



Newsletter

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2020 Dates to Remember

TERM 4

October

Monday 12th

Wednesday 14th

Friday 23rd

Foundation – Year 2 students return

Year 3 – 6 students return

AFL Grand Final **Public Holiday**

November

Monday 2nd

Tuesday 3rd

Student Free Day

Melbourne Cup Day – **Public Holiday**

December

Friday 18th

Last Day Term 4 – End of school year **1.30pm dismissal**

School Meeting Council Dates

Monday 19th October

Monday 16th November

Monday 7th December

Flyers

Camp Australia

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

Welcome Back to all students Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 – next Monday and students 3 - 6 next Wednesday

This week on Monday 5/10 and on Tuesday 6/10, information was provided to parents / carers via Compass posts regarding the overall **return to school process**.

In working to ensure **clarity** regarding return to school expectations and requirements, please see below some key points and additional information.

Please note – all outlined processes relating to staggered start times, use of different gates and, staff in assisting the above have been developed as a result of and, in response to risk management planning and compliance with DET, OH&S and other guidelines specifically relating to the return of students this term. Other considerations have been –

- the confined spaces surrounding our current entrances and potential for over crowding
- research, collaboration and risk assessment work undertaken with other schools in our network and, consultation with our OH&S Consultant
- the continuing requirement that parents do not come into the grounds with their children
- the security and knowledge that **one key gate** that parents or carers will come to and, children will be aware of each day to begin the journey back to school again should provide
- the specifics and challenges of our specific school site including land size, site orientation, student population in F – 2 and 3 – 6 along with, numbers of families, siblings and family groupings

The information and timetable for staggered starts and use of different gates is a guide and has been put out to Kingsville families and is re stated in our return to school policy. The **requests** are made with the overall expectation that most families will be able to comply with them. With regard to the use of different gates we acknowledge that –

- some families will need to or will choose to take their child or children to their usual gate or most convenient gate for drop off
- due to parent work / start times a slightly later drop off or, earlier pick up time will not be possible for some families

One key expectation of course is that appropriate social distancing of parents in and around the school gates to be “reasonably carried” out and this will involve –

- space between adults and families if lining up becomes necessary
- parents / carers moving away to one side if a child becomes distressed
- parents / carers not staying around but leaving as quickly as possible
- parents / carers not coming into the school grounds at this point (save and except for circumstances other than drop off and pick up, as outlined in the policy)

As noted in communications earlier in the week parents are asked to read all the information provided including –

- Compass posts **and the**
- Return to School Policy

Anticipating student return

On Tuesday May 26 the last time our Foundation – 2 students returned to school it was a very foggy and cold morning. My description of the first sighting of our students in the newsletter was that

“right on cue out of the mist, there gradually appeared the bright colours of the KPS uniform”.

Then slowly but surely KPS members along with, a large number of Kingsville canines being very important members of our community came into view. The current forecast for next Monday is mostly sunny and 22 degrees and for Wednesday sunny and 26 degrees. Therefore, hopefully there will be no trouble spotting our students and families as they triumphantly return to school once again.

We are of course planning for and hoping that the students will be on site for all of what remains of Term 4 being, 10 weeks minus (2 days) for 3 – 6 students due to Wednesday 14/10 start.

In 2020 there are a total of 41 school weeks taking into account –

- all periods of home learning
- the additional days added to the end of Term 1 break before the move into the first period of home learning **and**
- the week to begin Term 4 **and**
- the short period of time students came back to school earlier this year (F – Year 2 May 26th – June 26th Year 3 – 6 June 9th – June 26th)

Our students will have by the end of the school year participated in on site learning for (P-2 weeks 22 weeks and 3 – 6 20 weeks) . So, just on 50 % of the usual number of weeks, half the school year on site and, half remote and flexible learning. This of course is for most students in every class teachers are of course aware of those children who were deemed eligible to continue with on-site learning throughout the year.

Reflecting on all of this now it is important to note that -

We are all very keen now to move ahead and ensure Term 4 is a purposeful, enjoyable and memorable one. It is important however to reflect upon both the on site program and experiences for children as well as the at home learning.

Term 1 provided for students all of the usual and expected experiences and saw nearly 2 months where the classes and teachers established relationships, learning environments and programs.

Again now during **Term 4** students and teachers will reconnect and work to ensure many of the expected / usual, undertakings, experiences and rites of passage, will be provided of course, some in very different ways than in the past.

Parent Opinion Survey 2020

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted on a yearly basis. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement and, in 2020 experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Whilst in past years a random sample of approximately 190 – 200 families have participated in the survey in line with DET guidelines. In 2020 however at Kingsville we are taking up on the opportunity provided to offer the survey to **all parents**.

Please be assured that all responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be carried out from **Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November**. It will be conducted **online**, and is expected to take approximately **20 minutes** to complete. It can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period (as above) on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

On Monday October 12th KPS families will receive a parent invitation email to participate in the POS and additional information.

Student resources 2020/21

Each year in line with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 school councils are able to request payments from parents under 3 separate categories being **Essential Student Learning Items**, **Optional Items** and **Voluntary Financial Contributions**.

School councils ensure that parent payment practices in schools are transparent and that all children have access to **the standard curriculum**. Individual schools are no longer required to develop their own school level parent payment policy as all schools in Victoria are required to comply with the updated DET policy. They are however required to agree upon parent payment arrangements best suited to local context and, ensure that these comply with DET policy.

The KPS Finance subcommittee of school council and in turn our Governance team will be working to meet all compliances and making sure information is provided to parents in a timely and transparent manner. More information regarding the 2021 parent payment request will be available in Term 4. Teachers are currently working through the components of the **Essential Student Learning Items** needs area for 2021.

During 2020 the students received, took possession of, had access to and, utilised a wide range of materials provided for from within the ESLI parent payment requested for 2020. These have included classroom supplies and materials across a wide range of areas pertinent to all key learning areas.

During terms 1 and 4 and for the return to school period late May and June, materials and provisions were provided by teachers and utilised by students as usual within the school setting.

During terms 2 and 3 materials continued to be consumed (many families took up the opportunity to collect personal student materials from classrooms. In addition take home packs of coloured pencils, text books, and separate maths packs were provided to all families. There was also considerable expenditure by the school on photocopying and printing of materials for many families. Additional devices including iPad and notebooks were also purchased.

Classroom teachers now to begin **Term 4** have ensured they have materials to be provided to the students to be utilised and taken possession of in the Classroom Supply area of the ESLI 2020 request. Any materials in this category left over at the end of the year will be provided to the students.

Therefore there is no need for families to feel they have to find or purchase on line, any classroom supplies for their children returning to school.

Borrowed Devices

We **request** that school owned borrowed devices are now returned. This will benefit overall provision of such equipment for all students on-site during Term 4.

Assistant Principal's Message

Student placement for 2021

The arrangements and preparations of class placements is an important and significant piece of planning for the 2021 school year. As students at Kingsville progress from Foundation to Year 6 it is expected they will learn to work and relate to a range of teachers and students. As with all school decisions, the aim at Kingsville Primary School is to offer the best possible learning experience for all children.

When we are compiling class lists many factors are taken into account including academic abilities, individual needs, gender, student friendships and previous class placements/teachers. Class groups are not allocated a teacher until the whole school organisational model is finalised. This ensures that it is the 'dynamic' of each group that is the focus rather than, a particular teacher.

Although this year has looked and felt differently to previous years, the students have journey through their specific school year with their teacher(s) and peers. There is, as a result of both onsite and off-site learning significant insights and understandings of the students of Kingsville. Your child's flexible and remote learning experience has been very relevant for the classroom teacher in understanding them as individuals and the class as a whole in a completely new setting. There are significant take aways that may never have been discovered if it hadn't been for this experience. Of course we acknowledge that relationships with their peers may not have been as bonding as we would normally get, but the skills and attributes developed within the family dynamics will have provided them with transferrable models for relationship building in the broader communities – the classroom, year level and the whole school.

The reality is that friendships can change from year to year and we encourage students to develop new friends; a life skill which helps build resilience. Friendships across classes and year levels is supported and encouraged at Kingsville through both the curriculum and at play times.

It is the responsibility of the Principal ultimately to make the final decision on classes and placement of students however the leadership team and teachers will certainly be investing a great deal of time, thought and planning into this process.

Sun Hats Now Required

The Dress Code and uniform requirements are on the school website under *Parents / Dress Code*. Of particular importance at this time of the year are sun hats. At Kingsville it is compulsory to wear sun hats from September 1st through until April 30th in line with *The Cancer Council Victoria's Sun Smart Program*. Students must wear either a navy legionnaire hat or a navy slouch hat as listed in the Dress Code and available from PSW.

Please make that sure hats along with all other school uniform items are name

Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal & Wellbeing Co-ordinator



Happy Birthday

3rd – 9th Oct

Happy Birthday to Sasha Ellis, Maya Hawke, Liam Donnelly, Olivia Pizzirusso, Fatum Ibrahim, Rees Pruis, Judah and Gabriel Mansfield, Charli McClatchey, Jasmine Volpato, Archibald Usher and Ryan Sheppard.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 16th October

FDG		3/4J	
FJH		3/4K	
FLB	Archie Newnham	3/4L	Joshua Metcalf
FLI	Preetam Balu		
1AM		3/4T	
1CW	Luke Sutton	5AA	Zoe Mullins
1GM	Madison Duong / Jack Moore	5DS	Ethan Nguyen
1SH	Nina Skladzien	5AT	Huxley Heap
2JD	Alexander Ritchie	6SE	
2MC	Erica Heap / Prem Patel	6KF	Millie Giacchi
2SP	Pearl Persoglia Freeman	6RT	
3/4C	Leo Masterton	6GJ	Xander Hunt

Enrolments for 2021

Foundation (Prep Enrolments for 2021 are now due)

If you have a pre-school child to enrol for 2021 **please take action immediately by contacting the school administration to gain an “Enrolment Pack”.**

Taking Action

Please spread the word within the community and to other families within the school neighbourhood zone. If you are unsure of which school is your neighbourhood school, please visit the Find My School website - <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

Will your child/children be at Kingsville in 2021

If you know your child / children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2021 or if they will be only here for a short time e.g. you could be moving in Term 1 Please fill in below if you have not already informed the school

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CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINGSVILLE P.S. IN 2021

Name: Year level in 2020: Date finishing at KPS:

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New school (if known):

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**Bookings
open for
Term 4**

We're excited to welcome all families back to one of our favourite times of year – Term 4. It's a great time to reflect on the growth of your child throughout the year and celebrate their great achievements. We've got some big things planned for Term 4 that we're excited to share with you in the upcoming weeks.

Your Coordinator has been busy planning experiences to help children transition back into term time by connecting with friends, engaging with fun and enriching experiences, and continuing to explore their interests while in service.

Check out what's planned for the return of your OSHC:

Monday	Bookmark Designing , Recycling Crafts and Pancake cooking activity
Tuesday	Bookmark Designing, Recycling Crafts and Make your own Dream catcher
Wednesday	Bookmark Designing, Recycling Crafts and Baking Activity
Thursday	Bookmark Designing, Recycling Crafts and Make your own Dream catcher
Friday	Bookmark Designing, Recycling Crafts and Make your own Dream catcher

FREE to Register.

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now free](#)

Enhanced safety and hygiene.

With updated policies and measures, we commit to providing a safe and hygienic environment for your children to enjoy.

Visit our blog.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. [Visit our blog.](#)



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campastralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Booking Notification

Dear Parents,

When the situation arises, where you need to alter the booking of your child, it is important that you phone camp Australia (Head Office) on 1300 105 343. They will confirm an available place if your request is adding your child to that day. It is then very important that you also phone service on 0401 054 261 to let us know (as it is not school's responsibility to contact us) this is particularly needed if there is a late booking.

If you have collected your child early from school and not having the child attend after care PLEASE let us know on 0401 054 261 to let us know.

Also, if the child is booked in After Care session, please remind the children on the day to come to after care room as soon as the school is finished.

Thank you!

Team OSHC

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