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KEY DATES FOR 2017

Monday 13 February
Public Holiday - Regatta Day

Tuesday 14 February
Kinders A and C commence

50th Anniversary 'Black Tuesday'
Re-enactment Walk to
Kingston Beach

Wednesday 14 February
Kinder B commence

TERM DATES FOR 2017

TERM 1
Wednesday 8 February -
Wednesday 12 April
(Thursday 13 April
is a Student Free Day)
Easter Break:
Friday 14 April - Tuesday 18 April

TERM 2
Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July

TERM 3
(Monday 24 July
is a Student Free Day)
Tuesday 25 July -
Friday 29 September

TERM 4
Monday 16 October -
Thursday 21 December
(Friday 27 October
is a Student Free Day)

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

We have had a great start to 2017 at Kingston Primary. Students are settled and seem really happy to be here. Staff have done an amazing job preparing and planning to give all students the best possible start. Obviously you as parents and carers have done a great job also to have your children ready and raring to go! Best wishes everyone for a great year!

We welcome quite a few new teachers this year. Stephanie Neal is sharing Grade 1 with Kathryn Gray, Simon Clifford is teaching Grade 3/4, Joshua Durno and Brett Best are also teaching a Grade 3/4. Lorin Ross is teaching Grade 4/5 and Fred Lutjens is teaching Grade 5/6. Chris Anagnostis is our new AST/Support Teacher and Robyn Spinner is our new Japanese Teacher.



At the end of last year we farewelled two teachers who are now enjoying retirement, Gail Tritton and Gavin McDonald. Thank you very much to Kellie Clement for the amazing cakes.

This afternoon we farewelled two other long-serving staff members who are retiring after many years of dedicated service to the school. Facility Staff, Neville Styles and Peta Brinsmead are already sorely missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

We also welcome many new students and families to the school this year and we hope you grow to love Kingston Primary as much as the rest of us do! We hope all the new families will come and join our current families at the Welcome Back BBQ being put on by the

School Community Association on Friday 24 February from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and connect with the School and there will be free fun entertainment for the children!

Next Tuesday will see a special event happening at Kingston Primary. A number of randomly selected students will be doing a re-enactment of what happened at the original Kingston State School on 'Black Tuesday', 7 February 1967. On that day, as the sky fell dark, buildings and trees were burning and the strong wind was blowing ash everywhere, a very smart young teacher, Doug Cooper, grabbed the tennis net, laid it out and got all 150 students to hold on to it. He then tied a skipping rope around the front of the net and led the whole school to the safety of Kingston Beach. It is important for our students to learn of significant historical events that happened in their local community and to understand and commemorate the amazing community spirit that was demonstrated by so many courageous local people. As part of the re-enactment, Doug Cooper's daughter, Alison Ring will take his place leading our students (including Michaela, Doug's granddaughter and a Kingston Primary Grade 4 student) to the beach holding a tennis net. We will start the walk at 1.30 pm.

Late last year some students produced pieces of Art to demonstrate their thoughts and feelings around these bushfires. The Art work is currently displayed at the Snug Community Hall. These Art pieces were judged and two of our students won their category and were presented with framed certificates on Tuesday at the Black Tuesday 50th Anniversary event at Snug. Congratulations to Toby T (Grade 6) and Sam W (Prep).

Dorothy Raymond
Acting Principal



LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING
is on
Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.00 - 11.00 am in Kinder A.
During Term 1 we are also offering an informal Playgroup session on Thursdays from 2.00 - 2.45 pm.
Families with children aged birth to four years are welcome.

CAN SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking will commence again next Tuesday 14 February.
We are excited to launch the new reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.
● Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
● 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
● Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4

SAVE THE DATE FOR KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

WELCOME BACK BBQ
FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017

FREE SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Our opening hours are :
Tuesdays and Fridays 8:35 - 9:00 am
and
Wednesdays 2:45 - 3:10 pm.
Payment is by cash or cheque only. If you cannot make these times, orders with payment can be left at the office.
We have been very busy in the lead up to school returning, and I would like to thank all those people who volunteered their time in this period, and who continue to help throughout the year.
There was a delay with the Rugby tops arriving due to an issue with the embroidery, but they have now arrived and we have all sizes in stock. We unexpectedly sold out of size 4 spray jackets and these should be back in stock over the next few weeks.
Jodi Enright - Uniform Co-ordinator