



Newsletter

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2022 Dates to Remember

Term 1

March

Fri 25th Ride to School Day
Mon 28th School Council meeting
28th Mar- 7th April Foundation – Year 4 Water Safety Program

April

Fri 8th Easter Hat Parade – Easter raffle drawn
Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term 2

April

Tues 26th First day Term 2

May

Tues 17th School Photo Day

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 *Friday 28 January (teachers return) to Friday 8 April
Term 2 Tuesday 26 April to Friday 24 June
Term 3 Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4 Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December



Principal's Message

An article in the 'Herald Sun' newspaper on Wednesday this week provided information relating to the public release of NAPLAN data.

It noted that the Department of Education & Training data showed there were 93 **high progressing** primary schools in the state with respect to that data. The journalist singled out Kingsville PS as a **standout school** within this cohort of **high progressing** schools. This distinction was made in reference to progress in Reading, Writing and Numeracy NAPLAN results between 2019 – 2021.

Of course, this information being provided publicly should be seen as a proud moment in time for our school that is, leadership, students, staff, parents / carers, extended families and school community current and past. As a result of this public information we have had congratulations come in from current and past families - even one from a parent who had students here in the 1970's. We have also had formal acknowledgement from the Department of Education.

It is important for me as Principal to state however that –

- I did not speak to or provide any information to the reporter and, did not make the statement to the Herald Sun that is referenced
- that particular information is part of my message on the school website and of course is public information
- the words however are very important being **“teaching and learning is our core business, and we aim to build a community of active, engaged and compassionate long life learners, equipped to meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world”** – this remains an ongoing school goal

With regard to the NAPLAN results if I had been asked to comment I would have noted -

- the story of 2019 – 2021 with respect to overall teaching & learning
- the admirable and relentless efforts and response of staff, teachers and so importantly Kingsville families to the challenges over the 2020 – 2021 periods of extended home learning
- the support and contributions that parents / carers and families made during this time, which was extraordinary and, continues now as we address the current challenges in the journey back to pre-Covid life for our school
- that all of the above contributed to the excellent results

With regard to NAPLAN results overall an important aspect of consideration for any school is the story of improvement over time. All schools strive for increased levels of **High Relative Growth – learning gain**. In primary schools the growth from year 3 – 5 is determined by comparing student's current year result relative to the results of all * similar Victorian students. In the period of 2019 – 2021 - please note (NAPLAN tests were not carried out in 2020), **learning gain** however for Year 3 (2019) to Year 5 (2021) saw sound percentages of **high relative gain** across all areas being, Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. These **high relative gain** percentages were well above those of *similar schools.

An outstanding cohort in 2021 NAPLAN results were the Year 5 students in the area of Numeracy with, 87.4% of the students assessed to be in the top three bands. This was well above our four year average in this area being 78.5% and, the State average of 60.0%. Congratulations to those students who are currently in their final year of primary school.

So well done to our amazing students overall and, to Kingsville staff, “parent teachers”, and all other family support members who contributed to our students wellbeing, success and achievement not just in NAPLAN but across all areas of engagement in school life.

NB. * Similar Schools

Similar schools are defined as – **a group of Victorian Government schools with similar characteristics. This grouping of schools has been created by comparing each school's socio – economic background of students, the number of non-English speaking students and the school's size and location.**

Moving ahead

This 2022 school year at KPS could be well termed the “**year of review**”. We will during term 2,3 and 4 undertake and participate in the Department of Education & Training School Review as part of the school improvement 4 year cycle. We will also engage in a required evaluation process as an accredited school of the International Baccalaureate Organization authorized to offer the Primary Years Programme of the IB. In addition, we will be involved in a number of other audits and compliance activities including but not limited to a major OHS audit postponed from 2021. So, a very busy time ahead.

School Review

All Victorian Government schools participate in a review undertaken every four years. The Department Framework for Improving Students Outcomes (FISO), is the improvement model utilised to identify the priority areas that are known to improve student outcomes. Moving through this improvement cycle assists schools to apply an evaluative mindset to school improvement and, use evidence to identify areas of strength, as well as areas of practice that need improvement. During term 2 we will move through the first stage of the cycle – evaluate which is the Pre- Review Self Evaluation (PRSE) stage of the review process. During this stage we will spend time identifying progress made towards the 4 year goals of our current Strategic Plan.

A very important component of this process sees school community, student and staff input. There will be focus groups and surveys carried out and more information regarding this will be provided to parents / carers in the near future.

Easter Hamper Raffle 2022

Please see Compass posts of Thursday March 17th and Friday March 18th which update raffle information.

Thank you to the response for donations. Today we have a few more in but we need many more to come up with minimum 10 hamper prizes.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 25th March

1/2A	Maha Musadiq	3/4L	Mae Serpell
1/2C	George Stewart	3/4J	Isaac Le / Audrey Stewart
1/2G	Eden Coleman		
1/2D	Eliza Drew		
1/2J	Lachy Brown		
3/4H	Clara Green		



Happy Birthday

12th – 18th March

Happy birthday to: Grace Tagg, Mali Romero, Leo Ellis, Kai Charleson-Tan, Poppy Bell, Hazel Jensen, Freya Grieve, Matilda Edwards, Marsal Salim and Rosie O'Brien.

National Ride2School Day

Friday 25 March 2022

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school on Friday 25 March 2022.



Did you know ?

Over the past 40 years the number of children who are physically active everyday has significantly dropped. In the 1970's eight out of ten students rode or walked to school. Today this has dropped significantly to just two out of ten.

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 Friday March 25th.

All the gates will be open slightly earlier at 8:40am to ease congestion. Please be aware and walk round to another gate if there is any congestion. 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.

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 or Sophie Hoffman. (Ride to School Coordinators)

frances.giorgi@education.vic.gov.au
sophie.hoffman@education.vic.gov.au

Sports News

Cross Country

Due to a number of children being unable to participate in the school Cross Country event held recently, we have scheduled another opportunity for those children to participate in this event.

This is a one off opportunity for this year and is only for children who were unable to participate on the original date.

This second opportunity will be on **Friday 25th March** at 10am.

If children want to participate in this, I will need an email from parents/guardians with the following information:

Title of email: Cross Country Second Opportunity

- Name of Child
- Child's Class
- Reason for them wanting to participate
- A line stating that you understand that they will be entering Cruikshank Park on Friday 25th March from 10 – 11 am to participate in a school event.

*This email will need to be received by the end of **Monday 21st March**.*

Division Swimming Team

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Division Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. The Westgate Swimming Team represented their schools with integrity and lots of support for each other. Children who were successful on the day were notified via a letter received on the day, and when the official team is announced, there will be more information for those children. A big thank you to Susan and Christopher for their support of the team as well. The regional event will be held in Geelong on Tuesday 5th April.

Lorey Bentley
Sport and PE Coordinator
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 **ROCKETEERS**
MISSION V IS
OPEN FOR
BOOKINGS!



These holidays we have exciting experiences and adventures that are not to be missed. Including the Handball Championships! Book now to get on the court and show us what you're made of!

[Book now](#)

Hello all Kingsville families and friends,

We have been enjoying a great time here at the service. Welcoming back some old faces, as parents return to offices for work and new faces of our excited prep children. We have engaged with the children on many levels, offering all sorts of wonderful inside and outside activities.

With the Autumn school holidays fast approaching we take this time to remind you of the program on offer "Rocketeers" is a great way to entertain the children in a familiar place with friends and great activities. So remember to go online and book.

Also the long weekend with Tuesday being a "student free day" we are also having the service open for a full day program, don't forget to book.

Enjoy the coming weeks here at Camp Australia, we look forward to seeing many happy, smiling faces.

Regards,

Camp Australia - Kingsville Team

It's free to register

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



Activities coming up

- Big Art Week
- Art with paint
- Hammer bead craft



What's on the menu

- Fresh fruit & veggies platter
- Rice crackers
- Baked beans & mountain bread

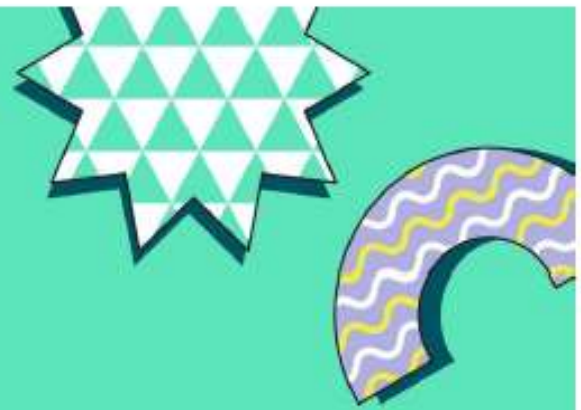


Visit our blog

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

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Activities offered past few weeks:

Some of our great activities these past weeks were enjoyed by many children across the service. "Velvet" butterfly art that showcased some amazing colouring skills. We also offered a rainbow art where children coloured and glittered up a rainbow with a pot of gold glitter. Children also decorated die-cut wooden people with coloured markers and puffy glitter glue. Children were so proud of the outcome of completed artwork.

Sticker number art was also a hit with the children. It took patience and concentration to complete a great design of an owl or butterfly. Children extended their imagination by creating artwork using completed scratch art designs and hand drawing a scenery around it. Exceptional representation of expressing their ideas using artwork. Other activities that were offered was painting using handprints, roller painting and washable crayons art. Each day we continue a theme and offer a wide variety of crafts designed to fuel the imagination and prompt sharing, collaborative work and develop fine motor skills.

With our outdoor activities we offer a wide variety to engage children, encourage team-ship and develop gross motor skills. Skipping, hoola- hoops, cricket, volleyball, ball games like 4 square. We also have passive play zones where children can chill out in shaded areas and do duplo, trainset, drawing and puzzles. The play equipment & sandpit are always popular and children have imaginative play and get exercise.

As a part of our environmental caring ideals, we have introduced a "Sustainability Diary" where we record initiatives and ideas around having a sustainable service/environment inside and outside.





KPS Easter Raffle

\$1 per ticket

Name and Class: _____

Contact No: _____

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