



Newsletter

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2020 Dates to Remember

2020 Term 1

March

Tue 17 th	Numeracy and Literacy Information Sessions 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wed 18 th	Numeracy and Literacy Information Sessions 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Fri 20 th	Assembly Item – 3/4N
16 th - 26 th	Swimming Program F – Grade 2
Thur 26 th	Easter Raffle – FOKPS event
Fri 27 th	Casual Clothes Day (FOKPS event - gold coin donation) Easter Hat Parade Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

April

Sat 4 th	Bunnings BBQ (FOKPS event)
Mon 13 th	Public Holiday – Easter Monday
Tue 14 th	First day Term 2

Camp

Grade 3/4	7 th Sept - 11 th Sept
Grade 5	To be advised
Grade 6	20 th Jul - 24 th Jul

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 – 28 th January - 27 th March
Term 2 – 14 th April - 26 th June
Term 3 – 13 th July - 18 th September
Term 4 – 5 th October - 18 th December

School Flyers

Wash Your Hands Regularly

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

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update Information

Current situation for KPS and Victorian Government Schools

On a day by day basis we are currently presented with or some may say 'bombarded' with information and updates regarding the virus and the world wide situation relating to it. It is of course vital to stay up to date and ensure we have **the facts** as changes across a myriad of aligned areas can be very sudden.

Focusing on the immediate school environment and setting and working to ensure that **our** students **your** children along with **KPS staff** and any **visitors** to the school, are safe and well informed is paramount. There are as you would be aware many stories, rumours, predictions etc. 'out there' and keeping our community informed, working to reduce alarmism, any anxiety of students and, dealing with the facts is a current priority.

Here at **our** school we are working to -

- provide current, accurate and relevant information to parents/guardians and staff in a timely and prudent manner
- deal with the facts and ensure all compliances for Victorian Government schools relating to the current challenges and circumstances are addressed and complied with
- dispel myths and carry out appropriate 'due diligence' and investigations relating to a range of areas that may impact on our current and/or future provision as an educational institution

This work currently includes but is not limited to –

- ongoing communication with our suppliers of all health and hygiene products that we require
- working to gain additional suppliers should there be issues with the current supply chain in the future
- communicating with all places, locations and settings that our students may be visiting or, engaging with in the immediate future e.g. for swimming, excursions, incursion providers, future camps and trips - *parents with the students in the Swimming Program next week, please see full details of our investigations in information sent by Acting Assistant Principal, Blagma Veljanoska*
- communicating with our local network of schools within our government system
- working with our current contracted cleaning company and using school funds above the 2019 government financial provision to engage additional cleaning services
- carrying ongoing risk assessments with regard to usual school practices and making adjustments as necessary

All parents/guardians can be assured that the school leadership is closely monitoring the evolving situation and, following the most up to date advice issued by the Department of Education and Training Victoria. Such information is in line with and, following ongoing instruction from Victoria's Chief Health Officer and, the Department of Health and Human Services.

Local decisions

Certain local decisions will of course need to be made as risk management procedures are undertaken in line with system guidance, directives and, local considerations. The Hot March Night unfortunately was cancelled due to the numbers expected and the prediction of inclement weather. A major consideration here was the only shelter in wet weather for large numbers is the school hall. This event was a school council approved fundraiser and after due consideration Council led by President Glen Yates, made the decision to cancel the event earlier today. We are however expecting the event or, an alternative will be able to be organised at a later date. My thanks to Glen for his time and decisive leadership in this area as well as, all school council members for their co-operation.

Business as usual

At this stage no other events, engagements or meetings are cancelled. The school program continues as usual and the information nights next week school council and sub-committee meetings which are scheduled will all go ahead.

School closures

Stories of school closures are everywhere and of course there are many different actions taking place around the world and in various school systems. Here in the government school system in Victoria the facts (13/03/2020) are -

- school closures are not something that are currently expected to happen across the system collectively
- school principals do not have the power to close a school - such action can only take place following a recommendation by Victoria's Chief Health Officer
- if a staff member or student, at a school identifies with one of two pre-requisites being
(1) the person is a **confirmed** case of COVID-19 or;
(2) the person is a close contact of a **confirmed** case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
NB the definition of close contact is provided by schools as defined by DHHS
- if this occurs in a school then there is a due process required which involves immediate contact with DHHS and the DET Incident Support Operations Centre
- this process may see a recommendation and or, a directive made by the Victorian Chief Health Officer to close a school which in the first instance at this stage would be for a period of 24 hours
- such a closure would support school and health officials to work through any necessary contact and containment strategy including decisions about any extension of the closure period

It is very important for parent/guardians to understand that when and if this occurs at KPS DET then provides details of the required communication material, advice and instructions for staff, communities and parents.

As stated parents will be kept up to date via compass posts, newsletter articles with respect to any changes.

Easter Hat Parade

Please note: this is an outside event with plenty of space for students, staff and visitors to 'spread out'. However changes could occur of course over the next two weeks with respect to possible restrictions or even cancellation. I am very hopeful this event will be able to go ahead. If there are any changes you will be notified by compass and newsletter.

Please don't delay because of current circumstances in the construction of your family masterpieces. They can always be utilized as an Easter table centerpieces.

We are now at the point in this term where it is time to provide important 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, 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"***.

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' often with media coverage. I am always so thrilled in the ways parents and extended families embrace this event.

Parade Details

Date: Friday March 27th
Time: 11.40am – 1pm approximately
Location: in the Monday morning assembly area in front of the stage
Audience: parents, grandparents, family and friends

Dress Code for audience:

- audience members are encouraged to wear a hat or a head wear creation
- a parade of parents with hats will take place
- limited seating available on the steps of the deck and some school chairs will be put out, feel free however to BYO more comfortable chairs

How long does it take?

- a) each of the 27 classes parades, dances, hops or twirls around the rectangle (approx. 60 minutes)
- b) the parade of special effort, those hats that gained a special effort acknowledgement (approx. 5 minutes)
- c) parents' parade takes longer than it should, as KPS parents are not shy and have been known to require some time to **"get off the stage"**, but we thank them so much for joining in (approx. 8 minutes)

What if it rains? We would go ahead with the event via a reduced model in hall, corridors or classrooms

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.

In preparation for the big event - don't forget the cameras / devices to record the history to use at various 18th & 21st birthdays of the future. Also 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.

If all else fails outsource.

Occupational and Health and Safety warning – please no hats where items shoot out or, students feel the need to throw items to the audience. This can be very dangerous and should not be part of the proceedings.

More reminders during the remainder of the term and don't forget **we do** want a parents, guardians, grandparents, pre-schoolers, 'babes in arms' and other family members parade so, make sure you have those extra bonnets. The long weekend would be the ideal time to begin this creative family project.

Thank you KPS community

On behalf of all staff I would like to thank parents and families who contributed to the acknowledgement of Kingsville staff on International Women's Day 2020 with a morning tea held on Thursday 12th March.

This generous gesture was so well received by all staff and the 'women of Kingsville' (staff members that is), were humbled to be thought of recognised and celebrated in this way.

Taking action is something that we value and speak about often at Kingsville. Collectively we thank Kate Vernon and other parent helpers for their action and, in bringing the idea to the attention of the community and ensuring the organisation. The result of their work and the generous contributions of the community certainly touched everyone and, I know will remain in the minds of staff for a long time to come.

Kath Ginnane, Principal

Windows to the World Week

This week provided an opportunity for all Kingsville students and teachers to develop their 'international mindedness' whilst engaging in a range of experiences where we individually and collectively expressed appreciation of the diversity of cultures. Classes participated in various learning activities where they explored the heritage, traditions and celebrations of cultures that are represented in both our local Kingsville Primary community, as well as many other diverse cultures from our global community.

Participating in experiences to increase our cultural appreciation also naturally assists in developing 'international mindedness' amongst all members of our community. This is an aim of all IB schools as we strive to develop individuals who see how connected they are to the global community and "show an awareness of the inter-relatedness of all nations and peoples".

Christie Miller, Year 3/4 Teacher

On Thursday the 12th of March, we celebrated our Windows to the World Incurion Day. This day was about showing our love and appreciation for all of the cultures in our world. We didn't just have students dressing in their normal uniform, we had students showing who they really are. Students were wearing traditional clothing from all around the world.

We began the morning with the 'acknowledgement to country' and then welcomed everyone in English, by explaining the purpose of the day. This was followed by some students reading this welcome in their family background language and in Italian. The languages were Spanish, Persian, Gujarati Vietnamese, Filipino and Amharic. It felt very formal and it gave us more respect for all countries and especially to the

students who had the courage and confidence to stand up in front of the whole school and read in a language other than English.

Next up was the parade, which was great fun and cool because we were able to see everyone and how they were dressed. It was also really enjoyable to watch some of the teachers dancing along to the music. We won't name them, as to not embarrass them 😊

We then had 4 different sessions during the day. The first one was Indigenous Infusion by Western Creation, where we were introduced to First Nations cultures and identities, we listened to the Didgeridoo and we even learnt some dance moves. Jungle Shimmy was an energetic incursion, where we learnt the names of many instruments such as the zill, a Turkish finger cymbal used in belly dancing. We also did some Belly Dancing, Bollywood, Bhangra, Turkish, Egyptian, Gulf and Lebanese folk styles of dancing.

West African Dance and Music was very exciting and entertaining, as we were given drums and played some traditional and contemporary styles of West Africa with accompanied music from Senegal, Ghana and Guinea. We learnt the cultural significance behind the songs and then we danced to a drum beat made by all the children. It gave us an adrenalin rush and was so much fun!

Chinese Martial Arts was really interesting as we learnt about the history and different styles of Kung-Fu and Tai –Chi. We were then able to learn and try some of the moves with the sounds.

The day concluded with an Italian Commedia dell Arte performance, titled 'The World's Greatest Pie', where we focused on the traditional masks and characters of this historical Italian theatre form. This was a real highlight of the day and we really enjoyed watching this humorous performance.

By Piers McColl (6SE), Nellie Dummett (5DS), William Blair (6RT) and Nirja Thacker (6SE)



Sports News

Swimming

On 28th February 30 of our students represented the school superbly at the District Swimming event. All students competed with great sportsmanship and we were just pipped at the post, with very close results.

From this, we now have 17 children competing as part of the Westgate District at Oak Park next week for the Divisional championships.

A very big thank you to all the parents, staff, and especially Mark Deunk from the Yarraville Swim Centre for all of their help with these events.

Cross Country

On a lovely Tuesday morning almost 370 children competed in the school cross country event. They showed a lot of resilience and determination and we even received emails from parents about the children's sportsmanship towards one another.

Again, events like this cannot run without the school community helping, so a big thank you to the parents and staff for all of their help.

The top four children from each combined group will be competing in the District Cross Country on Friday 15th May. There will be an opportunity for some practise for this event next term, for the children competing.

Lorey Bentley, PE and Sport Coordinator



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 20th March

1GM	Poppy Amemiya	5AA	Liam Craig
1SH	Eve De La Rue	5AO	Rio Burrows
2JD	Beatrix MacGregor	5DS	Harley Djuric
2SP	Cassandra Pruis / Summer Windle	6SE	Gilbert Strachan
3/4JL	Anthony Hine	6KF	Kiera-Mai Clarke
3/4K	Tommy Zarakis	6RT	Samrawit Mersha / Seniani Chung
3/4N	Oliver Enraght-Moony	6GJ	Bronte Abernethy



Happy Birthday

12th March – 18th March

Happy Birthday to Jonathan Kang, Delilah Swanson, Ahmed Sunny, Madison Bailey-Stegic, Grace Tagg, Mali Romero, Kai Charleston-Tan, Asher Gilchrist, Ella Landsmann, Matilda Stringfellow, Abby Drooglever, Matilda Edwards, Bliss Nical, Levi Matara-Ng, Jed Fraser, Rosie O'Brien, Ellie Robson

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!

Student Community Achievement Section

When there is space in the newsletter we are happy to share information regarding the achievement of our students in a range of activities separate from their school life. Permission from parents of course is necessary along with the article being pre written for the newsletter.

Well done to these KPS students

During the long weekend Jasper and Leroy Waghorne and Joseph Thompson-Madden all represented Altona Lifesaving club in Warrnambool for the Surf Lifesaving State Championships. Joseph and Jasper were in under 12's and Leroy was in under 10's.

Some significant achievements were:

Jasper came 6th in the state for the Beach Sprint and 10th in the state for Flags. With his team he came 7th in the state for the Sprint Relay. The team also made it into the semi-finals in the Belt and Reel event and into the finals for the Board Relay.

Joseph came 28th out of 40 in the Surf Swim. In the Sprint Relay he made it to the semi-finals and with his team he came 2nd in his heat for the Belt and Reel. Unfortunately however they were disqualified due to a team member not putting the neck brace on the brake. Joseph was also placed 10th in the Surf Team event.

Leroy came 10th in his heat for the Board Race, 19th in the state for Flags and, with his team also came 3rd in their heat for Aqua Cam relay.

Well done boys great achievements.

Samantha Meddis on behalf of the students and their families

Samantha was an onsite reporter for KPS as she was there with her daughter Isabella who was competing in the under 9's.

Thank you Samantha for this information



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

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.

4



5

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



Stay germ free and healthy

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