



Newsletter

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2021 Dates to Remember



Term 2

May

23-29th

27th May – June 3rd

31st May – 3rd June

Education Week

National reconciliation Week

Remote learning

June

Fri 4th

Wed 9th

Mon 14th

Tues 15th

Mon 21st

Fri 25th

No Assembly

Cyber Safety Information sessions

Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday

Student Free Day (no students at school)

School Council meeting

Last day term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

2021 Term Dates

Term 1 *Wednesday 27 January 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

Looking back

In the school newsletter of May 28th 2020 we were congratulating and welcoming back Foundation – Year 2 students who had returned to school earlier in the week on May 25th.

This as was noted was a cold foggy morning which I remember very well. I noted in my newsletter message back then that, right on cue out of the mist there gradually appeared the bright colours of the KPS uniform. Balloons on the gates marked the entrance points and slowly but surely KPS family members along with, a large number of Kingsville canines being - very important members of our community came into view. This was truly a scene and experience I will not forget.

There were also congratulations included at that time to KPS parents/carers/ staff, whose combined work and effort led to the successful return to school.

Looking ahead

Now as we enter lockdown No 4 and again we do not have students on site, I wish to re iterate messages from Compass posts sent out yesterday and today.

Thank you to all 415 Kingsville families who care and provide for our 587 students. Taking on the information provided yesterday afternoon and being able to process and, act so quickly in response is acknowledged as significant to say the least.

On behalf of all staff I sincerely thank you for this. As we now move to work together through the next expected 4 days of remote learning (for the majority of students), we know that your co-operation and, our combined prior experience will ensure a successful outcome.

I would also like to thank all KPS students and our wonderful staff both teaching and support staff. Regardless of the length of this current lockdown together i.e. parents/ carers, staff and students we will engage, support and work through the process.

Digital Parenting and Cyber Safety Presentation

Please see below the newsletter item that was completed prior to the announcement of the current lockdown and remote learning period. This cyber safety provision was highly anticipated and seen as a priority.

The current uncertainties with regard to possibilities after June 3rd (expected end of current lockdown), mean however that some adjustments have been necessary.

Martine Oglethorp is a highly sort presenter and it is absolutely vital that the opportunity of participation in the digital and parenting cyber presentation is attended by a very high percentage of KPS parents. Organising an information day and parent session in the area of cyber safety is both a key component of school provision and is in response to a significant number of parent requests. To engage a presenter of Martine's calibre is a significant financial undertaking however this has been provided to students, staff and parent / carers at no cost.

Changes to original plan for parent session –

NB this was previously planned to take place in the school hall

- **this will now be held on line**
- **due to the current decreased number capacity for our hall and the lack of knowledge regarding length of lockdown it is not viable to have a 'face to face' on site evening event**
- **with regard to the student and teacher sessions on June 9th - it is hoped they will be go ahead on site which, is the preference –if required they will move to online provision**

It is seen as very important to deliver these sessions on June 9th as there are a very few dates that would be possible later in the year.

Parent action required now

In preparing for June 9th parents should take action now by emailing Betty Petrovski Elizabeth.petrovski@education.vic.gov.au to inform us of their intent to participate in the online parent cyber safety presentation at 6.30pm June 9th (a link will be provided)

Not only will this be valuable information for all families but also, parent engagement will allow for pertinent conversations and connections with children. Children knowing that parents are also part of this program will only increase knowledge and in turn effective strategies, actions and collective risk management.

Some of the topics will include

- **apps children are using and are they safe?**
- **“online drama” and cyber bullying , social media & self-esteem,**
- **accessing inappropriate content**
- **managing video gaming and preserving a positive digital footprint**
- **how parents can play a role in raising their children in the digital world**

So do not miss out – take action now, send your response booking email.

Context

Digital Parenting and Cyber Safety Presentation

In 2017, Kingsville Primary School gained accreditation as an eSmart school. The eSmart program for schools is an initiative of the “Alannah and Madeline Foundation” which seeks to guide and support schools to embed practices in working to create cultures of cyber safety and responsible digital citizenship.

To meet this agenda and to stay relevant in this ever evolving space that is ‘digital’, Kingsville has once again scheduled cyber safety expert Martine Oglethorp, from the Modern Parent Organisation <https://themodernparent.net/> . Martine will visit the school to conduct information sessions for senior students, staff and parents on June 9th.

Martine Oglethorpe is a digital wellbeing and online safety educator, speaker and writer. With over a decade of experience in the digital parenting space, Martine is passionate about the role technology plays in the lives of families, in our schools and, in our workplaces.

Martine is also a Trusted eSafety Provider with the Office of the eSafety Commission and has delivered her presentations, workshops and webinars throughout Australia and internationally. We have again in 2021 taken advice from her, as the expert, as to the most relevant groups to benefit from her presentations.

On June 9th students in the 5-6 area will be involved in a session with Martine. Martine will work with the students regarding keeping safe online as well as how they can make the best choices to ensure they are minimising risk, whilst taking advantage of the many benefits of the online world. Aside from cyber safety and issues of privacy, students will also be taught crucial digital literacy and engage in activities to build resilience to assist them now and into the future. They will examine actual online conversation examples, interrogate where things have gone wrong and, be guided to develop language to come up with effective responses, actions and words aimed at gaining positive outcomes.

Along with the student sessions, Martine will working with the staff to provide them with updated understanding and concepts around cyber safety. In addition she will also host a parent information session in the evening. This session will cater for parents with children in all levels of primary school and beyond.

Kingsville eSmart Team (Gareth Dainton, Larree Springall and Juri Ilves)





Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 4th June

FLB	Beau Hickey	34C	Atlas Hawkins
FJH	Aaliyah Fraser	34H	Alice Kindred
FLI	Leo Ellis	34L	Nathan Brown
FFW	Celia Cadd	34M	Erica Heap
1CW	Olivia Baltruschat	34S	Eloise Richardson
1DG	Fergus McIlroy	34P	Georgina Goodridge - Kelly
1GD	Emma Nesbit	5AA	Ruby Thompson
1RT	Edie Wilson	5TD	Sophia Tang
2AO	Larnie Yeo	5AT	Ollie Enraght - Moony
2EE	Henry McDonald	56S	Nellie Dummett
2JD	Scarlett Plieger	6JI	Scarlett Cornish
2MC	Clara Green	6KG	Huxley Heap
34A	Riley Nolan	6SE	



Happy Birthday

22nd – 28th May

Happy Birthday to: Madison Duong, Jarvis Warn, Timoci Chung, Heeva Thacker, Benjamin Taylor, Luna Garcia Reina, Felix Crouch Caralt and Henry Hoy.

Professional Practice Days

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, (currently still the valid agreement) all teachers are entitled to one Professional Practice Day per term. At Kingsville, these days are generally spread out throughout the term. However this term all teaching staff will take their Professional Practice Days within the next three weeks.

If your child's teacher has scheduled their day from 31st May to 3rd June they will provide you with notice via a Compass post. There will also be a notation in the Webex schedule for next week. Staff will inform their students of any future dates i.e. after June 3rd for PPD days moving forward.

With regard to these days the teachers

- are released from teaching duties including Webex sessions (if day is taken during current remote learning period) and work off line
- provide an outline of self-directed tasks for students to complete throughout that day

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Acting Assistant Principal

National Reconciliation Week - More than a Word.

Reconciliation takes action 27th May – 3rd June 2021

Please read in conjunction with Compass post Wednesday 26th May.

What is National Reconciliation Week?

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. It is seen as a time for all Australians to learn more about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and, to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving greater levels of reconciliation in Australia.

NRW week is held annually from 27 May to 3 June and is preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

NRW is bookended by two key events in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation:

27 May 1967 – the referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the census.

3 June 1992 – the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

As we commemorate these significant milestones, Kingsville Primary School recognises the importance of celebrating achievements in the journey towards reconciliation. The week reminds us that big changes take persistence and courage and many forms of action.

Talking about reconciliation

When discussing reconciliation with children, a good place to start is to talk about key terms such as friendship, harmony, difference, respect, acceptance and understanding, and how these elements already function in our everyday lives.

You might ask:

- What does reconciliation mean?
- Why would there be multiple definitions for 'reconciliation' that make sense?
- What ingredients make a good relationship?
- What makes you feel pride (both in oneself and those around you) and what happens when you feel disrespected?
- Why is it important to respect others?
- How can we learn from each other?
- What can we learn from history?
- Why is it important to learn from history?

It is important to consider that reconciliation means many different things to different people. At Kingsville, reconciliation sees us working to understand and learn about different values and how we exist in many different ways, and, the benefits of learning about this.

The links are provided for you, if you would like to take further action

- National Reconciliation Week website

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/about-nrw/>

- 20 Actions for Reconciliation in 2021

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/actions-for-reconciliation/>

Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal, PYP & Welfare Coordinator



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EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Bookings now open for Mission II

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers

Join Mission II and receive your free mission patch and booklet.

MISSION II



A message from your Coordinator

Greetings Kingsville Families,

We hope everyone has been keeping warm as the weather gets colder! This week children have enjoyed learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories as part of Reconciliation Week, crafting Rainbow Serpents and engaging with texts by Indigenous authors. We can't wait to continue our explorations next week and hope to see you all there!

Activities coming up

- Exploring modelling clay, plasticine, and playdough.
- Orbit tennis
- Sand sculptures

National Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June, 2021

Join in the activities during NRW and learn all about Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements.



What's on the menu

- Savoury oat pancakes
- Fresh fruit & vegetable platter
- Baked beans

It's free to register

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



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