

***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

Monday 23rd October	Assembly, 3.00pm
Wednesday 25th October	Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am School Council Meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 26th October	Canteen open for sales
Friday 27th October	Foundation (Prep) 2024 Transition, 2.30pm—3.30pm
Monday 30th October	Assembly, 3.00pm
Tuesday 31st October	Halloween Casual Dress Day—gold coin donation
Wednesday 1st November	Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am Foundation (Prep) 2024 Uniform fitting (by appointment only), 9.30am –11.00am
Thursday 2nd November	Canteen open for sales

From the Principal,

Greetings all in the Kingsbury community . Firstly, a big thank you to Mr Bolton who was in the Acting Principal role while I was away on Long Service Leave. He has informed me that the students have returned to Term 4 reading to go and keen to finish off the year in fine style.

I will take the time to congratulate the supporters of the Collingwood Football on their AFL success. At our footy colors day it was apparent that the Maggies were the big ticket item at KPS . A special congrats to Mrs Valkanis who is going to be the number one ticket holder some day. Anyhow enough of that.

In our last edition of the newsletter we published the "I Can" statements for the classrooms across the school . These will also be posted in the front window of the office. These statements are based on the Victorian Curriculum and outline what students are working towards in Term 4 . Of course if students have already met the challenge we use what we call extension prompts to make tasks a bit more complex. If students need a bit more help we can scaffold the learning and this can be by breaking things into smaller parts -using equipment or providing direct assistance. Please take the time to read through these with your child and have a brief conversation about what they are doing and how they are going.

Events

The term ahead is a busy one with lots happening on the agenda. In particular will be our focus on the Arts which will revolve around two events.

The first of these will be our STOMP Dance Concert which will be held on November 30th at 2.30 p.m. It will be similar to last year with STOMP working with our kids for four weeks prior to the performance. The big upside to this kind of performance is that all of the students have a chance to participate in a very collaborative process. Please keep the date free if possible. It will be held in the sensory garden if the weather is good, in Isurava if it's not.

The second big event will be the Art Show which will be held in December. We will give more specifics a little further down the track on this one, but it will be a 4.00-5.30pm time with Sausage Sizzle (and yes) a Coffee Cart . We will release more detail further down the track.

As is also the tradition we will be running our swimming program in the last few weeks of term. Mr Bolton does a fine job of organising this program and once again you will soon be receiving information about that one.

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From the Principal (continued)

Tutoring

Our two tutors Ms Kerrie (Maths) and Ms Sonia (Literacy) will be continuing their work into Term 4 . I will ask them to send home a brief run down of their focus to the families of students who are involved in the program. This will give you an idea of what is going on and how you might be able to help at home.

Events in the Middle East

As the situation continues to unfold, this time can be particularly distressing for staff, students, families and carers who have extended family and friend in Israel and Gaza, and those with connections to the region. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you wish to express or discuss any matters related to the current situation. (brett.millott@education.vic.gov.au)

Grade Placements for 2024

This is the time of the year when we start to explore class structures and carefully consider the best resourcing to meet student needs. Throughout November and early December, we will be working on our class structures and student combinations for next year. A great deal of thought, planning and time goes into placing students into classes. Every effort is made to place each child in a learning environment that is engaging, caring and productive. Information from parents is welcomed as part of the decision-making process, and we now invite parents to write to us about any requests they may have for their child's educational needs. We do not accept requests for placement with individual teachers, however, we do take into consideration relevant information, based on educational needs, which can help us with the placement process.

Requests are to be addressed directly to me and will be considered up until **Friday November 3rd**. Please email directly to brett.millott@education.vic.gov.au with any concerns around specific educational needs in relation to class placement. Only letters received by **Friday November 3rd** will be considered. If you have previously emailed your child's classroom teacher, you will need to re-email this letter addressed to myself and send directly to me.

Infectious Diseases (including COVID)

Our School Community has been brilliant with regards to informing us about any infectious diseases. First up I would like to thank everyone for your support. We sure do appreciate it. Here is just a bit of a reminder.

If your child does test positive for COVID-19 and/or any other infectious disease we ask you contact the school via email kingsbury.ps@education.vic.gov.au and it is recommended that they isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.

In relation to Covid-19 it is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

Rapid Antigen Tests are also available from the front office, please don't hesitate to come in and collect as needed.

All the best

Brett Millott

Principal

OPEN ENDED MATHS TASK

Jamie the juggler had 3 coloured balls that were orange, yellow and green.

He said that when he put them on a table he could arrange the colours in 6 different ways.



We had to colour the balls that Jamie has labelled and then colour all the other sets of balls to show the 6 combinations.

We had fun trying to work out all the different colour combinations and then we had a go at juggling balls in our classroom.



2024 Prep Transition

For enrolled students only.
Please sign in at the office and
come to the Prep classrooms.
Parents are welcome to stay.

On the day, students will do a
numeracy activity.

Looking forward to meeting
everyone!

Date: Friday 27th October
Time: 2:30pm - 3:15pm