



# Newsletter

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## 2020 Dates to Remember

### 2020 Term 1

#### March

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

Tue 17<sup>th</sup>

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Thur 26<sup>th</sup>

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Public Holiday – Labour Day**

'Windows to the World' Week (International Week)

Assembly Item – 1CW

Ride to School Day

Hot March Night - FOKPS event

Numeracy and Literacy Information Sessions 6.30pm – 7.30pm

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Assembly Item – 3/4N

Swimming Program F – Grade 2

Easter Raffle – FOKPS event

**Casual Clothes Day (FOKPS event - gold coin donation)**

**Easter Hat Parade**

**Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)**

#### April

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>

Tue 14<sup>th</sup>

Bunnings BBQ (FOKPS event)

**Public Holiday – Easter Monday**

**First day Term 2**

#### Camp

Grade 3/4

7<sup>th</sup> Sept - 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

Grade 5

To be advised

Grade 6

20<sup>th</sup> Jul - 24<sup>th</sup> Jul

#### 2020 Term Dates

**Term 1** – 28<sup>th</sup> January - 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Term 2** – 14<sup>th</sup> April - 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3** – 13<sup>th</sup> July - 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** – 5<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### School Flyers

Hot March Night - FOKPS event

National Ride to School Day

Wash Your Hands Regularly

Cybersafety

#### **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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# Principal's Message

## Information Nights Levels 1 – 6

As outlined in the newsletter of February 28<sup>th</sup> No.5 and a compass post (March 4<sup>th</sup>), these nights are coming up March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (Week 8). Thank you to parents/guardians who have sent attendance responses back so far via school email. The number of responses however is currently only 16 across the levels 1 – 6. Year 1 is leading with (10), Year 2 (2), Year 3 (1), Year 4 (2), Year 5 (1), Year 6 (0). We have 5 parents stating their intention to attend both literacy and numeracy sessions and, 50% more respondents are to the numeracy sessions. Obviously we would hope for a much higher return rate over the next few days. Please be aware that all responses are required **Friday March 13**.

The teams of teachers preparing these sessions are looking forward to sharing and interacting with parents and, are putting considerable time into the planning to ensure content is purposeful and informative. Today during the curriculum day I was fortunate to hear a number of the components for the sessions gone through. As Principal I was overjoyed to be party to and, experience the obvious passion, collaboration, knowledge and confidence of staff members presenting. I would encourage parents to attend as the detail will provide a window into our practice, expectations and assessment plus, links to build home-school partnerships and allow parents to be part of their child/children's literacy and numeracy learning journey.

Gaining a sound number of parents at these information sessions in 2020 will work to ensure future provision. So please take the time to consider and respond by the due date to allow for prior planning.

### **(COVID-19) coronavirus disease**

Public information about the disease is available and accessible from a wide range of sources. During February there have been compass updates to parents as information from the Victorian Government has been provided to schools.

As a Victorian Government school information from the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer has in most recent updates contained a focus on key ways to reduce risk of infection. Please see details of these in this newsletter and a link to an advice video.

One of the priorities in a school setting is of course effective washing of hands with soap and running water. In any year this is something that is outlined to students and the recommended best practice method of handwashing is modelled. Currently additional work by staff in working to embed correct practice is being undertaken. Posters are being provided for all classrooms and messages and modelling are ongoing. There are also posters placed around the school and, at every opportunity both in and outside of the classroom environment the message will be reiterated. Parents can of course assist greatly with this by demonstrating, sharing appropriate online images of correct hand washing and join with us in this important risk management strategy.

Please be assured we have no shortage of our 'premium' liquid soap for students and, that the dispensers are checked on a daily basis by cleaning staff. In addition there are functioning hand dryers in the student toilets. Other recent additions to the facilities see a significantly well above DET recommended number of sanitary bins in the female toilets. There are also copies of the Toilet Essential Agreement developed by Junior School Council members in 2019 and, this has been shared again with class groups.

***As the situation adjusts, develops or changes with respect to the virus any updated Government directions will be passed onto parents very quickly via compass.***

# Ride2School Day 2020

National Ride2School Day is Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. At Kingsville we promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage everyone to walk, ride or scoot to school as regularly as possible. To raise the profile of this initiative we hold, in conjunction with the National Ride2School Day, our 'Walk and Wheel' to school day. 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.

Over 95% of Kingsville students rode, wheeled or walked themselves to school on this day last year, and whilst it seems like a big task, I'm sure we can do even better this year. Provisions are in place to host the increased number of bikes and scooters on the day.

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.

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

## Parent Support

The Kingsville community has really embraced this event in the past, and we are anticipating the same again this year. With this in mind we are looking for parents who are able to help ensure the morning arrival at school runs as smoothly and safely as possible. Assistance would be required between 8.30a.m until 9a.m. Any parents who are able to assist on the morning of Ride2School day please contact Sam Eason or Kathleen Gannon by Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

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## Directions on the morning of March 13<sup>th</sup>

To work to distribute the volume of traffic entering the school grounds, please see the following arrangements relating to the number of different entry points to ensure this event runs as smoothly as possible for the arrival of students and the storage of bike and scooters.

- **Students from Foundation – Grade 2** are encouraged to arrive via the Somerville Road gate, and store their bikes or scooters in the racks next to the Foundation classrooms, as well as in the gated area behind Anna and Lauren’s rooms.
- **Students from Grades 3 & 4** are encouraged to arrive via Julian Street gate, and will store their bikes or scooters in the concreted area behind the Performing Arts and Italian portable.
- **Students from Grade 5** are encouraged to arrive via the double gates on Bishop Street and will store their bikes or scooters in the gated area next to the Staffroom.
- **Students from Grade 6** are encouraged to arrive via the aftercare gates on Bishop Street and will store their bikes or scooters in the racks behind the BER.

We understand that for some students it is more convenient to arrive via Cruikshank Park, and the gates behind the oval will also be opened. There will be members of staff and parent volunteers to help direct traffic around the school from 8.40am onwards.

Once students have arrived and parked their bike, they’re encouraged to go to the quiet play area, where they can receive their official Ride2School sticker.

We also wish to remind all students and parents/guardians that it’s important all bikes and scooters are dismounted before crossing Somerville Rd, Julian Street, and Bishop Street, and once inside the school grounds.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Sam E or Kathleen with any questions.

Sam Eason (Grade 6 Teacher) & Kathleen Gannon (Grade 3/4 Teacher)



# Choir News

This week we held our much-anticipated Choir Captain election. I would like to congratulate the following students on their appointment:

- Joseph T, 6KF is Captain
- Madison B, 6GJ is Vice Captain
- Renee B, 6SE is Vice Captain

Jessica Rankin, Performing Arts Teacher

## Hot March Night - 13 March 2020

### Entertainment

Purchase your tickets now for the HOTTEST night of the school year! Pack your picnic blanket, grab the camp chairs and join the KPS community for an evening of music, food and fun. The evening will feature:

- The Hansen Reserves from 6:15 pm interspersed with DJ Mila DJ Marky B
- Amazing food from our very special family - Wood & Spoon \*\*must be pre- ordered - not available for purchase on the night
- Our very special DJ Milla and Marky B!
- Cake and sweets stall
- Craft beer and local wines and bubbles!
- Crafting for kids - with awesome up-cycling fun

### Experience

- Entry and Exit will be via Bishop Street from 6:00pm. We will have a door list to tick off names
- Please bring chairs, rugs/mats as well as BYO non-breakable refillable glass for wine/drinks (Strictly NO BYO alcohol due to licensing requirements)
- Pre-ordered hampers can be collected from the Kitchen – once again, we will have a list with your orders
- Bar sales will have contactless payment, such as 'Tap and Go' and cash sales
  - Bar will remain open from 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- Bring some money for the raffle \$5 per ticket on the night – the prizes are amazing!
- Cash sales will be located at the Cake/Lolly stalls

Event concludes at 10:00pm Bookings for tickets can still be undertaken via

<https://www.trybooking.com/BILVW>

- If you sign up to volunteer, we will provide 1 x free drink voucher to be redeemed at the bar (valued at \$6). Sign up to help out on the night here - <https://volunteersignup.org/C7WQ3>

### All KPS Bakers – Cake Stall Information

Thank you for assisting in preparing baked goods for the cake stall. Here are some tips and requirements of food safety and handling practices.

- Please provide backed goods with NO cream or custard
- Write all ingredients on label, and attach it to the packaging along with your child's grade and first three letters of surname e.g. Charlotte Philpots write *5AA Phi*
- You may use your own container, or containers and labels will be supplied (pick up from office from 12 March). If using own container, please label clearly on base and lid with your child's name and class.
- Drop offs for baked goods can be left at office on the day of HMN during school hours or at the kitchen from 3:30pm

Zoanne Morrisy on behalf of FOKPS



## Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

<b>2EE</b>	Liam Duong	<b>5AO</b>	Megan Harmen
<b>2JD</b>	Thomas Gordon	<b>5DS</b>	Scarlett Costa
<b>3/4I</b>	Eila McCarthy	<b>5AT</b>	Siraj Syed Ali
<b>3/4K</b>	Audrey Lawrence	<b>6SE</b>	Dexter Fawcett
<b>3/4N</b>	Isabelle O'Rourke	<b>6KF</b>	James Jago
<b>5AA</b>	Ewan Cornish	<b>6GJ</b>	Charlotte Philpots



## Happy Birthday

5<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> March

*Happy Birthday to* Eddie Costello, Tom Rae, James Jago, Preetam Balu Justin Curmi, Sonny Shrivell, Sidney Porth, Harriet Nairn, Sajid Bushra, Marley Couper, Alice O'Brien, Violet Mautner, Ammar Naghar, Louie Lewicki, Meili Frew, Kenzie Wicken, Phemie MacGregor, Lucien Irvine, Jack Owens.

# Information you need to know – coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Watch the latest Chief Health Officer video, providing advice on coronavirus.

[Video - Coronavirus: Updated advice for Victorians, Brett Sutton Chief Health Officer - 3 March 2020](#)

## Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- **Wash** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. **Dry** with paper towel or hand dryer.
- **Try** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Cover** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- **Isolate** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- **Phone** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- **Continue** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- **Don't** wear a face mask if you are well.
- **Buy** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- **Get** the flu shot (available April).
- **Shaking hands** is optional!

## Community Noticeboard

### Play activities at Footscray Market – Footscray Market, 18 Irving St, Footscray

Families with children aged 0-8 years are invited to join us at Footscray Market for a range of children's activities to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week. There will also be information available about playgroups, kindergarten and other early years services.

Thursday 26 March, 2020 at 10am – 12pm  
For more information, contact Early Years on 9688 0138

# Numeracy and Literacy Information Sessions Return Slip

**Note:** Parents/Guardians have the flexibility to attend one session or two sessions, over the two nights and should indicate this by completing and returning the form to their eldest child's teacher by Friday 13th March.

**Year level:** *(indicate your child/children's year level/s)*

**Number:** *(indicate number of people attending)*

**Night: Tuesday 17th March:** *(tick one box)*

Not attending

Numeracy 6.30 – 7.30pm

Literacy 6.30 – 7.30pm

**Night: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** *(tick one box)*

Not attending

Numeracy 6.30 – 7.30pm

Literacy 6.30 – 7.30pm

# HOT MARCH NIGHT

13  
03  
20

FOKPS EVENT

DOORS OPEN  
AT 6:00PM

Book Your Tickets Now

<https://www.trybooking.com/BILVW>



## ENTERTAINMENT /STALLS

"The Hansen Reserves"

DJ Milla and Marky B

Cake Stall, Lolly Stall,  
Upcraft stall  
Bar, hampers available

*Freaky*  
Friday 13 March 2020

# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



## Kingville Primary School

will be celebrating National Ride2School Day on

**Friday 13 March**

Friday March 13 2020 is set to be a WHEELIE good day!  
Join the freaky fun on National Ride2School Day by riding, walking or scooting to school.



# Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



**1** Wet your hands.

Put soap on your hands.



**2**



**3** Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Rinse your hands under running water.

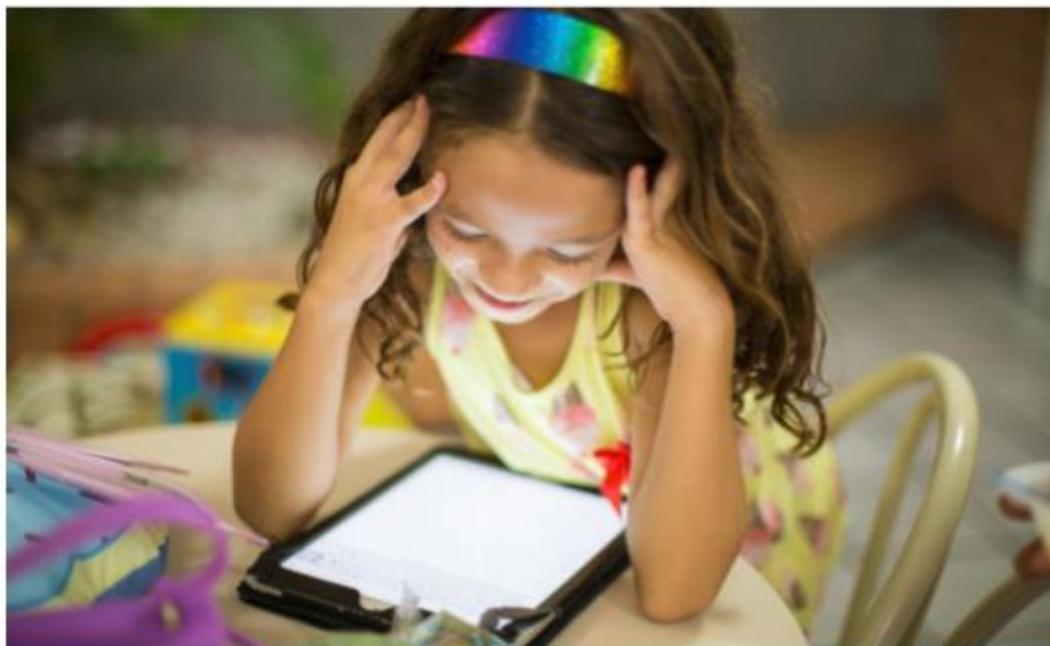


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**5** Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy



# Cybersafety



## A free seminar for parents and carers of children 0-12 years about online safety

This presentation explores the latest research into online safety, technology trends and the benefits and risks of social media. It includes case studies and targeted advice on helping young people to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

**Thursday 12 March, 6.00-7.30pm**

**Footscray Library, 56 Paisley Street Footscray**

**Bookings: [www.safetyonline.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.safetyonline.eventbrite.com.au)**

For more information, contact Maribyrnong City Council on 9688 0138  
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