



Striving together for excellence

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Two weeks into the year and I can report seeing great work already coming out of classrooms and students enthusiastically talking about things they are doing and learning about. There is a positive and happy feeling around the school and just this morning two parents told me how welcoming and friendly the students around the school are. One reported having the gate held open by older students as she was trying to get through with a couple of smaller children and how polite and courteous they were. The other talked about the great positive vibe across the school and how impressive and engaging our Launching into Learning Program is.

On Wednesday we had our first Social Skills Assembly for the year. This is where we remind students of the skills we have already been teaching and practising (Respectful Language and Behaviour, Manners Matter, Think Before You Speak, Hands and Feet to Self, Prove You Can Move, It's Not a Joke to Provoke) and introduce a new skill for a four week focus in class and across the school. The new skill for students to work on is **'Keep it Small'**. Problems are much easier to deal with and resolve if they are kept as small as possible from the outset. During the Assembly Andrew Nash, Chris Anagnostis and Joshua Durno performed an entertaining role play for the students to demonstrate how a student can keep a problem small and work on self-calming strategies. After the Assembly students went back to class and discussed the role play and started work to understand and practise the new skill.

KEY DATES FOR 2017

Monday 20 February
School Community Association Meeting - 6.30 pm

Tuesday 21 February
SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday 22 February
Whole School Assembly
2.00 pm in GP Room

Thursday 23 February

Friday 24 February
WELCOME BACK BBQ
5.00 - 7.00 pm

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)



On Tuesday afternoon our re-enactment walk went without a hitch. As I wrote in last week's Newsletter we wanted to acknowledge the bravery and enterprise of the teachers at the Kingston State School during the '67 Bushfires, particularly Doug Cooper, who led all 150 students down to the safety of Kingston Beach holding on to a tennis net. The students who participated certainly gained a better understanding of the events of that day and during Assembly next week we will talk more about it to spread this understanding to the rest of the students.

Congratulations to Alison Ring, Doug Cooper's daughter, who so ably led our students through Kingston down to the beach.

Dorothy Raymond
Acting Principal



SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES

Better health for better learning

My name is Emma Middleton.

I am the Primary School Health Nurse for Kingston Primary School.

My role includes:

- Kindergarten health assessments
- Vision and hearing screening
- Developmental screening
- Health advice and support
- Health education and promotion

Assisting schools with health management for children with known medical conditions and liaising with external services e.g. Asthma Tas, Dietician, Physio.

I will be spending time with the Kinders and getting to know the children to help them prepare for their screening. I will be sending out a health questionnaire and consent form for the vision and screening to all parents/guardians of Kinder children soon. If anyone needs help filling these in please do not hesitate to ask me.

I look forward to meeting the children in other grades soon.

Please feel to contact me through the school on 6229 5728.

School Nurse dates for Term 1: 23 February, 3 March, 9 March, 14 March, 23 March, 31 March, 6 April and 11 April.



On Tuesday afternoon we replayed what happened the day of the fires fifty years ago. We held on to a tennis net and we walked down to Kingston Beach. It made me think about how scary it would have been for the kids because it would have been black and red everywhere with ash around them in the air. When we got to the beach we went down to the water. I was so happy that we got to stop walking. I felt very hot but we got to have an ice-cream so that made me happy too. Once I'd had my ice-cream I went over to one of the television reporters and told her she was pretty and she said, "Do you know why you're here today?" I said "Yes" and told her what I knew. She asked me if I would like to be interviewed and I said, "Yes please". Then she counted down from 3 and she put the big fluffy microphone in front of me and asked me the same question again and there I was on WIN News talking about the teacher Doug Cooper evacuating all the 150 students to the beach with a tennis net on Black Tuesday. After I got home and watched myself on the news my neighbour came over and asked me for my autograph!

by Phoebe G - Grade 3

KINGBOROUGH TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2017

Information Morning
Saturday 18th Feb
Kingston Beach Oval Clubrooms
10 am to 12 noon

NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME

For more information please email:
kingboroughtigers@gmail.com or contact

Registrar: Sally Donnelly 0418 518 032
Youth Football Co-ordinator: Bob Burgess 0417 785 592
Junior Football Co-ordinator: Brent Conway 0409 436 040

HOCKEY TASMANIA JUNIOR GALA DAY

FREE TO COME & TRY • COME & TRY • COME & TRY

SAT 18TH FEB - 2PM - 4PM
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
TASMANIAN HOCKEY CENTRE
45 HILL STREET, NEW TOWN

You are invited to attend Hockey Tasmania's Free Junior Gala Day. If you would like to attend, RSVP here: 2017-junior-gala-day-rsvp.eventlistau.com

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www.hockeytasmania.com.au

KIDCITY'S SUPERSHOUT is a fun-filled Friday Lunchtime program run by a few members of KidCity at CityLight Church. We play lots of games and share a simple story, illustration or illusion. We have loads of fun and encourage children that they are valued, important and incredible individuals. All students who come must have a completed permission form which can be collected from the school office or from SuperShout staff. This form, once filled in by parents or guardians, could be returned to the office or brought to SuperShout on a Friday Lunchtime. We hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D	Thank you to all families for preparing your children so well for the start of their school year. They are quickly learning the routines and rules, and have had fun playing, doing art and craft activities, and enjoying stories and music. Next week we will begin work on the letter 's'.
MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S) KINDER UNIT C	PARENTS - Please observe and read the 'Parent Interest Board' in the main entrance of Kinder B.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB	Kinder/Prep have made a very settled start to the year. They are learning the routines of our classroom and have met their specialist teachers for Music, Library and PE. Each morning in Kinder/Prep we make fruit eating part of our morning tea. Could you please ensure your child has a piece of fruit to eat or some small pieces of cut up fruit. This is part of our 'Move Well, Eat Well' program. Thank you to all parents for naming clothing so clearly, it helps find the right owner! I am looking forward to working with your children this year.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP UNIT B	We have had a wonderful beginning to the Prep year with many holiday items and stories being shared. The children have settled into the class routines and are now making new friendships, working together and helping each other in the classroom. The Home Readers have been given out so please make a special time each day/night to read with your child. Your child's change over and sharing day are written on the front cover. We are a 'Move Well, Eat Well' school where fruit is eaten at Recess and we encourage drinking water regularly.
MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P	The children have all settled in well. Please ensure your child has a serving of fruit or vegetables and a water bottle each day. They all did a wonderful job sharing the treasures in their paper bags.
MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE 1 UNIT O	Next week we will begin our 'Speaking and Listening' program. Inside your child's Home Reader folder you will find a booklet and a letter to explain how it will run. A timetable will be made up and displayed in the window to allow your children to know which day they will be presenting their theme.
MISS BARKER'S/ MR WARMAN'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	This week we have been busy settling in and establishing our routines. We especially enjoyed our group work in Mathematics and Reading. Our specialist lessons are PE - Tuesday, Library - Wednesday, Music - Thursday.
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2 UNIT A	Welcome to our class for 2017. This week students took home their Home Reading folders. Banking started on Tuesdays. Forms for new applicants have been issued. Book Club was sent home too. As you can see we are very busy! Students have made a great start and are working like champions.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	What a fantastic start we have had to our year together. We have created our Minpin tree and started coming to grips with all of the new routines involved in a Grade 1/2 class. It has been great to see that most of the students have a school approved hat, compulsory for Term 1. Also, well done on the enthusiasm shown for our Home Reading program with many of the students already in a daily routine of book exchange before school.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	Welcome back to all students and congratulations for such a lovely start to our year! We have been reading lots of books together and learning how we can help to make our classroom a happy place to be. Thank you to all parents for returning your forms so quickly, they have really helped me get to know your child better.
MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	We have made a great start to the year and the children are settling into their new routines. Mr Durno and Mr Best invite parents to the Welcome Back BBQ on Friday evening 24 February and look forward to meeting you all.
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	We have had an excellent start to the year. We have a big focus on social skills, in particular learning to regulate our own emotions. In Maths, we are currently consolidating our knowledge of place value and friends of ten. In English we are learning about recounts.
MRS GRANAY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	We have had a great start to the year and it is lovely getting to know each child. Home Readers are being sent home to start a Home Reading program. Please encourage your child to read at least 4-5 nights a week. I have now sorted out children into their reading groups and Guided Reading with the teacher will start next week. Have a great weekend!
MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S	What a tremendous start to the year. We have been getting to know one another, through lots of fun games and activities. 2D shapes are the star of the show in Maths! Next week we will be exploring factual recounts and self-portrait drawing. All families are welcome to come say hello.
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	The students have made a fantastic start to the year. I am looking forward to the School Captain election speeches on Monday.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	We have had an excellent start to what will be a very busy year! We have begun our Science unit on Desert Survivors and to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Bushfires, students have written some wonderful poetry based on class research in English. We have also welcomed Mrs Keygan a Pre-service teacher to our class. Mrs Keygan will be with us for four weeks. We are also making handmade books and commenced these today.
MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	We have had a very busy start to the year and I have been getting to know all of the wonderful students in our class. One of our first activities was agreeing on some shared rules, rights and responsibilities for the classroom that are in line with Kingston Primary's values. We are also looking at some of the things we have in common. We have started our Maths work with number line and will soon be moving into time and fractions. A special thank you for all of the support I have received from the Kingston Primary school staff and teachers and I would also like to extend a thank you to the friendly parents I have met along the way.

