

***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 21st March</i>	<i>Harmony Day "Our Voices"</i>
<i>Monday 25th March</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th March</i>	<i>Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am</i>
	<i>Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
	<i>Athletics Day for students in Years 3-6, 9.15am—3.30pm, Meadowglen Athletics</i>
	<i>School Council Meeting, 6.00pm</i>
<b><i>Thursday 28th March</i></b>	<b><i>Term 1 ends @ 1.30pm</i></b>
<i>Monday 15th April</i>	<i>Term 2 commences for all students, 9.00am</i>
	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 17th April</i>	<i>Playgroup, 9.15am—11.00am</i>
	<i>Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
<i>Monday 22nd April</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>

***From the Principal,***

**Harmony Day Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Well thanks for community understanding for our change of date for the newsletter, but I did want to provide some information regarding Harmony Day.

I have included some information about Harmony Week later in this newsletter that gives a bit of a background. However, at Kingsbury Primary School we view Harmony Day as being very, very important. Our school is richly diverse and this diversity is important in making our school what it is. The more we can learn from each other and remain tolerant and interested in cultures beyond our own -the better. That's my two cents worth anyway.

***Students are invited to wear clothing that represents their culture of choice or Harmony Week Orange.***

***Harmony Week Background (taken from the Harmony Week website)***

The Department of Home Affairs leads national celebrations for Harmony Week to recognise diversity and inclusion activities that take place during the entire week. Harmony Week is celebrated during the week (Monday to Sunday) that includes 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

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

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

### ***Harmony Day Program***

9.00am Coffee Cart for Parents and Carers—This tradition has been long established at KPS, free barista coffee and a chat -sounds good? Yep it is!!

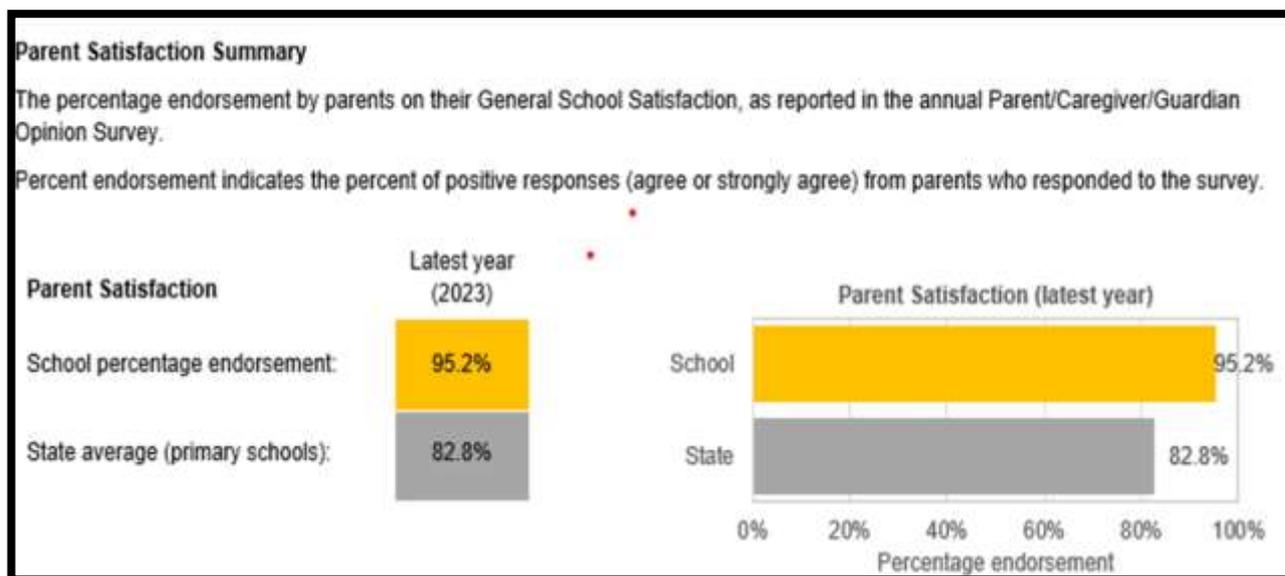
9.15am Assembly in the Sensory Garden (weather permitting)

9.30am—11.00am Multi Aged activities through out the school

### **Some More Data**

This week I have included the 2023 Parent opinion survey which all families were invited to respond to. The results are very strong, and they probably summarise the positive relationships that exist in our community. Of course, not everything is perfect, and we do look at ways we can improve. A couple of take-ways would be;

- If there is anything families would like to suggest our let us know then drop us a line or email us to provide that feedback
- You can always contact me directly on [brett.millott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:brett.millott@education.vic.gov.au) and start the conversation.



### **A word about lateness**

Mornings can be a challenging time for some especially with a young family (speaking from past experience). It is however important that students do arrive on time to school in the morning and to be ready to learn at 9.00. This is currently not only a focus for our school but it is a system wide Department of Education focus.

Our morning classes commence on the dot with all of our students involved in Literacy activities from the get-go. So perhaps it would be even better if students could aim to arrive through the school gate by 8.55.

### **A lateness Stat**

If a student regularly arrives even 5 minutes late to school this equates to 3.3 days of school missed per year. If a student regularly arrives 10 minutes late that extends out to 6.6 days a year of school missed. 5 minutes late every day for the entire schooling equates to 43 days of school missed, that is equivalent to the entirety of this term.

### **Reminders**

As is our usual practice School will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, for the end of Term 1.

Term 2 commences at 9.00 a.m. on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

***All the best,  
Brett Millott  
Principal***



# COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

Join us for a fun-filled and educational experience at the Secondary Open Morning this year.

Meet our dedicated teachers, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, and get a glimpse of the exciting curriculum we offer.

**DATE & TIME**

 Tuesday, 26 March 2024

 At 9 AM - 11 AM

 235 Kingsbury Drive, Macleod West

**More Information**

 (03) 9223 1400

 [www.charleslatrobecollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.charleslatrobecollege.vic.edu.au)

 Year 7 Information Evening for Prospective Parents at 5.30pm

**Charles La Trobe College**

In partnership with  **LATROBE UNIVERSITY**

# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 22 March 2024

**IT'S SO FUN!**



Ride2School Day is on **Friday 22 March 2024** is a fun Australia-wide celebration of riding, walking and scooting to school. Every year 400+ Victorian schools join in and highlight the benefits of healthy, sustainable travel. This year, Kingsbury PS is taking part in this event, being one of the 17 schools registered in the Darebin area. Lucky prizes will be awarded courtesy of Darebin Council.

Leukaemia Foundation

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Reservoir High invites you to attend our

# OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday 19th March, 2024**  
9:15 - 11:00am

# SHOWCASE & INFORMATION EVENING

**Tuesday 26th March, 2024**  
Performing Arts Centre  
6pm SEAL Presentation  
7pm Principal Address

**Come and see us in Action!**

Guided tours conducted by Katie Watmough our School Principal on Tuesdays or by appointment. See the school website for more details. To book a tour, contact the school on 9466 0900.

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Welcoming Applicants for our 2025 SEAL Program and our 2025 Scholarship Program

Prospective students are required to apply online via the link provided on our school website to register for the Edutest. SEAL Information brochures can also be downloaded from the school website [www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au) Please register online with Edutest by Friday 12th July, 2024

