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KEY DATES FOR 2016

Monday 21 November

All Grade 5/6 students on excursion to Tarooma Beach

Tuesday 22 November

SCHOOL BANKING

DEC Choir Rehearsal at Lindisfarne North Primary School after school

Wednesday 23 November

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Organising Unit:
Mrs Clark's Grade 4/5
Sharing Units:
Mrs Clark's Grade 4/5 and
Mr Nash's/Mrs Rumley's
Grade 5/6

Thursday 24 November

All Grade 5/6 students on excursion to Waterworks Reserve

Friday 25 November

Miss Barker's Grade 1/2 on excursion to Playhouse Theatre and Sandy Bay Boat Park

Mr Warman's Prep/I and
Mr Russell's (Dowsett's)/
Mrs Gray's Grade 1 on excursion to Playhouse Theatre and West Hobart Train Park

DEC Concert Rehearsal and Performance

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Earlier today I was having a cup of coffee with Annette Psereckis who is the President of the Kingston Rotary Club and who is working with our school on a number of volunteer programs to support our students. Annette had just finished listening to students read in our School Library as part of the Rotary Readers volunteer program that we have recently commenced. We are also in planning around developing a structured leadership program for Grade 6 students and a mentor program for students with special interests. We are also applying for a few grants to support learning opportunities for our students.

We were also talking about the fact that many people are moving into Kingston and how we as a community go about welcoming new people and helping them feel connected. It occurred to us that the simple act of offering a new parent to the school a chance to go out for a coffee with parents in their child's new class has a very positive impact. I still catch up with parents of kids from my own children's school days.

When I have been Principal of international schools in other countries, the school community went to great lengths to help build parent networks and to assist newcomers to feel connected and valued in the school community. Imagine arriving in a foreign country and a new school and how important it is to feel connected and to adapt to the new environment. For many people arriving in Kingston it can feel like they have moved to a new country, as they gradually learn all about their new surroundings.

I find myself thinking about what else we might do to help new families settle in and to feel like they are a part of our community and can contribute to the future of our school. It could be as simple as parents getting together for a cup of coffee once in a while. It could be that when a new parent arrives someone offers to show them the best place to buy their groceries. It could be that we have more excursions with children and parents similar to the thirty children and parents from our early learning program who bused off to Zoo Doo this morning. Small ideas I know but worthy of some more discussion.

Drop by for a coffee and a chat soon.

Dave Kilpatrick
Principal

PARENT FORUM - STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

We would like to inform you of the upcoming consultation forum on **Tuesday 22 November** from **6.00 - 7.30 pm** at Kingston Primary School.

The Department of Education would like to hear your experiences and perspectives on the support provided to students with disability in Tasmanian Government schools.

These forums will seek to explore parents' perspectives of:

- **Current good practice** – positive experiences and engagement of students with a disability in mainstream education (what's working well, what would you like to see more of?)
- **Gaps in current practice** – what do you see that could be improved or changed to improve engagement of students with disability? What could be changed to achieve a more inclusive education experience for Tasmanian students with a disability?

The forums will focus on:

- inclusivity of schools (level of teacher support, access to all areas of school life)
- opportunities for you (parents) to be involved in your child's education (goal setting and planning).

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP via the website: https://kpmgau.au.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cNMPLx5A7qNQpbv

We look forward to hearing your perspectives on how we can improve support for students with disability in Tasmanian Government schools.



SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The two social skills which our whole school is focusing on for the rest of this year are:

**Hands and Feet to Self
and
It's not a Joke to Provoke.**

At a Whole School Assembly this week, Mrs Raymond reminded all the students about the social skills we have been learning this year: Manners Matter, Think Before you Speak, Prove you can Move - the 4Ss (sensible, straight, silent, smiling) and now we are focusing on respectful behaviour and keeping problems small.

by Jade D
Prep Lutjens

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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

More information on the following may be found on the Parent Noticeboard in the Foyer or on the Student

FESTIVAL OF SMILES CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY will be held on **Sunday 27 November** from **11.00 am - 2.00 pm** at the **Montrose Foreshore**. This is a Free event with train rides, massages, face painting and more!
More information please phone 62728265 or visit www.tascare.org.au

KEYS TO SUCCESS

The following students received Certificates at this week's ECE Assembly:

 Persistence	 Confidence	 Getting Along	 Organisation	 Resilience
Felix Y Thomas E Luke M Skyla E Carly B	Caleb B Jade D Megan M Callum M Caileb D Archie R Lucas S Luke G Thomas D Marcus S	Rachelle L Austin B Charlotte B Charlotte D Stuart H	Zari-Jane M Isaiah C Kasandra C Oliver R Zakary T Ethan U	Erik C

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER	We have completed many Spring activities and are waiting and watching excitedly for our seeds to start growing. The jelly bean jar contained 194 jellybeans! We sorted them into colours and later enjoyed eating them!
MRS PAINE'S KINDER	We have almost finished learning about all letters in the alphabet with only 'Qq' to go next week. The children are looking forward to having a completed alphabet book.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP	This week we shared our Spring work in Assembly. The children did a wonderful job speaking clearly and saying the Beehive rhyme beautifully. Prep students are asked to bring along a toy or object with moving parts for our Science unit "On The Move". If this could be at school by Wednesday this would be greatly appreciated.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP	Congratulations to Caleb B and Jade D for running the ECE Assembly so competently on Wednesday. The children have finished their beautiful flower paintings for Spring. All families are invited to walk through the front corridor to see the Art Display.
MR WARMAN'S PREP/I	This week students have been sharing their favourite book or an item from nature which has led to lots of interesting discussions. We are also enjoying our end of year Literacy and Numeracy assessment tasks.
MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S)/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 1	Next Friday we will be travelling on the bus to the Playhouse Theatre to see 'The Frog Prince'. A Princess who makes a promise to a frog who turns into a handsome Prince.
MISS BARKER'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 1/2	We welcomed Ollie to our class this week! Next Friday we will be going to the Playhouse Theatre to view the pantomime, 'The Frog Prince' and then enjoying some play time at the Sandy Bay Boat Park.
	
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2	If you would like a photo library of your child's Grade 2 year, please send along a USB. It is a great way to see all the learning and activities students have been involved in over the year. This is Miss Blackley's last week working with the class. Students will miss her very much. They will especially miss her wonderful picture books and associated activities. We wish her all the best in her future teaching career.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 2	We would like to thank Mr Watchorn for all of his hard work in our classroom for the last five weeks and look forward to seeing him around in the weeks ahead. We particularly loved the catapult making and our 'Most Nutritious Election'. Well done everybody for a fabulous performance in Assembly on Wednesday and thank you Mrs Hunt for preparing us so well.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 3/4	This week students have been learning long division in Mathematics as well as revisiting addition, subtraction and multiplication. In Geography we have been learning about Africa, its countries and its interesting geographical features. We have also begun learning about Nelson Mandela and apartheid in South Africa and Nelson Mandela's fight for equality. Please make sure your child has a hat each day as some children are forgetting their hats which are required in the playground.
MR MacDONALD'S/ MS MACNAIR'S GRADE 3/4	We are being physicians in our Science unit "Smooth Moves" and will be creating our own games thinking about the forces in play. In History we have been finding out about Isaac Newton and are making timelines of his very interesting life.
MRS GRANEY'S GRADE 3/4	This week in History we are learning about Matthew Flinders. Did you know he had a special cat that travelled with him on his ship? His name was Trim. The children enjoy our daily run, six laps around our obstacle course outside our class in the quiet area. All children are putting in a big effort to improve their fitness. Congratulations to Tara F at the Huon and Channel Athletic Carnival. In Tara's words, "I was coming last in the 800 Metres, then I started running fast and passed everyone and was in second place and then I got a second wind and won the race!!"
MRS CLARK'S GRADE 4/5	We have many exciting things coming up. Grade 5s activity days, Grade 4 cooking and sharing and running the Primary Assembly next week. Grade 5s have been fabulous in Japanese while the Grade 4s have been busily planting and weeding in the 24 Carrot Garden.
MRS TRITTON'S/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 5/6	We had a great day on Tuesday working on a design for the ER Department at the Royal Hobart Hospital. We are hoping some of our ideas will be able to be incorporated into the redevelopment. A reminder of excursions on Monday and Thursday next week.
MR NASH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 5/6	This week we have been consolidating our understanding of decimals in Maths and commas in English. Well done to the students who represented our school in Tennis on Thursday. Please remember to return your signed permission forms for our Aquatic activities by Monday if you have not already done so.
MR McVEIGH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 6	Next week the Grade 6s will be participating in two outdoor learning days. On Monday they will be going to Tarooma Beach and on Thursday to Waterworks Reserve.



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