



Newsletter

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2021 Dates to Remember

Term 1

March

Fri 12th Hot March Night – 6 pm
Fri 19th NO Assembly (swimming program)
Ride to school day
Mon 29th School Council meeting
Fri 26th NO Assembly (swimming program)

April

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

Term 2

Mon 19th First day Term 2

2021 Term Dates

Term 1 *Wednesday 27 January (teachers return) to Thursday 1st April
Term 2 Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June
Term 3 Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September
Term 4 Monday 4 October to Friday 17 December



Principal's Message

As the term progresses there are more experiences, actions and interactions almost on a daily basis that are assisting students, staff and parents feel '**we are back**'. Routines, activities, schedules and planned events are looking more like what we knew prior to 2020.

This week the participation of our Year 3 – 6 students in the Cross Country was an important milestone. Children outside together moving, challenging themselves and, being cheered on by parents and younger students was a joyous occasion. We have had great feedback about the event and thank you to Kingsville parents / carers for your ongoing support. Thank you also to Lorey Bentley (PE & Sport coordinator) and, all staff who contributed to the success of this event.

Also coming up is the Water Safety Program Foundation – Year 4 (March 15th – 26th) at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre and National Ride 2 School Day (Friday March 19th). As we head into the last three weeks of Term 1 please do not forget about the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term 1 (April 1st) - see details in newsletter of Feb 26th.

Whilst parents /carers/ family members will not be able to attend on site this year this is still another step back to normal for our students and staff.

Hot March Night - looking back

The school newsletter of March 2020 saw news of the cancelation of the Hot March Night. Now 12 months later '**take 2**' as we move ahead with the return of this much loved school community event. Whilst some compromises and modifications have been necessary to ensure a Covid safe setting we are looking forward to as the latest Compass post today states "a cracker of a night".

Now for tonight

Yes, an actual Hot March Night with a prediction of 27 degrees at 7pm. Over the years there have been a number of Hot March Nights that have been washed out so, to be able to go ahead with the event this year and have such great weather is certainly a bonus.

There have been details provided by FOKPS (Friends of Kingsville PS subcommittee of School Council) via the school newsletter and Compass posts over the last week and a further Compass post earlier today which is repeated in this newsletter.

It is important to note again that -

- this is a sold out event and a pre-purchased ticket only event
- there are no sale of tickets at the gate
- entry to the site is via one gate only being the **Bishop St entrance**

Thank you to the Friends of Kingsville PS team and to parents Zoanne Morrissy and Jodie Buckley, for their considerable and highly effective event management work. Also to all other volunteers in advance of a night to remember.



Happy Birthday

6th – 12th March

Happy Birthday to: Eddie Costello, Tom Rae, Preetam Balu, Justin Curmi, Sonny Shrivell, Sidney Porth, Harriet Nairn, Sajid Bushra, Marley Couper, Alice O'Brien, Violet Mautner, Ivy Johnstone, Louie Lewicki, Meili Frew, Kenzie Wicken, Eleanor Edgley and Jack Owens.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 19 March 2021



National Ride2School Day is Friday March 19th. 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. 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.

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

Over the many years that Kingsville has celebrated Ride2School day, the support of our parent community has been fantastic! Unfortunately, due to the current DET and DHHS Covid restrictions, we are unable to have parents supporting us onsite this year. However, parents can still be involved by wheeling their way to and from school with their children on the day.

Directions on the morning of March 19th

For Ride2School day students will use the gates they are currently arriving through to enter and exit the school. However, to help ease the bike and scooter traffic entering the school, the gates will be open slightly earlier at 8.40am.

Students will store their bikes, scooters or other “wheels” close to these gates – KPS staff will help students do this safely.

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

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Sam Eason or Kathleen Gannon (Yr 6 Teachers) with any questions.

Sam Eason and Kathleen Gannon (Year 6 Teachers)

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Hot March Night - SOLD OUT event - 12 March 2021, Gates Open 6:00pm

Thanks for all of you who have purchased tickets to this sold out event. On the night, entry will be **via Bishop St entrance**, in which you will need to sign in via QR code. Only ticketed holders can access the event - given COVID requirements for outdoor events, we cannot accept walk ups.

Hampers can be collected at the Kitchen - we have a list of your purchases and will be marking off.

Please bring for you and your comfort:

- Mobile phone - to scan QR code
- Picnic Rugs, chairs
- Re-usable cup for wine sales (beer, water and soft drink will be in containers)
- There is strictly NO BYO Alcohol as this will invalidate our liquor license
- You can bring you own food
- There will be pizza by the slice and lolly stall as well as soft drink, water
- Payment on night by card, but we will accept cash (lolly stall and pizza)

On the night, there will be marked positions for you to set up your rugs and chair, to maintain social distancing required and ask that all attendees are aware and adhere to current social distancing guidelines.

We are looking for a cracker of a night and feel fortunate that we can run it this year.

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