



Newsletter

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2021 Dates to Remember



Term 2

June

Mon 14th

Tues 15th

Mon 21st

Fri 25th

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

There have been a number of welcome back from lockdown occasions for students over the last 15 months. These have all been joyous days and today June 11th, 2021 was no exception.

It is both an honour and a pleasure to be Principal of this historic government school every day of the year. Witnessing student reconnection with friends, teachers and staff today however made this a very special day indeed. Teachers and support staff across the school expressed how proud they were of their students and it was clear how pleased the children were to be back at school.

Please see below a reprint of the Compass post sent out yesterday – ***Covid Update Return to School***

My thanks to all KPS families as it was obvious at the gates this morning that parents / carers had taken this information on board and were in full support of the necessary actions.

We look forward to welcoming back all students Foundation- Year 6 tomorrow June 11th. This will certainly be a happy occasion and a day for teachers, staff and students to come together and reconnect before the long weekend which includes the pupil free day next Tuesday June 15th.

As outlined in the Compass post - June 9th tomorrow will be a **casual clothes day** (no gold coin donation requested). **Wear your lockdown clothes** – is the theme however, please see important reminders below:

Appropriate Dress

Students will need to dress appropriately for the current weather. Whilst the rain has ceased the school grounds are very soggy and in some places quite muddy. Therefore please ensure choice of footwear is able to withstand these conditions.

Also if the choice of casual clothes is light in terms of the warmth provided then, a coat/jacket may be necessary for recess and lunchtime outdoor activities.

Moving Forward

Next Wednesday June 16th all children will return again and we will then have 8 school days of face to face learning before term break. Thank you to all families, students and staff who have worked hard and engaged and supported each other during this latest period of remote learning.

Parent Access to School Site

Beginning tomorrow June 11th schools are required to limit access to visitors which includes parents/carers to the school site. Whilst some restrictions were in place in this area prior to the latest lockdown they have now been adjusted.

- ***from tomorrow June 11th until further notice parents are not permitted on school grounds***
- ***previously parent/carers could come on-site in the morning and afternoons at drop off and pick up times for a period up to 15 minutes without using the QR Code or signing in – this is no longer possible***
- ***parents cannot now (until further notice) come onto the school grounds for any reason or, any period of time the only exception is for Foundation parents/carers see information including requirements below***
- ***if a parent/carer needed to enter school buildings that can only be through the main office entry where use of the Victorian Government QR Code or manual sign in would be required***
- ***therefore, parents/carers etc. are required to say goodbye to their child/children prior to them entering the school site each morning***
- ***then in the afternoon parents/carers are required to wait outside the grounds for their child/children***
- ***students and families (see information below for Foundation students) should continue to use the entry and exit gates as was the arrangement before this lockdown period i.e. with gates opening at 8.45am for drop off and 3.25pm for pick up***
- ***importantly students and families should socially distance when waiting for the gates to open***

Foundation Families

Pick up and drop off for foundation families will look slightly different from the rest of the school.

Drop off:

Foundation students can be dropped off at any of the gates e.g. Cruickshank, BER Building (Bishop Street), Julian and Somerville. There will be a Kingsville staff member at each gate to assist families.

Pick up: Two Options

Option 1

Foundation students **who do not have older siblings** can only be picked up from the Julian Street crossing gate. Parents will be able to briefly come in to the asphalt area collect their child from the line and then, must leave promptly. Use of the QR Code displayed is mandatory.

Option 2

Foundation students who have older siblings at Kingsville can arrange pick up from any gate. If you have any questions or would like to let us know of arrangements please email Blagma on

Blagma.Veljanoska@education.vic.gov.au

Of course we hope to be able to move back to having parents/carers on-site again as soon as possible but for now, we need to **move back to compliance with these restrictions**.

Teachers will be reminding the students about this change tomorrow and it would be very helpful for families to talk about this at home so that it is clear for everyone.

We look forward to your co-operation with regarding to these requirements.

Please see attached information provided by DET regarding the new arrangements for schools in Victoria from and including Friday 11th of June.

The Victorian Government has announced new arrangements for schools in Victoria from and including Friday 11 June.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools in metropolitan Melbourne will return to face-to-face learning and teaching for all students from and including Friday 11 June 2021.

This means that students will return to on-site learning at school from Friday 11 June.

From 11.59pm Thursday 10 June, consistent with advice for the broader community, school staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older, must wear a face mask at school, unless an exception applies:

- * in all indoor spaces
- * in all outdoor spaces when 1.5m physical distance cannot be maintained
- * when travelling to and from school on public transport.

Visitors and parents must also observe this guidance.

Thank you for supporting your children and our school staff this past fortnight. We look forward to seeing our students back at school with their friends and teachers, with school opening at the standard time on Friday June 11th.

The wellbeing of all our students is our priority and our school staff and teachers are here to support you and your family. Information that might be of assistance to you in talking to your child about COVID-19 is available. If you are concerned about your wellbeing or that of your child, please contact the school so we can talk with you about how we can best assist. Other sources of support include: Parent Line 13 22 89 and Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.

A reminder that if you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should [get tested at a COVID-19 testing facility](#) and stay home.



Each family should regularly check the [list of public exposure sites in Victoria](#) (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

If you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, please check out the [website](#) for information and bookings. Like getting tested if you have symptoms, getting vaccinated goes a long way to keeping our communities safe and schools open.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or contact the school if you have any concerns.

Cyber safety parent/carers presentation

Wednesday night saw a number of families take up the opportunity provided by the school to engage with Martine Oglethorp, from the Modern Parent Organisation. Martine is a digital wellbeing and online safety educator, speaker and writer. With over 10 years 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 and this was very evident throughout her presentation.

Martine's talk revolved around commonly asked questions by parents/carers with regard to the connection young people have with technology and online safety and digital wellbeing for children of all ages.

A key message of the night was that we need to understand that 'tech' is extremely relevant to children. When dealing with student's wants and needs to engage with the many and varied expanding platforms they will encounter, it is helpful to take the 'technology' out and, focus on developing critical thinking that may lead to ethical and moral behaviours. Martine encourages moving away from a fear based approach, towards one which will help students to gain the skills, behaviours and thinking necessary to become not only safe, but happy and resilient users of digital technologies.

Our students of course have the tools and systems to be immersed in a much wider world than we were. This current world however requires developed skills and behaviours well beyond basic safety measures. Ongoing development of critical thinking, resilience, self-esteem and empathy along with the continual promotion and teaching of sound technology engagement habits, can only serve to carry our students safely throughout life both on line and off line.

Moving forward Martine will also be working with our staff and Year 5/6 students at some stage over the next couple of weeks. This undertaking will support our existing digital technology programs within the classroom and also the links from these which compliments the eSMART and Respectful Relationships initiatives within the school.

A recording of the presentation is available to families through this link <http://bit.ly/cybersafetykps>

Please note however that it will only be available for a week, in line with Martine's permission to share her intellectual property.

Gareth Dainton
Grade 1 level leader/eSMART Coordinator





Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 18th June

FJH	Lachy Brown	34H	Jensen Tame
FLB	Havaiana Cox	34S	Tahmid Ferdoush Hasan
FLI	Tenzin Chennga	34M	Celine To
FFW		34A	
1CW	Jack Doble	5AA	
1RT		5AT	
1DG	Maggie Cann	5TD	
2MC	Poppy Amemiya	56S	
2JD	Hugo Reanne	6JI	Eve Harris
2AO	Rory Finlay	6KG	
34L	Kanishk Reddy Mall Reddy	6SE	Siraj Ahmed Syed Ali
34C	Sophie McColl / Luka Jeka		



Happy Birthday

5th June – 11th June

Happy Birthday to: April Priestley, Sophie Keating, Summer Windle and Arthur Mckeown.

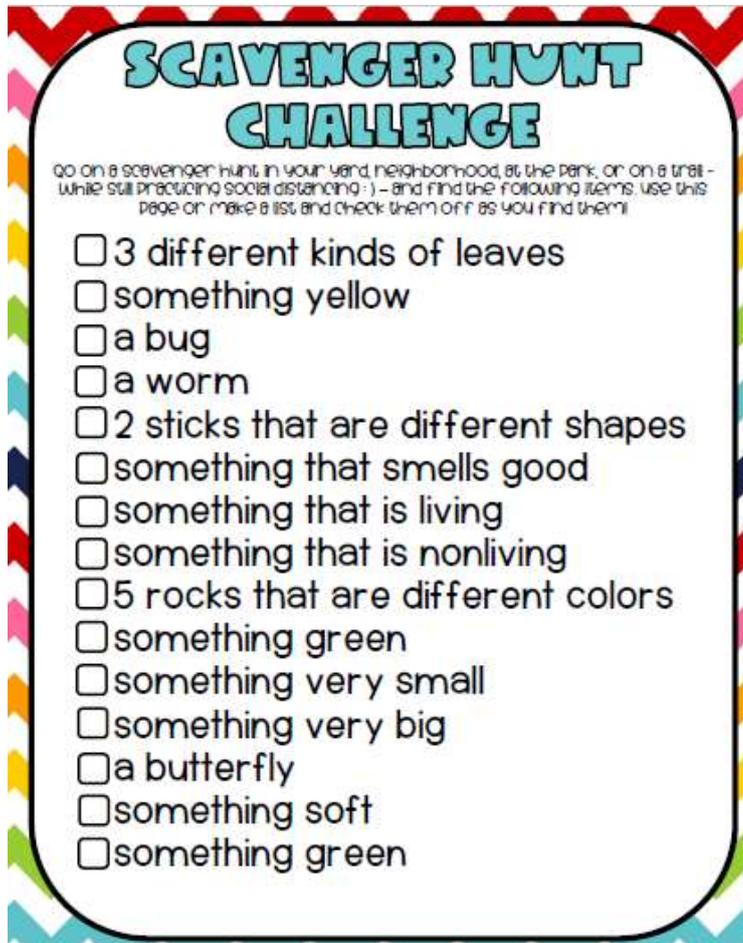


Education Week – Building Connections Year 2 Cruikshank Park Walk

On Wednesday 26th May the Year 2 students went on a walk around **Cruikshank Park** as part of **Education Week**. This year's theme was '**Building Connections**'. The theme celebrated the connections between schools and local communities. We investigated the way the park is an important place for various community groups to meet.

We found lots of examples of active community groups in the park. Some of these were:

- The dogs of Cruikshank Park gallery
- A community toy library
- An optical illusion gallery
- The community garden
- Students practiced their mapping skills by locating and recording some of the things we found in the park on a map. Students also took part in a Scavenger Hunt where they had to find certain items in the natural environment. You could try out the Scavenger Hunt at home with your family too.



The Level 2 Team
Amila, Jeanette, Jennifer, Mike and Will

An inquiry into 'How we express ourselves' with Grade 3/4

The Grade 3/4 students have been exploring the concept of creative expression by inquiring into the central idea 'People express themselves through creativity'. Throughout Term 2, students have participated in a range of activities to explore the various forms that creative pieces can take (including sculpture, written stories, songs, drawings, animation, fashion, and more). They used the conceptual lens of 'function' to identify how they can communicate a message through creative means. In keeping with KPS style, this unit has truly been transdisciplinary by combining learning across multiple curriculum areas, including Mathematics, English, Digital Technologies, The Arts, and Critical and Creative Thinking, as well as making links with learning experiences in specialist classes for Visual Art and Performing Arts.

Along with growing their understanding of what creativity is, what it looks like, and how it can be shown and shared, students worked through the stages of the creative process to plan, design, make and share their own original creative pieces. In these original works, students are sharing important aspects of their identities, including their culture, beliefs, values and interests, including even a love of sneakers and dirt bikes!

The Grade 3/4 teachers are impressed by the incredible creativity and curiosity shown by all the students, along with their resilience and commitment towards developing their own creative pieces. We can't wait to see and share these works back at school during our highly anticipated (and unfortunately delayed) 'in-school' Share and Connects.



Students in 3/4C and 3/4L worked together with their Grade 1 buddies to create their own iMovies and shared them in a "Buddy-Buddy Viewing Party".

Louis (3/4A) with his creative piece encouraging people to save the trees.



Aizah (3/4A) combining her creativity and mathematical skills to create an artistic geometry poster sharing her interest in nature.

Christie Miller
Grade 3/4 Teacher

Inviting all Years 3 to 6 Kingsville Mathematicians to enter the Australian Maths Competition!



What:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The AMC is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives.- It is open to students in years 3 to 12.- The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) has 25 multiple-choice questions and five questions that need whole number answers.- Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate.- All students are also provided with a report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.
Why:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kingsville students have participated and competed in the AMC over several years- The AMC offers an opportunity for Kingsville students to extend and challenge themselves in Mathematics- Programs and opportunities such as the AMC connect Kingsville students with other students from around Australia
When:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The 2021 AMC will be held across Australia between Wednesday 4th August and Friday 6th August.- At Kingsville Primary School the AMC will be held on Wednesday 4th August.
Fee:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- There is a cost of \$6.50 to participate.- This covers testing booklets, answer sheets, postage and handling.
How to register:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This is a voluntary competition for those students who want to have a go.- If your child is interested in entering the competition, please email register and pay via TryBooking https://www.trybooking.com/BRYSH- Kingsville registrations will close at 3.30 on Friday 18th June.
More information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visit the AMC website at: https://www.amt.edu.au/australian-mathematics-competition- Or email jennifer.duckworth@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

Jennifer Duckworth – Learning Specialist, Numeracy

Sam Eason – High-ability Practice Leader

Pupil Free Day

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bookings are now open for Pupil free Day – 15th June, 2021 Tuesday. We will be operating full day session from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please login to your parental portal to make an online booking or call Camp Australia (Head Office) on 1300 105 343.

Thank you,

Team OSHC.