



Newsletter

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2020 Dates to Remember

2020 Term Dates

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

School Flyers

Camp Australia



Principal's Message

Week 1 Term 2, 2020 has certainly been like no other first week of a school term. A school without all students, teachers, families and community members is put simply a **sad one**.

Having said that, I am so proud of every member of the school family. Our 638 children, 46 staff and all our Kingsville family members both immediate and extended. Across our state of course we know 1 million plus students have 'returned to school' for Term 2 without leaving their homes. I applaud all KPS parents, guardians and carers and acknowledge the very high number of you who have taken on board **flexible and remote learning program** from home. In doing so you have been able to comply with the Victorian Government and, DET expectation that the majority of students will learn from home during Term 2. For those small number of families who cannot work from home and, have no other possibilities for the supervision of their children the school has remained open in a limited capacity to provide for and support your child/children.

As I noted in my last Compass post the number of students requesting to attend school at Kingsville and subsequently deemed eligible, is higher than in most of our local network schools. Still, I thought 20-25 out of our 638 students needing to be at school was admirable (and it is) however, I was amazed when I heard of a school not far away having only 10 of their 1040 on site. This is a P-10 school and as you can imagine many of the secondary students would be able independently work from home.

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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The challenges for families of course are significant and will vary due to circumstances but, to all of you who are -

- striving to work from home and as possible to engage with your child/children and their learning
- undertaking study at home whilst again, trying to engage with the learning activities
- undertaking all of the usual necessary at home **other** activities/child care etc. for any preschool aged children
- 'attempting' to carry out your own at home work (paid employment online)
- generally wading through the so many other corona-inspired stresses

You are most definitely on the front line and whatever circumstances or category you are in please give yourself a huge '**Kingsville pat on the back**' and, remember we are all at the starting line together and doing the best we can.

Please also remember –

- the school day is not something that can be or, should be replicated in the home and parents should in no way feel compelled to try to do this
- parents do not need to become teachers (although there is a shortage in Victoria and, after this some of you may consider it for a future career or, a career change or, **maybe not**
- having said that you of course have been a teacher throughout the life of your child/children and will continue to be so as they grow and develop and, you will always know them better than any other teacher in a school setting
- the overall goal with regard to the work being outlined for the children at home is that - as far as possible it should be seen as being able to be self-managed by the students to some degree even in the P-2 level
- we acknowledge of course support will be needed particularly for younger students but, it is not expected that parents need to be attending to this all of the time
- there will be challenges, issues, problems, good and bad days but, the experts tell us that adversity builds character - at least, when it is experienced in a secure and loving family unit
- **resilience**, something often spoken about at Kingsville encapsulates the notion that we all need to learn that we can fall over and get up again – Jacqueline Maley pointed out in her article '**Childhood Lost in Lockdown**' (Sunday Age April 12th) very appropriately that at this time the falling over and getting up is on a large scale

Moving Forward

As we move ahead now towards the engagement of teachers and students via Webex (see Compass post this afternoon) the priority will be learning together and gaining confidence with the use of this tool as well as, engaging with the suggested daily timetable and activities provided by teachers.

My thanks to every member of KPS staff who have been working literally around the clock planning, communicating, researching, training and, collaborating to ensure DET expectations and a wide range of legislation including health and safety, child safety and, privacy are being adhered to. We have also been working to timetable volunteer teachers to provide for the students on site. Every day for the 25 students 5 staff have been required and, as you can imagine those Kingsville teachers are carrying out this role and, attempting to plan and develop with their teams as well.

To Jeff McDonald and Blagma Veljanoska, your work during the term break and right through the Easter Period assisted in so many ways and I know students and community are benefiting greatly from your expertise, communication and dedication. Also, to Scott Partenio our part time IT technician a huge week – many thanks.

A Wall of – *HOPE, JOY, FAMILY, SUPPORT, CO-OPERATION, COLLABORATION, RESILIENCE & BEAUTY, ADVERSITY, STRENGTH*

As parents would be aware there is a large display board which stretches down one wall of the corridor leading from the main office of the school. At times over the last few years I have with the support of the school community, created a ***where in the world are you reading?*** wall. This saw photos of our students at the time reading in hundreds of different locations.

Now, in our current 'lockdown situation' I would like to use this wall again for a visual display but with a very different focus. I am asking families to send in photos and other images - see below for ideas. Please attach these to an email them to Elizabeth.Petrovski@education.vic.gov.au or Sonia.Falcone@education.vic.gov.au Please also include a short comment of what is happening or what the image is about or involves '***e.g. very intelligent Labrador helping with the remote learning***'

These could be photos of -

- learning activities i.e. the remote flexible learning program of other
- anything being undertaken or enjoyed as individuals, siblings or a family group that demonstrate the key words above
- photos or images 'of the world' so to speak demonstrating the above
- photos of drawings, painting, constructions, cooking, planting, acting, singing, being still and doing nothing
- photos of pets being in the midst of it all
- a story, an idea, feedback, cartoons, lyrics

These will be printed off and formed into a collage of visual impressions provided by our students and their families. We can certainly add more words to the banner as this project grows and develops.

It will hopefully be up there for all to see and engage with when joy and laughter fill the buildings and grounds again when all our treasured students return to school.

I would very much like every family to contribute as possible and of course this includes those families whose children are approved to attend school onsite as well. Maintaining community links and the strength of our community whilst we are apart is vital and together we need to do anything possible to ensure this.

Any questions about this please let me now.

A little installation outside my office featuring the Corona Crown Creation by Piers McColl that you all saw in the newsletter of March 20th.



Happy Birthday

26th March – 15th April

Happy Birthday to Oliver Bailey-Stegic, Tahmid Hasan, Jack Reinoga, Liam Craig, Ashton Tran, Seth Loftis, Ruby Thompson, Luke Sutton, Ava Artavilla, Fin Adams, Banjo Waghorne, Maisie Giansiracusa, Olivia Diener, Jeronimo Gaitan-Urquijo, Charlie Davis, Amelia Attard, James Campbell, Levi Giacomini, Poppy Windle, Bonnie Watson, Nathan Brown, Tom Blair, Aidan Tran, Nanehi Ahmed, Anisa Monemi, Audrey Stewart, Julian Lau, Isla Stemberidge, Emily Nguyen, Marley Johnstone, Hendrix Langtree, Maddison Budlender



We're here for you, as you're here for us.

Welcome back to everyone after a well-deserved term break. Whether you're learning from home, or here at school, we look forward to a new and improved Term 2. We thank you for all your continued support and patience through these challenging times.

We understand Outside School Hours Care is vital for many parents that are not able to work from home, so that you can continue to provide essential work for the nation. Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs that have an increased focus on hygiene and social distancing. We offer a safe environment at your school for children to get active, try new things, connect with friends and relax.

As per the recent State Government advice, from the start of Term 2 all students who can learn from home must learn at home. This means our service is open to all children of parents who cannot work from home, vulnerable children, or children that are not able to be supervised at home on certain days and no other arrangements can be made. For these families, childcare will be provided free of charge until 30th June as per the Federal Government's announcement on the 2nd April.

Whilst care is free, we still need to know if you are coming. We ask that you get your bookings in as soon as you can, so that we can staff and resource the service appropriately, to best care for your children.



It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit our blog for helpful information and fun activities.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. This month we are focusing on all things COVID-19. We talk about how to adjust to the changes you've made in your household, including fun activity ideas to entertain your child at home.

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