



# Newsletter

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## 2020 Dates to Remember

### TERM 4

#### November

30<sup>th</sup> NOV – 4<sup>th</sup> DEC

Transition visits for our Foundation 2021 students

#### December

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Christmas raffle drawn

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Step Up Day

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

**Casual Clothes Day**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

• **Casual Clothes Day**

• **Last day Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal**

### School Meeting Council Dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Flyers

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#### **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.

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# Principal's Message

## Fundraising 2020

Due to the specific to 2020 circumstances fundraising during the year have been reduced. However now, as we move towards the end of the school year there are some opportunities for parents to assist and support fundraising.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

**The first opportunity** is to support the **Christmas Hamper Raffle**. This raffle is a tradition at KPS and is always so well provided for by generous parent donations. In many school the Christmas raffle this year is being seen as not just a raising funds action but also, one which provides opportunity to engage with and unite families in a collaborative school effort. At Kingsville we agree and also see this as a cause for celebration and acknowledgement of family efforts to support the school.

The festive collection tables have been set up in the foyer and already we have some donations. Class teachers are reminding students and, it is becoming a team effort and cause for class group pride with regard to the contributions being made for the Christmas hampers. Students who bring along donations themselves to school can be seen placing them proudly on the collection tables. Parent / family members who would like to drop off a donation you may do this through the main doors of the school.

The record number of Christmas hampers we have had to raffle off in past years was I believe, close to 30. So let's see if we can reach or, even pass that number this year and that would result in a number of happy families taking home a festive basket in the last week of the year.

### Do not leave it too late

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- ***there is now only under 3 weeks to donate*** as all items need to be in by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, to allow volunteers time to work their magic with the wrapping
- I know how generous Kingsville families are and, I am confident that many 'hamper suitable' items will be donated - so shop and donate as soon as possible so your contribution will be included

### Shopping guide

- ***Christmas type food*** (shortbread, fruitcake, fruit mince pies, stollen, gingerbread, fudge, truffles, chocolates, sauces, jams) any food items like this or other, would be greatly appreciated
- ***If such items are hand made please ensure ingredients are clearly marked on an attached label***
- ***Luxe bath and beauty- soaps, creams, bath products***
- ***Christmas decorations or Christmas themed "trinkets"***
- ***pet products*** for the pampered Yarraville canines, felines and others varieties
- ***toys***
- ***vouchers***
- ***christmas stockings***
- ***travel/holiday items***
- ***other gift type items*** that would be suitable for any member of the family
- ***your own creative choices***

Donations of alcohol are acceptable, however please ensure an adult delivers alcohol directly to the school office.

**So** spread the word and tell your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues that there are many chances for them to win an - "***Exclusive Bespoke Kingsville Christmas hamper***"

## Ticket sales

**All tickets must be returned/ purchased by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets have been available on Try bookings since last Friday and already 715 tickets have been purchased. The raffle will be drawn at school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This allows time for winners to collect prizes during the last week.**

Thank you to parent **Zoanne Morrissy** long time parent fundraising volunteer

**The second opportunity** is through purchasing the **2020 KPS Cookbook**. Thank you to the families who placed 235 orders via Try booking prior to the closing date. For those who missed out but had intended to order a copy, some good news. Seventy five additional copies have been ordered and will be available for sale through the main office and the same price being \$25. The books are due to be delivered in about two weeks and, it is expected that the 75 available will be 'snapped up' quickly. The Cookbook would of course make a great Christmas present and hopefully one that Kingsville families will keep.

Thank you to parents **Simone Barlow, Kristine Bugeja** and **any other parent volunteers**, who helped drive this project

**The third opportunity** is the two casual clothes days at the end of the year. As term 4 finishes at 1.30pm on December 18<sup>th</sup> (really almost two casual clothes days for the donations). A gold coin donation is "the standard" however, as possible of course making it the "small "coin will assist. If all 629 students were able to donate \$2 it would add \$1258 to the fundraising total in a year of sparse opportunity. All donations of course are highly valued.

## Student Safety

The safety of our 629 students is absolutely priority one with regard to every aspect of planning and provision. The school day from start to finish should provide a safe, enjoyable and also challenging environment which ensures learning and engagement for all students.

Travelling to and from school is an important component of the complete school day experience. The safety of children whilst travelling is a major consideration for families and in turn myself and, all staff as it relates to our overall care for the safety and, wellbeing of the students and KPS families.

Most schools in city areas have to address traffic issues around school sites. New school builds incorporate in their planning how parents who drive children to school will have safe access to specific drop off and pick up points. Enter and exit driveways into new school sites often feature however, when schools such as Kingsville were built 101 years ago such planning and provision was not required. Therefore, every member of the school community needs to understand the challenges and display patience and co-operation and engage in safe driving and parking practices around the school. We have as a community made significant progress in improving in this area over the last few years. The numbers of students who are now walking or, riding to school (not in the back of a car), but by a bike or other, has increased steadily over the last 5 years. Our involvement in initiatives such as 'Ride / Walk To School Days' partnerships with the City of Marybyrnong Traffic Safety Department and, the provision of increased bike storage have all assisted in this.

During 2020 and the long periods of 'at home learning' traffic in and around the school of course was not such an issue. Now however it is timely and necessary to remind everyone of what is needed every day in working to safeguard our students. More parents are now driving their children to and, from school and there are certainly hazards we need to address.

Please note –

- if possible walk children to and from school – we have a high percentage of students living within our deemed neighbourhood area so, this should be possible for a number of parents
- if you are driving please park legally and safely away from the school and walk your child/ren to the site – see guidance flyer at the end of this newsletter
- Julian St poses particular challenges and once you enter the street it is necessary to go to the very end and, make a turn to come back again to Somerville Road
- this will often cause traffic congestion and potential danger to children and families

In my temporary change of role ie into a very loud traffic control officer (assisted by mega phone), on Wednesday morning in Julian St, I observed a number of families attempting to park and drop off children across driveways or from “non parking” areas. There were also some drivers who mounted the nature strips and even executed turns in neighbours driveways. Also some drivers did not even attempt to park but, just let children out of cars when stopped in the middle of the road. These dangerous driving habits do not just happen in Julian St. but wherever they occur around the school boundary they pose a danger to the students and families.

I cannot of course be out there everyday disturbing the neighbourhood with the megaphone so, this is a warning and a request to please collectively work to improve the current situation. Traffic officers from City of Marymornong have been alerted.

Please see attached flyer ***Parking Around Our School*** (facilitated by Glen Yates School Council President). This should be helpful in assisting parents comply with requirements and restrictions. Also new Variable Display signs have now been installed on Somerville Road . One outside the church and one diagonally opposite Julian St. As they are solar powered they need to charge first however, once fully charged they will activate and are pre-programmed for our 40Km time zones.

### **Reminders**

- **parents should not congregate at the entrances to the school site in the mornings or after school**
- **at the time of this newsletter being published mask wearing in Victoria is still compulsory, full details Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website**
- **do not forget children need filled water bottles everyday**

### **Placement of students into new class groups & allocation of staff to classes**

At this stage of the year, it is expected that these important end of year actions will be ones that parents, students and teaching staff are likely to be thinking about and involved in.

This process of course is one that takes place in all schools in planning for each following year and, is one that naturally attracts a level of interest from parents particularly in primary schools.

Here at Kingsville we address the challenges associated with the work via a consistent and transparent approach, which takes into account a wide range of school needs and system compliances.

We ensure parents are aware of the fact that ‘**student voice**’ is provided for in the development of the student membership of each class group. Ultimately however taking into account all impacting factors, student voice and a range of other information, class groups are formed in line with the school determined organizational model for the following year.

With regard to the student membership of the class groups the message to parents each year is –

***please do not request a specific teacher for your child***

**Parent voice** and the right to express opinion or provide information relating to their child/ren is of course always possible and, is seen as valuable at any time of the year. Such information forms part of the ongoing dialogue between parents, teachers and members of the leadership team. It also ensures we have all important information and accurate and up to date context relating to all students. If there are challenges, issues or matters of concern which impact on the well-being / learning of a child during the year then, this is when that “vital conduit” comes into its own.

Engagement with parents throughout the year may at times move to or, give rise to a formal expression of concern or complaint. When this occurs such matters must be dealt with through the Parent Complaint policy and associated processes. When opinion requests or even at times almost “demands” relating to allocation of a teacher for a child come in at this stage of the year they are sometimes accompanied by what could constitute in some cases complaints, concerns or even allegations that should have been dealt with through the correct processes when they were first seen as an issue.

During the year teachers and leadership will gain emails from parents thanking and endorsing their work and engagement with their children. These are always very much appreciated. Unfortunately, some emails at this stage of the year can with respect to their content form an overall pattern of **“why my child should not be with a particular teacher or teachers”** At their most serious they could even be seen as defaming by nature and potentially libellous.

It is important to note that all teachers in primary schools are generalist teachers, they are fully qualified and approved by law to teach and they hold registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching. Within the Victorian Government system they are party to a Performance & Development requirement on a yearly basis. This process aligns with the Public Administration Act which sets requirements and establishes values to guide conduct and performance in the Victorian Public Sector. If at any time a teacher does not meet standards required, there is a due process required.

So if any parent at any time feels they may have “cause” with regard to the practice/ conduct of a teacher or, have a concern relating to their child and a teacher then, they should raise it immediately at that time. Please be assured such matters will always be dealt with within the system required timeline. However it should always be remembered that such process should and, will always be carried out separate and distinct from any other considerations for example - teacher placement for class groups.

***We need to move ahead now as a community confident that the voice of parents and that of students is both sought and acknowledged and that the placement of students into groups takes into account all information known and / or provided.***  
***The Kingsville Workforce Profile for 2021 is not complete, there are still teacher vacancies and a recruitment process is being worked through.***

Further details as usual will be provided to the community over the remaining weeks of the term.



## Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

<b>FDG</b>	Edie Wilson	<b>3/4K</b>	Nina Sheppard
<b>FJH</b>		<b>3/4L</b>	
<b>FLB</b>		<b>3/4N</b>	Ashton Tran / Charli Shaw / Flynn Abernethy
<b>FLI</b>		<b>3/4T</b>	Isabella Buchhorn
<b>1AM</b>	Justin Curmi	<b>5AA</b>	Jaisaiah Fraser / Samuel Tu
<b>1CW</b>	Cooper Lee	<b>5AO</b>	Ava Waddell
<b>1GM</b>	Rupert White / Quincy Malone	<b>5DS</b>	
<b>1SH</b>	Sajid Bushra / Millie Stout	<b>5AT</b>	Ahmed Nanehi
<b>2EE</b>	Natalia Garcia Reina / Mikayla Tsiflidis	<b>6SE</b>	Jasper Le Grand / Xuan Ho
<b>2MC</b>	Liam O'Shaughnessy	<b>6KF</b>	Jayden Lee
<b>2SP</b>		<b>6RT</b>	Oscar Richardson / Jasper Waghorne
<b>3/4J</b>	Snithik Mittapalli	<b>6GJ</b>	Daniel Currie / Nadya Abdu / Aurelia Finnin



# Happy Birthday

14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November

Happy birthday to Luiza Phillips, Hamzah Khader, Jaisaiah Fraser, Oscar Bugeja, Matilda Rafferty, Oscar Hine, Lily Rowntree, Neve & Elise Doloughan Marion, Lachlan Cameron, Amelie Reiken, Maggie Williams-Valladares and Scarlett Bull.

## JSC News

Last term the Junior School Council representatives and school captains unanimously decided to support Douтта Galla nursing home, by inviting the students of Kingsville to create some extraordinary artworks in order to brighten the lives and bring joy to the residence of a local Aged Care Home. The residents were extremely happy and thankful for our thoughtful engagement into their lives during the recent unprecedented times.

In another opportunity to take action and support the residents at Douтта Galla Nursing Home, the members of the Junior School Council would like to invite you to donate items to be part of their Christmas raffle prize for their fundraiser.

If you would like to take action to support Douтта Galla, you can donate items to be included in their hamper, by dropping them off at the Douтта Galla Yarraville Village Nursing Home, on the corner of Somerville Road and Fairlie Street in Yarraville.

Kind regards,  
Sam Meddis, Juri Ilves and Natasha King

## 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): .....

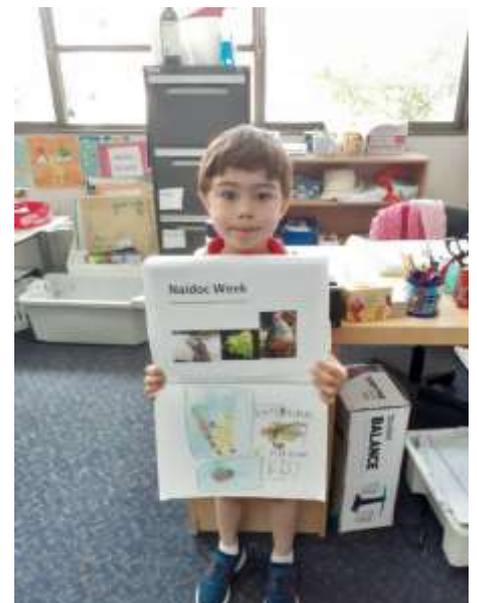
# Literacy Bulletin

On Thursday 12 November, staff and students at Kingsville Primary School were encouraged to participate in **Australian Reading Hour** as part of the **Australia Reads Campaign**.

At Kingsville Primary School, students are exposed to written texts every day. They are provided with lots of opportunities to read throughout the school day. As part of **Australian Reading Hour**, students stopped what they were doing for an hour to experience the joy of flicking through the pages of the books they love. Whether listening to their teacher read aloud, reading independently or reading with a buddy, Kingsville Primary School kids love to read.



## BENEFITS OF READING



- Books can be an escape from the worries of everyday life. Studies show reading reduces stress by 68 per cent — and it works quicker than listening to music, playing a video game or going for a walk.
- Books help you learn and explore. Reading makes your world bigger and makes more things possible. Literacy and reading are tools that can help you achieve your goals and help others.
- Reading helps your mind grow. It helps connect different parts of your brain. After reading a book, your brain activity is boosted for days. It's exercise and nourishment for your mind — good for your health now and down the track.
- Books create meaning and connect us to others. By reading other people's stories you can walk in their shoes. And in doing so, learn more about yourself, too. Books build empathy, connection and help you feel less alone.

Lauren Anile - Grade 3/4 Classroom Teacher – Literacy Learning Specialist

# Junior School Council's 'Gold Coin Challenge' for The Smith Family

As an IB world school "action is considered to be both an application of learning and an opportunity for students to engage in a form of contribution or service." With this in mind, the JSC explored different ways that we could contribute to our community and decided to sponsor a child in need through The Smith Family.

The Smith Family is an Australian, independent non-profit children's charity, whose goal is to create opportunities for disadvantaged children and their families and encourage them to participate more fully in society, using education as a key tool.

In order to sponsor this child, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, the JSC raised funds by holding a school-wide 'Gold Coin Challenge'. Kingsville students were encouraged to bring a gold coin to see which year level could make the longest line, with all of the coins being donated to The Smith Family. Here is the moment you have all been waiting for...

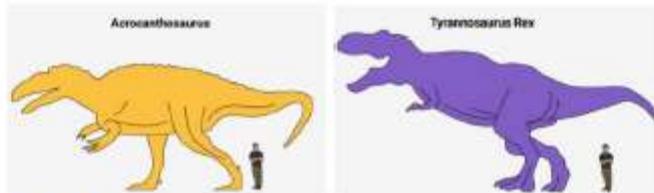
The year level with the longest line was... **FOUNDATION!**  
Their line totaling 582cm, almost as long as the length of a DILOPHOSAURUS and raising \$274



The results:

Foundation	582cm - \$274
Grade 1	381cm - \$194
Grade 2	320cm - \$174
Grade 3	300cm - \$149
Grade 4	375cm - \$196
Grade 5	260cm - \$159
Grade 6	135cm - \$84

Well done Kingsville and a special mention to the classes who incorporated this challenge into their numeracy learning. Together we raised \$1230, a total of 2,353cm or 23.53m long which is almost as long as the lengths of an ACROCANTHOSAURUS and T-REX together!



Juri lives on behalf of the JSC



## Kingsville Primary – Parking Around Our School



**Legend**

- No Stopping
- 5 Minute Parking
- Disabled Parking (Accessible Bays)
- Unrestricted Parking
- No Stopping 8.30-9.30am & 3.00-4pm

Drop-off and pick-up areas help to make school zones safe because children are dropped off and picked up close to the school's entrance. Please remember that 5 minutes is the maximum time you may park in these areas.

- The fine for overstaying the time in any restricted parking area is \$70.
- The fine for parking in a No Stopping zone is \$150.
- The fine for parking in disabled parking (accessible bay) without the appropriate sticker is \$150.



## Kingsville Primary – Parking Around Our School



### No Stopping

No Stopping zones are not to be used at any time for parking, dropping off or picking up your children. No stopping zones can also be defined by yellow kerb markings.

Hours & days of operation applies to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

### Double Parking



Vehicles must not stop on a road next to a parked vehicle, even for a short time to drop off or pick up children. You cannot stop next to a parked vehicle for any reason.

### Driveways



A vehicle is not allowed to park over an entrance to a driveway to pick up or drop off.

- ✓ We want to ensure the safety of our children, other pedestrians and motorists around our streets and the school.
- ✓ Children are both vulnerable and often act on impulse. It is important for adults to lead by example and set good road safety practices when crossing roads.

### Remember it is an offence to:

- Stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection or corner.
- Stop or park in a bus zone.
- Stop or park on a nature strip.

### Safety tips:

Allow enough time to take your child to school safely. Consider parking a little bit further away and walking a short distance to school.

Observe all traffic control signs and the directions of the school crossing supervisors.

Plan with your child when and where they can be picked up safely. Find locations where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.

**NEVER** call your child across the road.

### Drivers please remember:



When turning at any intersection (except roundabouts) you **MUST GIVE WAY** to all pedestrians crossing the road.

**Kingsville Primary School Christmas Raffle – \$1 per ticket**



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**Contact no.:** \_\_\_\_\_

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