

***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 12th February</i>	<i>Oral Hygiene Talks, Prep—Year 4 students Assembly, 3.15pm—3.30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 14th February</i>	<i>No school for Foundation (Prep) students Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—11.00am</i>
<i>Friday 15th February</i>	<i>Hockey Clinic, Years 1-6 students</i>
<i>Monday 19th February</i>	<i>JSC Investiture and Assembly, 2.30pm (To be confirmed) Semper Dental Van Visit #1</i>
<i>Tuesday 20th February</i>	<i>Semper Dental Van Visit #2</i>
<i>Wednesday 21st February</i>	<i>No School for Foundation (Prep) students Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—11.00am School Council Meeting, 6.00pm</i>
<i>Friday 23rd February</i>	<i>Soccer Clinic, Years 1-6 students</i>
<i>Monday 26th February</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.15pm</i>

From the Principal,

A BIG, BIG WELCOME



to all our students and families to 2024

Greetings all in the Kingsbury Community. This week's newsletter is chock a block full of information that I am required to send out by DET. The next edition will have a much greater focus on what is happening in the classrooms. This is how we will want it to be going forward. I have been spending a lot of time in classrooms over the past week and I have been very impressed with the way things are going. Students are putting a lot of effort into their learning and the teachers have not wasted anytime in terms of starting the learning.

Our Teaching Team in 2024:

<i>Prep team</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Simone Bevan</i>
<i>Year 1/2 team</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Marcelina Jap & Katherine Wicks</i>
<i>Years 3/6 team</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Cindy Nguyen, Shaun Bishop, Melissa Brownlee, Matthew McKenzie-McHarg & Brett Millott</i>

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Specialist team : ***Catherine Daniels (Indonesian), Wayne Bolton (PE), Renee Cerantonio (Performing Arts), Alice Krause (Visual Arts)***

Tutoring/Learning

Support team : ***Melissa Brownlee, Cathy Valkanis***

ES Support : ***Carlene Thompson, Zac Brown-Close, Jennifer Watson***

EAL : ***Anne Atkinson***

Administration : ***Silvia Murray, Mikayla Porteous***

I would particularly like to welcome our staff who are new to KPS in 2024:

- ▶ Shaun Bishop will be teaching the Year 3/4 class
- ▶ Catherine Daniels will be our Indonesian LOTE teacher
- ▶ Zac Brown-Close who will be Education Support in the Year 1/2 area

Department Mobile Phone Policy (including Smartwatches)

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For this policy, “mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have similar functionality to a mobile phone, such as smartwatches.

IMPLEMENTATION

Kingsbury understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Kingsbury Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours **at the School Office**
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school’s office.

At Kingsbury Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is any use during school hours and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- that in any way disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms during exams and assessments

We thank you for your assistance in support this policy and if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to get in contact with us.

Personal Property

The Department (which includes our school) does not have accident insurance. Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school is not the responsibility of Example School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.

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School Council Elections

Every year School Council Elections are held over February and March. On February 19th we will display all of the specific information around the School and via Compass.

School council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category – members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- ▶ **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- ▶ **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

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- ▶ **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- ▶ **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- ▶ **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- ▶ **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- ▶ **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- ▶ **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- ▶ **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- ▶ the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- ▶ the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

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Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

All the best
Brett Millott
Principal

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All students must wear a hat in Term 1 and part of Term 2. This is not negotiable. Students not wearing hats will be required to play in the shade and will be unable to participate in Physical Education lessons or sport. Hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop on **WEDNESDAY** mornings. Bucket hats are \$12.00, Legionnaire Hats \$9.00 and Broad Brimmed Hats are \$14.00.

Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221

Education Support is a flexible and rewarding career where you can work in the classroom to support students with additional needs.

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You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

Pathways

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary and secondary schools and schools for children with additional needs. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



Location

Online and Rosanna
Fire Station Community House, 232 Lower Plenty Rd, Rosanna

Dates and duration

Starting 7th May, 2024
26 Sessions, 2 Workshops
100-hour placement

Days and times

Tuesdays
9.15am - 3.15pm
Classes will not run on public or school holidays

Study Mode

Alternates weekly between online (Zoom) and face-to-face in a classroom, self-directed offsite tasks and research, remote teacher support sessions, practical placement and industry/assessment workshops

Fees

Gov. subsidised:
Concession \$90
Full \$450
Non-subsidised \$5850

*Special consideration may apply
Plus SIO Service & Amenities fee

Course commencement is subject to variation, sufficient enrolments and eligibility requirements. Prace encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in our programs and activities. Prace TQID 4036

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