



# Newsletter

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## 2021 Dates to Remember

### Term 4 October

#### November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

All students back on-site

Melbourne Cup Day - **Public Holiday**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting

**Student Free Day**

#### December

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

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



# Principal's Message

The current long period of lockdown and remote learning which began back on Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> is finally coming to an end. Today the last official day of remote learning certainly began with a 'bang', heavy rain and destructive winds across the state caused damage, flooding and the need for many schools to close.

On the Kingsville school site, we did not experience any power outages and were able to continue with the provision for students onsite. We have however had a number of large branches come down with one blocking Somerville Rd just before the school crossing and entrance gates. Thank you to parents and students for flexibility demonstrated in negotiating this hazard this morning.

## **Moving forward**

***Welcome back to all Foundation – Year 6 students next Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>***

As we all know this return date has changed and been revised a number of times, and Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Public Holiday for that race that “stops the nation”. However –

***“we are all in the ‘barriers’ now and ready hopefully for a smooth two-mile run down the ‘home strait’ with the finish line being Friday December 17th “***

Moving back now successfully to onsite learning for all students is something we can all achieve together. We have done this well a number of times over the past 18 months however, it is as always important to ensure that everyone is aware of expectations and procedures. So please see below details to assist with this.

Again as Principal I thank every member of the school community for the united effort throughout every lockdown. It has been hard and long however it is important to state that all planning, actions, experiences, resourcing and interventions will throughout the term and of course in 2022 focus on the needs of each individual student as they move back into onsite learning.

Kath Ginnane

## **Important Information regarding school access for parents and visitors - beginning Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Well done to all KPS families, parents, carers, and students who complied with the procedures for drop off and, pick up of students over the last two weeks as we moved towards being back to full onsite learning. The hybrid model of teaching and learning experienced over the two weeks once again demonstrated the amazing capacities of Kingsville students to adapt to change and just get on with what was necessary.

We have been working to provide for a safe environment for students and staff for the full return to school. Please be assured that our COVID Safe Plan will be strictly adhered to and, all government expectations will be met. There will be of course ongoing adjustments throughout the term as both advice and requirements adjust.

## **Parents coming on to the school site beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>**

***which is at this stage is only for the purposes of drop off or pick and is restricted to just being physically inside the gates as necessary***

## **Please note -**

Every school site has a density rating and a density limit must be applied in any spaces where parents, carers, and visitors are.

Adding to the complexity is the legislation which requires the density limit must be applied to all persons in the space ie, the full site including the students. KPS density limit is only little over our total student population therefore, any parents coming on site must move in and out quickly so we reduce the likelihood of non compliance.

Therefore from next Monday morning please note –

- **social distancing** is expected to be maintained
- **do not** congregate around any gate externally or internally move through, find a spot where you can socially distance and where you have planned to meet your child /ren
- after entering the grounds, you should remain generally in an area adjacent to, or a small distance from the gate through which you entered, this will reduce the need for parents to walk around the grounds internally any more than is necessary
- if you are coming on site, for a short period to e.g., meet up with your child/ren you will need to have a conversation with them to ensure they are aware of the meeting point
- once you have linked up with your child / ren you should leave the school grounds
- whilst being able to come onsite is a step forward it should not be seen as a time to fully engage with talk and/ or meet with other parents as in past times
- **parents must not enter the buildings or classrooms**, unless there is a specific, pre-arranged circumstance, occasion or meeting and when this occurs this it will be managed by staff and will include signing in at the main office

### **Drop off and pick up procedures – from any gate**

As from November 1<sup>st</sup> parents and carers **may** enter the site in the morning and after school **from any gate for the purpose of dropping off and collecting their children only**. With regard to choice of gate it can become quite crowded at the Somerville Rd entrance. So, we ask again that as possible families keep moving around to another gate to ease congestion as necessary.

### **Drop off expectations 8.45-9.00 a.m.**

- gates will open at 8.45 am and parents/carers are encouraged to farewell students at the gate
- after entering the grounds children may play until the bell rings at 8.55am.
- if any child becomes anxious saying goodbye parents can wait in the school grounds and/or speak to a staff member on duty who will assist, support and direct them
- students will use the hand sanitiser provided at each gate

### **Pick up expectations 3.20- 3.35 p.m.**

- the gates will be unlocked at 3.20 pm and locked again at 3.40pm, therefore students will need to exit the school as soon as possible

### **Congratulations**

This staged return confirms to us that we should acknowledge and appreciate the level of maturity that Kingsville students of all ages have demonstrated and applied during this time in shifting between face to face and flexible and remote learning.

During these last two weeks, the hybrid model allowed students and teachers to rebuild a sense of community by creating space, time and experiences to reconnect with friends, teachers and learning. Along with returning to their 'tribe' so to speak, there has been the building of trust and confidence in being back at school, and affirmation that school is a safe and supportive place to be.

The excitement of the return to face to face learning, whilst it was staggered, was not only evident with children entering the school grounds but also was visible on the faces of Kingsville staff who have missed the physical face to face connection with their students. Classrooms are dynamic environments which see second by second engagements amongst all members. It is the relationships and interaction which occur between teachers and children that create significant joyful moments for teachers.



As the school returns to full-time face-to-face teaching and learning, we will be working with the children to take the **next step** in being full time onsite students again. Working together to ensure that the values, culture, and expectations of being a member of the Kingsville learning community are re-established through the adjustments that will be required in getting back into the routines of school life. Adjusting to these changes will require significant personal energy. So it will be beneficial to make sure your child/children have free time to unwind after school to relax and play and benefit from sufficient sleep. This should contribute to ensuring that they are ready and on time for school each day.

Arriving on time is important. We know that being late has a significant impact on students, they often feel upset and anxious, because they are aware that school is organized, scheduled and predictable. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place to help them focus on that learning. When students are repeatedly 'tardy', these routines are disrupted and settling in is challenging.

The teaching and learning experience of the last almost two years has challenged all of us and required us to adapt, re-learn, modify, explore new ideas and innovate. Education is a long game, the flexible and remote learning experience in all its forms this year has been just another bump on the educational curve of every student.

So, "as we **adventure back**, let us all make the most of the last part of this school year and don't let yesterday use up too much of today".

### **Rescheduling the term 4 Student Free Day to November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Please also see Compass post sent out Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October for context.

The term 4 Student Free Day has been rescheduled to Monday November 29<sup>th</sup> - thank you to all School Council members who approved this date during the week.

### **School Leadership Team**

### **The 2020 Annual Report**

The current school council at the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting this year passed a motion endorsing the 2020 Annual Report. This is a yearly compliance and the Annual Report is on our school website. The school council notation of course is important as it acknowledges the content of the report and in turn and the outcomes in all required areas of reporting.

### **Annual General Meeting of School Council – 2020 School Council year**

There is no required time/ date during the following year that the AGM needs to be held. In 2021 however the AGM for the 2020 school council year has been postponed a number of times as we moved through periods which required school council meetings to be held remotely. This is still the case, and the November 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting will be held remotely. However, prior to that meeting i.e. between 6.30 – 7pm to ensure compliance relating to Public Reporting Meetings there will be a separate meeting noted as - AGM 2020 and this will provide for acknowledgements of the 2020 school council team and an overview of the highlights for that school council year.

If any parents / carers wish to link into this short meeting please email Betty Petrovski on [Elizabeth.petrovski@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Elizabeth.petrovski@education.vic.gov.au)





# Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

<b>FFW</b>		<b>34M</b>	Charlie Cannington
<b>FLB</b>	Ivy Johnstone	<b>34P</b>	Millie Wheeler
<b>FLI</b>	Santana Kasir	<b>34S</b>	Andrew Nguyen / Beatrix Strachan
<b>FJH</b>	Reese Huang / Zelda Dyson	<b>34H</b>	Seth Loftis / Judah Mansfield
<b>1CW</b>	Seren Davies	<b>34A</b>	
<b>1DG</b>	Veeron Sharma	<b>5AA</b>	
<b>1RT</b>		<b>5AT</b>	Emeline Finnin / Ashton Tran
<b>1GD</b>	Archie Newnham	<b>5TD</b>	Harrison Wheeler / Hazel Nguyen
<b>2EE</b>	Arran Cameron	<b>56S</b>	
<b>2MC</b>	Cooper Le	<b>6JI</b>	
<b>2JD</b>	Emil Chominsky	<b>6KG</b>	Alex Pugsley
<b>2AO</b>	Elke Yorke	<b>6SE</b>	Abby Drooglever / Ruby Wenborn
<b>34L</b>	Sasha Nacov		
<b>34C</b>			



## Happy Birthday

30<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November

Happy Birthday to: Rory Finlay, Willy Honisett, Olivia Despott, Eamon O'Connor, Finn Julian, Stella McDonald, Zara Zammit, Thomas Gordon, Felix Riley, Deni Stojcevski, Ted Lavery, Marlon Malone, Ava Jeffery and Lily Mitchell.

## Choir News

Well done to those students who helped keep choir going during remote learning. In line with department guidelines, we've had to press "pause" on choir at school for a little while. We will notify families if anything changes with this situation. In the meantime, there's nothing to stop you singing your lungs out at home! Here are the songs we are working on at the moment.

<https://bit.ly/ChoirBetter>

<https://bit.ly/ChoirEarth>

Hilary Henderson

## Will your child /children be at Kingsville in 2022

If you know your child / children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2022 or If they will be only here for a short time e.g. you could be moving in Term 1 Please fill in below or email the school

[Kingsville.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kingsville.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

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CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINGSVILLE P.S. IN 2022

Name: ..... Year level in 2021: ..... Date finishing at KPS: .....

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New school (if known): .....

# Newsletter

Camp Australia Kingsville Primary School OSHC – October Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4, a disrupted term 3 with all the Covid lockdowns but we still managed to have fun at our service. We have some great activities planned for this last term. Our newsletter will now come in a once a month instalments. We look forward to seeing all our children back at the service.

## What's been happening?

During our "Before and After Care" the children have been enjoying a wide range of activities. Some of those included Dream Catchers involving weaving, beading and attaching feathers to a metal ring resulting in some really wonderfully coloured designed.

Children also use fabric markers to decorate a material swatch stretched on an embroidery ring, this required planning and creativity. Another great activity was jewellery making with metallic beads and elastic string. Fine motor skills were practiced as well as planning.

Outdoors children got to extend themselves honing their gross motor skills playing on the equipment and experiencing ball games and group activities on the oval.

## What's coming up next month?

We will be having a wide range of creative and crafty activities for the children to experience and celebrating traditions and cultures across the globe. These will include Halloween with many spooky crafts during the week. Diwali will also be recognised by making paper lanterns, colouring paper doilies and making banana bread. We also have a student free day which will run the whole day and include using recycled tins decorating them as pen holders. And jar art painted with window paints. Our outdoor fun continues each day giving the children opportunity to exercise and have fun in groups and individually.

We will be having a "Your OSHC Talent" week running from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov showcasing all the great talents children have in all ranges of the "Arts & Performance" fields.

A reminder that the scheduled Curriculum Day for Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> of November has been postponed until further notice. A normal program will run.

We develop the programs to be inclusive of all ages and encourage the children to have a go.

Kind Regards,

Arshdeep Kaur & Carmel Cooper



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