

***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>Monday 9th December</i>	<i>Swimming Programme continues, Prep—Year 6 Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 10th December</i>	<i>Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day School Council Meeting, 6.00pm (To be confirmed)</i>
<i>Wednesday 11th December</i>	<i>Swimming Programme continues, Prep—Year 6</i>
<i>Thursday 12th December</i>	<i>Swimming Programme continues, Prep—Year 6</i>
<i>Friday 13th December</i>	<i>CURRICULUM DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL</i>
<i>Monday 16th December</i>	<i>Semester 2 Reports available on Compass Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	<i>Whole school end of year excursion to Bundoora Park</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th December</i>	<i>Year 6 Graduation, Kingsbury Bowls Club, 5.30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December</i>	<i>“Up Day” students visit their new grades for 2025, 2.30pm—3.30pm</i>
<i>Friday 20th December</i>	<i>Term 4 ends @ 1.30pm</i>

From the Principal,

Welcome to another edition of the Kingsbury Primary School newsletter. In the coming weeks, you will start to get information regarding 2025 and what that will look like for you and our remaining students. As always, please take note of key dates and ensure Compass notifications on your phone are switched on.

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 here offers tips and resources for parents of school-age students. <https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning>

TOILET UPGRADE

I have been notified that the school has been given the green light to upgrade our outside toilets. This is well overdue, and we welcome the opportunity to ensure our facilities meet minimum standards for our school community. We should thank Mr Brett Millott for his hard work preparing the successful submission.

SCHOOL VALUES

As highlighted in the last newsletter, our value focus has been on Friendship for the past week or so. Walking around to classes and seeing solid examples of friendship displayed has been fantastic. Positive friendships benefit students and the wider community. How?

- Emotional Support:** Friends provide companionship, understanding, and empathy, helping us cope with life's challenges and emotional hardships.
- Social Connection:** Friendships foster a sense of belonging and community, reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation.
- Personal Growth:** Friends can motivate and inspire each other, encouraging personal development and self-improvement.
- Shared Joy:** Friends enhance our experiences by sharing hobbies, interests, and memorable moments, contributing to a more fulfilling life.
- Conflict Resolution:** Friendships can teach important skills like communication, conflict resolution, and compromise, which are valuable in all relationships.

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From the Principal (continued)

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our swimming program kicked off this week with many students participating. Great to see all students coming to school prepared and engaging in lessons. Swimming programs are compulsory for all schools in Victoria to ensure all students have some safety awareness around water and improve their swimming abilities.

SPEECH MASTERS

This week the highly anticipated Speech Masters took place in the Isurava building. The grade six students prepared a speech and delivered it to an audience and judges. I was extremely impressed with the quality of the speeches prepared by the students. The delivery of the speeches was also of a high standard. This activity gives students a voice to share with a broader audience, and they should be proud. Congratulations to Jasmine and Han for being selected as this year's winners. The winning speeches have been added to the newsletter.

GOODBYES

Silvia Murray

I would like to acknowledge and thank Silvia Murray, who will ride off into the sunset at the end of the year. Her retirement, although difficult to accept, allows us to reflect and thank her for her service to our community for over 15 years. If you had visited the school during this time, you would have been met with a smile and a high level of dedication to ensuring your needs were met. Her infectious enthusiasm has inspired staff and students, encouraging us to foster a supportive and nurturing environment. She has fulfilled her role with excellence and exemplified the values we hold dear at Kingsbury Primary School. If you have time and can drop in, she would love to hear your kind words. You will be profoundly missed, but the legacy of your warmth and kindness will forever remain a part of Kingsbury Primary School.

Renee Cerantonio

We also acknowledge the time Renee has spent with us. Renee organised our Performing Arts program. Renee's professionalism and kindness will be remembered by students, staff, and the wider community. We wish her the best in her future endeavours.

WELCOME

Jadon Atkinson

We welcome Jadon to our learning community for 2025. He is a young, energetic teacher getting his chance to inspire our students to aim, aspire and achieve. Jadon is a local talent, and we look forward to working with him.

Carlie Alexander

We also welcome Carlie Alexander for 2025. Carlie will be setting up our new STEM and Science program. This is an exciting opportunity for our school. Carlie is highly regarded, has worked at Quantum at La Trobe University, and is a science thinker. Our students will have access to one great program next year.

Mary Veness

Lastly, we will welcome Mary Veness to our front office. Mary will be replacing Silvia as the Office Administrator. Mary comes with a wealth of experience and importantly, she embodies our values.

To all our new staff, welcome and congratulations on your appointments. We look forward to working with you in the coming years.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On Monday, December 9, we will be having a special assembly. I encourage anyone available to make the effort to attend.

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.

There will be one more newsletter for 2024, which will come out on the second last day of term, Thursday, December 19.

Remember, be friendly.....it costs nothing.

Shaun Bishop
Principal

Hello, my name is Jasmine and today for Speech Masters I'm talking to you about books. More specifically, how books changed my life. Hopefully, I don't bore you all to death. I know this isn't the most interesting topic.

Firstly, before I start going on and on about books, I'll tell you why I'm choosing to speak about this topic, instead of what some people might be expecting me to speak about.

That's cats, by the way.

Books are a pretty important part of my life. I read basically every single day, much to the surprise of a lot of my classmates. So obviously, I like books. Now here are my reasons why.

My parents had read books to me from a young age, and by the time I was in Kinder, I really liked reading. The only problem was, I couldn't read by myself yet.

And then I met a girl who could read, and I was instantly captivated. I say captivated, maybe it was more jealous. But anyway, I begged my parents to teach me to read, and they tried to teach me over the summer.

By the time I started Prep, I could read pretty well for a little kid. I wasn't a genius, but I was happy. And that other girl still went to my school for a while, so I basically pushed myself to be as good as that girl was.

That's the first reason why reading changed my life.

One of the other ways reading changed my life is a little bit more subtle. And that's how reading altered my imagination. Dramatic, huh? It's not as crazy as it sounds, though. Sadly.

All little kids have super wild imaginations. But as people get older, they believe in less things. That's not a bad thing, but it makes it harder to do things like write stories.

But people who like reading more tend to have more creativity. They read about crazy magical things, and their "super wild imaginations" don't go away so much.

And as for the imagination thing. It also helps when I'm lying in my bed, completely unable to sleep. It means I can count sheep to sleep. Although sometimes my imagination does mean the sheep could transform into terrifying monsters in my nightmares. Still changes my life, though.

Finally, books can help you feel like you're not alone. People have written about basically every painful event that anyone's ever gone through!

So, if something really bad ever happens to you, the chances are, some other fictional characters have been through something really similar. And all those characters got through it, didn't they?

Things like that are what make books great, and things like that are what makes books so life changing for me. Maybe books aren't great for everyone. Maybe I bored you. Maybe you're thinking I'm being way too dramatic. And maybe I am. But this is important to me.

Thank you for listening to my speech.

Jasmine Meehan-Evans

Year 5/6B

Environmental Pollution Concerns

What is the concerns about environmental pollution?

- ▶ Environmental pollution refers to the alteration or contamination of natural elements like air, water, and soil due to human activities.
- ▶ Concerns about environmental pollution are becoming urgent due to the negative impacts on human health, animals, and ecosystems.

Where does environmental pollution originate from?

- ▶ **Industrial activities:** Production and manufacturing often release toxic substances like exhaust gases, solid waste, and pollutants into the air, water, and soil.
- ▶ **Transportation:** Vehicles emit CO₂ and other pollutants, contributing to air pollution.
- ▶ **Agriculture:** The use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers can pollute groundwater and soil.
- ▶ **Household waste:** Waste from households, including plastics, food leftovers, and other items, if not properly managed, will cause environmental pollution.

Causes of environmental pollution:

- ▶ **Natural resource exploitation:** Mining, deforestation, and oil extraction activities can lead to ecosystem degradation and pollution.
- ▶ **Low public awareness:** Lack of awareness and individual actions in environmental protection also contribute to pollution issues.
- ▶ **Climate change:** Pollution activities also increase climate change, leading to more serious environmental problems.
- ▶ **Deforestation:** Cutting down trees reduces the planet's ability to absorb carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas.

Impact:

- ▶ Crops, food, and agricultural produce are still in short supply. Water shortages severely affect both daily living and production needs.
- ▶ **Ecological Danger:** Animals and plants are severely affected by the lack of water, struggling to survive.
- ▶ **Climate change:** Emissions from factories, transportation, and industrial activities lead to global climate change, causing alarming phenomena such as storms, floods, and droughts.

Consequences:

- ▶ **Consequences:** Increased risk of diseases such as cancer, dysmenorrhea, hepatitis,... affecting contaminate to water sources, causing serious water shortages. **Air pollution:** Emissions from factories, fires, forest fires and volcanoes,... **Consequences:** Public health reduces the quality of life as well as the lifespan of humans, many animal and plant species are affected by air pollution, leading to ecological imbalance.

Solutions to address environmental pollution:

- ▶ Reducing plastic usage: encourage the use of eco-friendly products such as fabric bags and glass bottles instead of single-use plastic items.
- ▶ Enhancing recycling and reuse: Develop an efficient waste sorting and collection system to recycle and reduce pollution-causing waste.
- ▶ Raising community awareness: Implement environmental education programs and media campaigns to help people understand the importance of protecting the environment and how they can contribute.
- ▶ Managing and controlling industrial waste: Production facilities need to adopt clean technology and minimize the discharge of hazardous waste into the environment.

Solutions:

- ▶ Developing renewable energy: encourage the use of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and hydropower instead of coal and oil.
- ▶ Improving public transportation systems: enhance public transit and encourage walking and cycling to reduce emissions from personal vehicles.
- ▶ Protecting and planting forests: increase green spaces, protect natural forests to absorb CO₂, improve air quality and prevent soil erosion.
- ▶ Promoting sustainable agriculture: reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, encourage organic farming methods to protect water resources and soil quality.

Conclusion:

THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION:

- ▶ Emphasize that you should act now, as delaying will lead to more severe consequences that will be harder to address in the future.
- ▶ Everyone needs to understand the value and benefits the environment brings to us, and encourage everyone to join hands in protecting it.
- ▶ Encourage collective responsibility: Urge people to contribute, even in small ways, as every effort can make a big difference for the environment. Collective efforts, awareness, and sustainable practices are essential to creating lasting change for our planet.

END!!!

Thank you everyone for watching and listening for my presentation.

Hope you like it.

Han Gia Thai

Year 5/6M



Christmas Fun Day

at Red Door Cafe

15th December 2025

from 2:30pm

3 Link Street, Kingsbury

Come along and enjoy
a free sausage sizzle and
meet Santa Claus!



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FOOTY ADVENTURE KEON PARK AUSKICK & SUPERKICK CENTRE

Choice of Thursday afternoons 5:30pm-6:30pm &
Saturday mornings 9:30am-10:30am
JC Donath Reserve (Reservoir)
Commencing May 1st & May 3rd
Eleven sessions and pack included from \$85
Contact: keonparkstars@gmail.com

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Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick! An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.
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