

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 15th February	<i>Whole School First Aid Incursion</i>
Monday 18th February	<i>JSC Investiture & Assembly, 2.45pm</i>
Wednesday 20th February	<i>School Banking Day</i>
	<i>NO FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL</i>
Thursday 21st February	<i>School Council Meeting, 7.00pm</i>
Monday 25th February	<i>Assembly, 3.10pm</i>
Wednesday 27th February	<i>School Banking Day</i>
	<i>NO FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL</i>

From the Principal,

Congratulations to our Junior School Council Members

The following students have been elected as representatives of the Junior School Council:

Joey Herriman, April Proctor, Ebony Smith, Aaron Isa Affendi, Tiana Comerford, Alleasha Fenton, Jack Athanasopoulos, Bob Nguyen, Aditya Vive, Jovan Nie, Jake Proctor, Jasmin Muir, Kiki Winarnita, Amaani Ali Hassan, Macey Lemmon, Lovelin Flowcy, Maddison Johnstone and Mohamed Elmi.

Our School Captains will be elected this week and announced at Assembly on Monday 18th February, with a special assembly commencing at 2.45pm.

School Council

Kingsbury Primary School Council currently has vacancies for Parent and Community Members of either one or two years. If you have ever considered joining School Council and playing a part in the development of School Policy or participating on a school committee, now is the perfect time to join us. The School Council members are committed to improving our school, raising funds and ensuring that the school is maintained to the highest possible standard. Please see Nigel Proctor, our School Council President or myself to express your interest. New faces would be very welcome. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday each month from 7.00pm-9.00pm. Further information is provided in the following pages of this newsletter.

Absenteeism

The Department of Education requires all families to notify the school by 9.30am each day, if their child is absent. Then the school roll can be marked accordingly. Any family that does not contact the school will be contacted by a school staff member to find out the reason for the absence. DET expects that all students attend school each day unless a reasonable explanation is provided.

New App for Parents

Is your child absent? You can let us know in the following ways:

1. Ring us on our phone number 9462 2711 at any stage prior to 9.30am
2. Email us on the school email – kingsbury.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
3. Notify us on our new App “Flexibuzz”. A quick and easy option for those on the move. Simply click on “Absence” in the main menu and fill in and submit. All responses go directly to the school office.

“Flexibuzz” is a free app and we would like as many parents as possible to utilise this service. Simply download the “app” and subscribe to our school. The school uses Flexibuzz for quick and convenient communication to you. For example, an excursion group might be set up. If the excursion runs late, all families would then be notified. You can also view the weekly newsletter, year level grade newsletters, incursions/excursions/camps etc.

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From the Principal (continued)

School Crossing

Around our school during peak times is always extremely busy. We have to accept that and ensure that our own behaviours are not adding to the difficulties at drop off and pick up times. We would really like to think that EVERYONE cares about the safety of our children, but some unacceptable behaviours have been witnessed:

- ▶ Parking in local resident's driveways is illegal
- ▶ Stopping in the middle of the road and allowing children to jump out and run across to the footpath puts these children at risk and holds up other traffic
- ▶ Stopping and parking illegally, too close to the school crossing, over driveways and too close to corners is unsafe. All these practices diminish the clear vision of pedestrians and drivers and could lead to a terrible accident.
- ▶ Use the school crossings, either at Maryborough Ave or Niblick St to enter the school.

So, please take a little time and have consideration for pedestrians and other drivers. Be prepared to wait and/or give way to other traffic and most importantly, keep our students, our school surrounds safe and friendly.

Christine Campbell



CSEF Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A payment of \$125.00 for eligible primary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student. We will also need to take a photocopy of your concession card, please pop into the office and see either Ms. Silvia or Mrs. Athanasopoulos for more information.

Dental Check Ups

In the next week you will receive a letter, flyer and permission form for your child to participate in our upcoming free dental check up & treatment plan for eligible students. All permission forms need to be returned to the school office.



Is your young child experiencing worry, anxiety or fear?

Then register for... **The Brave Program** for parents and caregivers of young children

A FREE online program that provides parents and caregivers of young children aged 3 to 7 with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.

<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>

fb.me/braveparents

To keep this program free for all Australian families, anonymous data is collected at registration and during the program use, to help us track the success of the program. Some of this data may be used for research purposes.

Four **FREE** online self-help sessions



The Brave Program.

Griffith UNIVERSITY Queensland, Australia

Beyond Blue

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND



COME AND SEE WHAT OSHC IS ALL ABOUT!

KINGSBURY OSHC OPEN AFTERNOON

FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2019

3:30PM - 6:00PM

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Have you ever wondered what goes on at Out of School Hours Care?
Come along to our Open Afternoon and experience it for yourself!

Get to know the Leaders over a sausage sizzle afternoon tea, learn about Before Care, After Care and our holiday programs, then join in an afternoon of fun. We'll have arts and crafts, cooking, science activities, outdoors games and more; just a small selection of the activities we have each week at our program!



CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Wednesday 20th February

Vanessa Bryan , Amanda Hadson-Luka & Cathy Du

Thursday 21st February

Cindy Hodgson & Marjorie Hodgson

Friday 22nd February

Sarah Arnold, Alicia Nelson & Effie Blakis

Sushi Lunch Day

Canteen Special Sushi Lunch Day is Thursday 28th February. Order forms have been sent home more and more are available from the office or canteen. We are ordering from Koshi Sushi. **Order forms need to be in by 10.00am Wednesday 27th February NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you don't want Sushi you can still order from canteen menu.

Big thankyou to Sarah Arnold for filling in on short notice.

Big warm welcome to Isterlin Abdulle for joining the canteen team.

Canteen is still in need of volunteers, if you like to help please see me in canteen or leave details at office. A Working with Children Check is required. There is no cost to apply. Please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au for more information.

Volunteers

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 Check is required. There is no cost to apply. Please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au for more information.

Christine Mountney

**LAST WEEK THE GRADE 5/6'S DID THEIR J.S.C
SPEECH. EVERYONE DID A FANTASTIC JOB.
YESTERDAY THE GRADE 6 PRESENTED THEIR SCHOOL
CAPTAIN SPEECH. WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE SCHOOL
CAPTAIN WINNERS NEXT WEEK AT MONDAY
ASSEMBLY.**

WRITTEN BY: LOVLEIN AND DANA

DESIGNED BY: ADITYA, MICHAEL AND ELYAS.

TYPED BY : ELYAS



**ON TUESDAY, ALL OF THE GRADE 6'S WENT TO
PREPS TO KNOW WHO THEIR BUDDIES WERE. IT WAS
A REALLY GOOD TIME AND WE ALL ENJOYED PLAYING
WITH OUR BUDDIES. IT WAS A GREAT NEW
EXPERIENCE FOR THE PREPS AND 6'S TO DO THINGS
WITH SOMEONE.**

WRITTEN BY: AMAANI AND KIKI

TYPED BY: JAKE AND JOVAN



KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

THIS WEEK AT THE PROGRAM

Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday season with your loved ones and that your 2019 school year is off to a great start.

We had a whole lot of fun during our Summer Holiday Program, with some of the highlights including trips to Latitude, MSAC and the Melbourne Museum. We also visited the Collingwood Children's Farm where we observed how to milk a cow and fed the goats, sheep, chickens and guinea pigs. A few of us got more than we bargained for, however, when a pig shook mud off its skin and onto our clothes! We also enjoyed staying cool at the program by cooking delicious foods, crafting and having a visit from Reptile Encounters. We've continued the fun into Term 1 with some of our favourite activities, including parachute making, model aircraft building and cooking.

Our Junior Leader this week is Tristan from OLW for settling into the program so well and for always having a positive attitude. Keep it up, Tristan!



Don't forget, if you would like to find out more about our program, be sure to come to our Open Afternoon on Monday the 18th of February! Please check out our poster for more details.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Toast and cereal	Toast and cereal	Blueberry muffins	Toast and cereal	Yogurt and granola
AFTERNOON TEA	Honey chicken	Beef Bolognese	Noodle stir fry	Sausage rolls	Scones
ACTIVITY 1	Sock puppet making	Eats and treats cooking club	Model aircraft club	Cooking: Love heart waffles	Bookmark making
ACTIVITY 2	Treasure hunting	Soccer	Minute to win it	Poison ball	Ultimate frisbee
FREE PLAY IDEAS	Reading, designing a new Pokémon, building a dinosaur enclosure, Upwords, tidying the bookshelf				



KEON PARK STARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WANTS YOU!!

BOYS & GIRLS FROM ANY AGE WANTED FOR 2019 AND BEYOND

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

COME & JOIN OUR FANTASTIC FAMILY & ENJOY PLAYING IN A TEAM SPORT



COME AND SEE US

@ DONATH RESERVE, CORNER OF HAMER STREET & WAGGA ROAD RESERVOIR

(TRAINING DAYS ARE WEDNESDAY'S AND FRIDAY'S)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE PH TERRY BROOKS (PRESIDENT) ON 0404 160 808 OR VIA EMAIL KEONPARKSTARS@GMAIL.COM

KEEP UP TO DATE BY VISITING: www.keonparkstars.com.au & www.facebook.com/keonparkstars.jfc

COME AND SEE US ON **REGISTRATION DAY ON SUNDAY 17 FEB 2019** (@ OVAL #5 DONATH RESERVE)

AND PAY YOUR CHILD'S YEARLY FEE ON THE DAY

AND ALL YOU HAVE TO PAY IS \$125.00 PER CHILD (WHICH INCLUDES REGISTERING WITH THE NFNL)

REGISTRATION IS A SEPARATE FEE TO THE CLUB FEE



The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



**Orders from Book Club Catalogue 1
will close on Thursday, 21st February.**

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order
using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**,
speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Book Club is a great way to purchase books at reasonable prices. All books ordered through Book Club assist the school in earning reward points which can be used to purchase additional books for our library. **Orders for the Book Club can only be placed using the Loop App.**

No cash payments will be accepted.

Library Borrowing:

- All students are entitled to borrow two books on a weekly basis for home reading.
- If students wish to keep a book for longer than a week, they need to return it to the library to renew their loan.
- For books that remain overdue for longer than a month families will receive an overdue notice which will request return of the book or payment for replacement cost. If books are lost or damaged we will request payment for a replacement.
- All loans and returns are supervised by staff.

We want all our students to be able to access quality reading materials therefore your support and co-operation with the above is greatly appreciated.

The 'Grown-Ups' Book Exchange

Our 'Grown-Ups' Book Exchange is located just inside the library doors. We have books available for young adult to adult reading. There is a good selection of books, both fiction and non-fiction. If you feel like a good book to read drop into our library. You don't need a library card and it is free.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

1. *A mandated elected parent category.*

More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be parent members at their child's school.

2. *A mandated elected DET employee category.*

Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

3. *An optional community member category.*

Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members. The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the School Council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement Term 1 each year. All School Council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to nominate in either the parent category or DET employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

2019 timeline

- A call for nominations will be made in to the parent community in the week beginning Monday 11th February 2019.
- Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 p.m. on Friday 22nd February to the School Principal.
- The list of candidates will be posted in the School Newsletter on Thursday 28th February 2019.
- Ballot papers, if required, will be distributed on Friday 1st March 2019.
- The ballot, if required, will close at 4.00 p.m. on Friday 8th March 2019.
- The results of the ballot will be announced on Tuesday 12th March 2019.

New School Council members will be presented and inducted at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21st March 2019 beginning at 7.00pm.

There are five parent category vacancies and two DET category vacancies. In the parent category, four of the vacancies are for two year terms and the other vacancy is for one year only. If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, an election will not be required.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the office.



Christine Campbell

Principal