

**We are a Child Safe School.**  
**All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.**  
**We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<i>Thursday 19th December</i>	<i>"Up Day" students visit their new grades for 2025</i>
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>Term 4 ends @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th January 2025</b>	<b>Term 1 commences for students in Years 1-6, 9.00am</b>
	<i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
<b>Thursday 30th January</b>	<b>Foundation (Prep) students commence, 9.00am</b>
<i>Monday 3rd February</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 5th February</i>	<i>No school for Foundation (Prep) students</i>
	<i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
<i>Monday 10th February</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 12th February</i>	<i>No school for Foundation (Prep) students</i>
	<i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
	<i>"Getting to Know Your Child" Interviews—to be confirmed</i>
<i>Monday 17th February</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th February</i>	<i>No school for Foundation (Prep) students</i>

#### **From the Principal,**

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for 2024. It has been a big year for Kingsbury Primary School, with a school review, changes to leadership, and, of course, all the amazing learning experiences that have been provided for our students. Now is the perfect time to thank all our staff for their commitment, professionalism and warmth that they have displayed throughout the year to make Kingsbury Primary the wonderful school it is.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our parent helpers throughout the year. The amount of time and effort you have put into our school to support our students and staff is certainly not missed.

And finally, I would like to throw a big well done in the direction of our students. They have worked hard all year and achieved results they should be proud of. From my personal perspective, I have really enjoyed interacting with each student, getting to know them, and seeing them display our values each day.

We also lose some wonderful grade six students. Their graduation ceremony was held last night, and what a night it was. Many students were recognised for their achievements. Thank you to everyone who made this night memorable. This cohort has been outstanding as individuals and as a collective learning group. Congratulations on your journey and good luck for the next phase of your educational life. You will be missed.



#### **CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL**

I would like to thank all members who donated generously to our Christmas Tree appeal. There are going to be some very happy children in the coming weeks. The value of giving is such an important part of living in a cohesive and supportive community. Thankyou.

#### **REMINDER**

The Department of Education has some excellent advice for parents regarding starting the new year. This time can be difficult for some families for various reasons, and the link below offers tips and resources for parents of school-age students.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning>

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## From the Principal (continued)

### SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our swimming program finished last week and was highly successful. Just a reminder that this doesn't mean your child can be left unattended around swimming areas. Victorian beaches are notorious for rips and dumping waves, so please be careful when out there over the summer.

### LAST ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, December 19, we will have our last assembly out in the sensory garden area. If you are available, we would love to see you there.

### FUTURE GRADES

Students will be participating in our UP program on Thursday, December 19. This program is a meet-and-greet opportunity for students to meet their 2025 teachers. This is a great opportunity for everyone to have certainty for the coming year.

### LIBRARY

We are blessed to have a well-stocked and cared-for library at Kingsbury Primary School. We have a dedicated staff member to purchase and keep this facility operational. You may have received a notice about overdue books. It is incumbent on students and families to ensure all borrowed books are returned. Loss of books can add up to hundreds of dollars a year and for our small school, this means less money to purchase quality new reading material. Below is an extract from our library policy;

#### Overdue Items

- ▶ *Borrowing will cease for students who have overdue books until overdue items are returned.*
- ▶ *A reminder notice will be forwarded for any overdue loan items requesting their return.*
- ▶ *For items remaining overdue for a period of one month or longer, a letter will be forwarded stating overdue items needing to be returned and the **replacement cost of item(s) if the student is unable to locate and return loan items.***

### ABSENCES

In past newsletters, I have provided information on how absences can affect the learning of all students. Today I would like to congratulate some students from each grade who had the least number of days absent throughout the 2024 year.

Foundation: Jason – 2.5 days  
12W: Minh – 1 day  
12J: Chenyu – 3 days  
34B: David – 2.5 days  
45N: Hamody – 5 days  
56M: Alexis – 0 days (wow)

### DEMOLITION WORKS

Demolition works begin at our school over the holidays. Heavy machinery will enter and exit a makeshift gate near our basketball court. Please be aware there should be no access to our school site over the holidays due to the types of work being undertaken. Please scroll down to view the notice VSBA provided regarding asbestos removal works.

### FUTURE PLANNING

Here is a snippet of the first 2 weeks of school from the community calendar.

## Term 1 2025 Community Calendar

<b>Week 1</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff commence
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 1-6 students commence, 9.00am Lunar New Year
	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year Foundation (Prep) students commence, 9.00am
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	
	<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>No school for Foundation students</b> Uniform shop, 9.00am – 10.00am
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	

***From the Principal (continued)***



**CONGRATULATIONS**

At our special assembly, members of the 2/14 Battalion were on site to present our very own Wayne Bolton with a Life Membership Award for his outstanding contributions over many years.

Mr Bolton has given up much of his time ensuring our school and our students stay closely connected with the 2/14th.

Congratulations, Wayne; you are an inspiration.

**FINAL WORD**

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful festive season filled with great times with family and friends.

See you back on January 29, 2025..... And the preps on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

*‘The only way to have a friend is to be one. ‘*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

***Shaun Bishop  
Principal***



## Kingsbury Primary School

December 2024

Dear school community,

I am writing to inform you that some asbestos will be removed from our school between 7 January and 13 January 2025.

I want to assure you that our school is safe. The health and safety of our school community is paramount, and we are working with the Victorian School Building Authority and independent occupational hygienists to appropriately manage this work.

A licensed removalist has been engaged to remove the materials. The removalist will be supervised by an independent occupational hygienist, who will also conduct air monitoring.

To ensure everyone's safety and the timely completion of works, it is important that community members are not on the school grounds during the works.

I will keep you informed should any further action be required.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 94622711

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Kind Regards,

Shaun Bishop  
Principal

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