us and other parents, as we begin the 2019 learning journey together. Please note these sessions are for parents only. More news will be coming from team/level leaders, plus further reminders in the next newsletter.



Compass is a web-based school management system that focuses on improving and streamlining many of the school's administration processes. It provides the school community with a range of facilities that enhances communication between school and home.

### Community Access to Compass

- Parents with 2018 existing accounts can still access Compass with their current login details.
- New parents to Kingsville will be issued with a username and temporary password. The details of these accounts will be sent home, please keep a lookout for this. Please contact the school if you don't receive your login code shortly.
- Access to the Compass portal is via the school website, the Compass website or via smartphone and tablet app. The Parent Portal allows parents to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and their child's progress.

There are a number of features to the Compass system, as we begin to understand the features of the system we will roll out new applications to the school community. Currently the school is using the following features:

- **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** - View your child's attendance online, notify the school if your child will be away, approve absences and indicate future absences.
- **Contact Details** – Parents can log in and update their contact details through the portal. It is important that contact details remain current so you can receive email alerts and we can contact you if required.
- **Parent/Teacher interviews** – Parents can book interview times for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- **View our School Calendar**
- **News feeds** - The school posts news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the school. The news feed will be customised, showing only relevant information to you and your children.
- **School reports** – Reports are able to be published online through Compass rather than printed on paper. 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 are able to pay for excursions and camps by direct payments
- **Permission** – Parents are able to give authorisation for students to attend excursions and incursions as well as provide approval for other activities. These are electronic permissions and there is no need to print permission slips, saving our resources.

Parents play an important role in the success of this initiative. 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. Please be assured that Compass uses technology that is encrypted and secure.

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.

# CSEF (Camps, Sporting and Excursions Fund)

Parents on a Health Care Card or Pension may be eligible for a \$125 payment to be used towards camps, sporting activities and excursions. Information on this payment can be found at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx> . Application forms can be downloaded from this website or alternatively can be collected from the school office. These forms will need to be handed back to the office in Term 1 to ensure prompt payment into your school account.

*Sharyn Fletcher, Business Manager*



## Happy Birthday

**1<sup>st</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February**

*Happy Birthday to Keaton Fawcett, Liam O'Shaughnessy, Archie Lucas, Rangimarie Gemmell, Elke Yorke, Millie Wheeler, Sev Herrmann, Natalia Garcia Reina, Marlie Kupsch, Luella Hawker, Vivian Mondkar, Emeline Finnin, Sienna O'Donnell, Ari Sherwood, Liam Yates, Erica Heap, Renee Brown, James Lawrence, Isis McKenzie, Anish Kodidasu, Jasper Waghorne, Atlas Hawkins, Phoebe Sherwood, Elizabeth McColl, Adisson Godranah, Freya Swan, Vansh Manjeshwar, Varun Manjeshwar, Frances Blaisdell, Henry McDonald, Dylan Vellu, Oliver Pugsley, Aliese Newnham, Issy Ciolli, Liam Duong, Charlie Clenick, Heidi Land, Lewis Metcalf, Tobias Smith, Hestan Ho, Jasper Le Grand, Caitlin Caldwell, Alice De Maid, Xuan Ho, Nirja Thacker, Sabrina Yimam, Leo Masterton, Genevieve Carlisle, Nina Sheppard, Ruby Masterton, Hugo Messig, Huxley Heap, Lily Thomas, Eila McCarthy, Madeline Townley, Nuradin Jacob, Giselle Bugeja, Kinoah Romero, Seb Moca, Ben Marmo, Luka Jeka, Johnnie Munro, Abel Hafte, Andy Diep, Scully Hawkins, Jack Spencer, Oscar Richardson, Fynn Buttigieg, Ravi Karunajeewa, Jayden Lee, Ryan Sharp and Raven Goffin.*

## Assembly Item Roster Term 1

8 <sup>th</sup> February	34T – Tracey
15 <sup>th</sup> February	6RM – Ryan
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	34C - Christie
1 <sup>st</sup> March	2SP – Susan
8 <sup>th</sup> March	No Assembly – Student free day
15 <sup>th</sup> March	1SH – Susan Hosking
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5GJ – Georgia
29 <sup>th</sup> March	6JD – Jennifer
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Public Holiday – Good Friday



# Friends of KPS News

Calling on volunteers for KPS' first ever **Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser**.

**Where:** West Footscray Bunnings – Corner of Geelong Road and Geelong Street,  
West Footscray

**When:** 9.00 – 4.00pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Go into the draw to win a \$20 Bunnings Voucher by signing up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/J9FXB>

### **\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\***

#### **Hot March Night, Friday 1 March 2019 from 6:00p.m.**

One of the most entertaining evenings is back, with Hot March Night this year on Friday 1 March 2019. Come and be entertained by the return of "The Normals" (Kingsville's own Dad band), local entertainers, and the ever popular Kingsville Rave provided by DJ Marky Mark.

There will be cake stalls, lolly bags, sausages and glowsticks for the kids, plus food hampers, wine provided by Shadowfax, and beer from MoonDog and HopNation for the adults.

More information in the newsletter next week and watch out for information to be sent home.

## 2019 School Council Election Timeline

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Call for nominations ** see information below
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations close 4pm</li> <li>• Display list of candidates, nominator &amp; seconder</li> <li>• Declare new School Council if nominations accepted equal the number of vacancies</li> <li>• If the nominations are less than the number of vacancies in either category, call again for nominations for a 3 day period.</li> </ul>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	If election required – distribute ballot papers by this date
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• If election required – current School Council meets for the last time on this day</li> </ul>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Close of ballot for election (if required)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Count votes & declare poll
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	New School Council able to meet from this date
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	First meeting of new school council if election required to elect office bearers
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Government compliance attained

# Community Noticeboard

## **Pink Ball**

Tailored for girls aged 5-10 years Pink Ball offers a place to learn new skills, meet new friends and engage in a way that is non-competitive and fun. Run by female representative level youth basketball players. Pink shoelaces, pink basketballs and pink singlets provided. Register now at [www.westgatebasketball.com.au](http://www.westgatebasketball.com.au)

## **Aussie Hoops**

For boys and girls aged 5-10 years old. Skills sessions, fun drills and friendly games. Run by qualified youth basketball coaches it is safe, inclusive and run indoors on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, Saturday or Sunday mornings. Register now [www.westgatebasketball.com.au](http://www.westgatebasketball.com.au)



Life Skills  
Creative Time  
New Experiences  
Construction & Manipulative Play  
Outdoor Play Time  
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:  
[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

## Welcome 2019!

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and our program. We are excited to have you all with us for Term 1 and beyond.

We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, especially at this time of the school year...

that's why we are here to help! We look after children in the crucial times before school, after school – and between terms too. Our care programs are well-rounded, meaningful and affordable, based on 30 years of experience. Most importantly, while your child is at school and in our care, you know that they are safe.

### Register Your Child Now

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal. If you have an irregular schedule and think that you may need to make changes often and last minute, our Gold Account option provides you with the flexibility to book or cancel up to two hours prior to each session. If eligible, to help you with the cost of child care, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy.

### Program Details

For more information about our programs and fees, you may visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. [Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.](#)

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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