

***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**

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| <b>Friday 1st February</b>     | <i>Foundation (Prep) students commence school</i>                    |
| <b>Monday 4th February</b>     | <i>Assembly, 3.10pm</i>  |
| <b>Tuesday 5th February</b>    | <i>Lunar New Year</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 6th February</b>  | <i>No Foundation students required at school<br/>Student banking</i> |
| <b>Monday 11th February</b>    | <i>Assembly &amp; Junior School Investiture</i>                      |
| <b>Tuesday 12th February</b>   | <i>"Getting to know your Child" Interviews</i>                       |
| <b>Wednesday 13th February</b> | <i>School Banking Day</i>  |

#### ***From the Principal,***

##### ***Welcome Back!***

I extend a warm welcome to all of our new Kingsbury families and those returning in 2019. I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and are rested and ready to go for Term 1. It is a very short term of 10 weeks and there are many exciting activities planned to ensure students are ready and willing to learn.

##### ***Welcome Picnic***

The first event will be held on Thursday 7th February where all students and families are invited to celebrate our return to school and get to know each other at our Welcome Picnic. The evening will commence at 5.00pm with a Sausage Sizzle. You can purchase sausages (including Halal) and drinks or bring your own family picnic. After getting to know each other students and families will participate in some songs from our concert and dancing to familiar songs. We will also acknowledge that Lunar New Year takes place this week and that many families celebrate this occasion. Please come and join us and meet our school community. Teachers will mingle and introduce themselves. This evening will conclude at 6.30pm.

##### ***School Book Packs***

Book packs are available for collection upon fee payment at the school office. These packs contain all of the stationery requirements for the whole year. Students are also supplied with other resources used in specialist areas. If you did not order a book pack at the end of 2018, you will need to collect the book list and provide your own stationery. There are no additional resources kept at the school. \$92.50 will still be required for the remainder of the school fees and the Wellbeing Journal.

##### ***Community***

Please find attached the Term 1 Community Calendar which outlines all the upcoming events. Please put this on the fridge and you will be up to date.

##### ***Playgroup***

Due to low attendance at the Wednesday Playgroup, at this stage, we will no longer be facilitating a formal playgroup. However, if a group of parents still wish to use our room and are willing to undertake the provision of activities and clean up, the space may still be utilised. Please contact me personally if you wish to discuss this further.

##### ***Year Level Class Newsletters***

Class newsletters and Information Collecting Packs will be sent out next week. Please ensure all forms are returned by Friday 8th February to assist our office staff and class teachers. The entire pack should be completed and returned in the envelope provided.

##### ***Niblick St Gate***

This gate will be locked during school hours, from 9.15am until—3.00pm. For access to the school, outside of these times, please use the main entrance located at Maryborough Ave.

### ***New fences***

The new fences will be completed shortly and are a real asset to the school. Some minor works around the concreting of the entrance will be completed shortly. Please ensure you model to your child where to cross the crossing and enter the school. Do not cut across the rocks and the garden but use the ramps provided.

### ***Help***

Do you have special skills and talents that you would like to share? Some of our parents are volunteers in our classrooms and others actually come in and assist with teaching and learning. Whatever your skill, we love to have you in our school. Please complete a Working With Children Check online and provide it for the school to photocopy. Then make an appointment with myself or your child's teacher to discuss where you would like to assist.

Maybe you would like to join the Parents Club? This wonderful group of mums assist with fundraising and the Uniform Shop. They desperately need your help so please volunteer to help in any way.

School Council is another option. This group meets monthly, on the third Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm-9.00pm. We will be calling for parent representatives in March. Please see me or a current school councillor for more information.

### ***Tuesday Fruit***

Last year, we were able to provide fresh fruit each week to our students through a community organisation called 'Second Bite'. Ms Chris Mountney generously gave up her time to collect the fruit from Heidelberg West. She is unable to do this in 2019.

***I am calling for a parent volunteer to collect the fruit each week on a Tuesday between 8.00—10.00am and deliver it to school. At school, the JSC will help to deliver the fruit to classrooms.***

This is a way to make a real difference to our school. It encourages healthy eating and provides the students with the opportunity to try different fruits and have snacks throughout the week. Without a volunteer to collect the fruit, this service will be unable to continue. Please see me as soon as possible if you are interested, so that we can begin our program next week. If Tuesday is unsuitable, then we could negotiate another day. Alternatively, perhaps two families could share this task.

Thank you for choosing to attend Kingsbury Primary School. I look forward to meeting all of our new families and having a wonderful year together.

***Christine Campbell***

***Principal***

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back everyone!

We are still in need of volunteers for canteen, if you like to help please see me in canteen or leave details at office. A Working with Children's Check is required. There is no cost to apply. Please visit [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) for more information.

### ***Roster***

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| Wednesday 6th February | Cindy Hodgson & Marjorie Hodgson                  |
| Thursday 7th February  | Alicia Nelson, Sarah Arnold & Yasmeen Fathmia     |
| Friday 8th February    | Kylie Rawson, Christel Lemmon & Rebecca Camilleri |

Canteen Menus have been sent home. More are available from the Canteen or the School Administration Office.

**Christine Mountney**