

***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

Friday 22nd July	Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am Assembly, 3.15pm
Tuesday 26th July	School Tours, 10.00am
Wednesday 27th July	Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am
Thursday 28th July	Canteen open for sales
Friday 29th July	Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am Foundation (Prep) 2023 Familiarisation Program, 2.15pm—3.15pm Assembly, 3.15pm
Tuesday 2nd August	School Tours, 10.00am

From the Principal

Greetings All in the Kingsbury community and welcome back to Term 3. Firstly, thank your children for the great start they have made over the last couple of weeks, it has been good to see the way they have approached their learning. Positive and Purposeful would be the way that I would put it.



Recently, we have had a couple of major works done around the school that will improve the safety and comfort for our students and teachers. The first of these was the completion of the shade sail project outside the Isurava building. The sail is on the northern side of the building outside Grade 4/5 and 5/6 and it will serve two purposes. Not only will it make the two classrooms much easier to work in but it creates a great outdoor space with tables and chairs undercover.

The second major project has been arborist works. In Term 1, we had an audit of our trees and during the audit it was apparent that we had to do a bit of maintenance work. Well, this has been completed and we are now into a rhythm that we can sustain going forward.

As usual we have a fair selection of special programs on the go at KPS, some new and some continuing. Here is a brief run down of some of the things happening this term.

2023 Prep Familiarisation Program

This starts on July 29th and will involve kids enrolled for Prep next year meeting each other and getting used to the Prep learning space. Having run a familiarisation program previously, they invariably end up with the students starting the new year with a lot of confidence.



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If there are families intending to be part of our 2023 Prep intake, I would certainly encourage them to enrol now so that they can participate in the program. It's a great way to build the connection of kids -school and community.

Little Learners Love Literacy

I have mentioned this before, but I'd like to give three cheers to our Grade 1/2 teachers (Mrs. Jap and Mrs Wicks) for getting this program up and running in 2022. In a nutshell, it focusses on phonological awareness, which is one of the key elements of how students learn to read especially in the early years. Not only that, but we are starting to introduce the program into the Prep area.

Gardening Program

With the weather now perfect for putting some plants in the ground in our vegetable patch. Miss Anne will be taking a couple of small groups out to the Kitchen Garden to give the program a bit of a kick start. The vegies we planted in Term 2 (the beetroots in particular) are going great guns at the moment.

Grade 5 Buddies

This is a partnership arrangement with the Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten that is back in business for the second semester. It is a great opportunity for our students to undertake a role that is going to be supportive to the community and help build connections beyond the school gate. Small groups of KPS Grade 5s will head over on a rotational basis.

Student Led Conferences



A very big thank you to all of our staff, families and students who participated in our Semester One Student Led Conferences. This was the first time that I had been part of something like this that ran across the entire school. Not only that I did have the opportunity to be part of the Prep conferences alongside Miss Zoe Price, we were able to talk in depth about the learning that had taken place in Semester 1, as well as a gameplan going forward for the remainder of 2022.

Minh, his Mum and baby brother talk about Minh's learning with Miss Price and Mr Millott (who took the picture)

Pupil Free Days

I just wanted to give everyone plenty of notice about our Pupil Free Days for Term 3. The first of these will be on August 11th and will be a Whole School Professional Practice Day for our staff. DET let us know about this arrangement late last term and we have finalised the day earlier this week. It is similar to what occurred in Term 2.

The second Pupil Free Day is on August 29th. This day was approved by our School Council last year and we will be working on building on the Berry Street Education Model which has been a long-standing feature of our school. Out of School Hours Care will run on both days. (This was sent out on Compass last week)

COVID Update—These two updates came through from the Department of Education this week. I sent them out on Compass and I have also included them in the newsletter(see below).

Exemptions for testing and isolation

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks. This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks.

After the 4-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow [the rules for household contacts](#), including reporting this to their school. As part of this they must take 5 rapid antigen tests (RATs) over 7 days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over 8 years old) in indoor spaces.

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Families and staff will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this 4-week period.

Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

All the best

Brett Millott

Principal



**PREPARING FOR
PREP 2023**



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What's On in Term 3

**Familiarisation
Program for
2023 Prep Students**

Friday 29th July
Friday 12th August
Friday 26th August

2.15pm—3.15pm

All welcome

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What's On in Term 4

2023 Prep Transition

Wednesday
26th October
&

Wednesday
9th November
2.15pm—3.15pm

Uniform Fittings

Tuesday 6th & 13th
December
9.30am—11.30am



Lately at OSHC

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We had a brilliant time over the winter school holidays! Highlights included looking at huge eels and an even huger crocodile at the Sea Life Aquarium, seeing hidden talents revealed on our bowling excursion (go Harvey!), and bravely leaping off the bouncy platform at Inflatable World. On our days at school, we celebrated Christmas in July by dressing our leaders up as snowmen, performed 'surgery' on Careers Day, and had a visit from the magical talking sorting hat at the Kingsbury School of Magic. Finishing up with a pyjama and movie day was the perfect way to wind down and prepare to return to school.

So far this term, our 'human body' area has been an absolute hit, with realistic models, real x-rays, first aid materials and dramatic play equipment. We love getting silly by performing pretend brain transplants, but also learning real skills from the first aid manuals. The area has even prompted a 'question wall', where everyone is welcome to write down any questions they have about the body so we can find out more. We've already been very impressed at how the kids have been able to answer each other's questions about things like "how and why do we get hayfever?" and "how does our digestive system work?". Roan in particular has been a champion at this!

Just a friendly reminder that, just like at school, everyone aged 8 and over are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while indoors at OSHC. This is to keep the children, families, staff and the greater community safe, healthy and able to continue life as normal. Thanks for your cooperation.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	TOAST AND CEREAL	TOAST AND CEREAL	HOMEMADE HASH BROWNS	TOAST AND CEREAL	SCRAMBLED EGGS
AFTERNOON TEA	FRIED RICE	PASTA BOLOGNESE	WINTER SOUP	ROAST POTATOES	BAKED RICE SLICE
ACTIVITY OPTION 1	ART: ALIEN PAINTINGS	COOKING: MINI VEGIE PASTIES	ART: PIXEL DRAWINGS	COOKING: RHUBARB & ORANGE MUFFINS	MUD CLAY POTTERY
ACTIVITY OPTION 2	OUTDOOR 4 SQUARE TOURNAMENT	CAPTURE THE FLAG	SOCCER	SCIENCE EXPERIMENT	FOOTY
FREE PLAY IDEAS	PLAY UNO FLIP OR MEMORY, READ A NON-FICTION BOOK, MAKE A PAPER SCRAP PIZZA COLLAGE, DRAW A COMIC.				