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KEY DATES FOR 2017

Monday 27 March

Tuesday 28 March
SCHOOL BANKING

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Wednesday 29 March
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ECE Assembly - 2.00 pm
Organising Unit:
Ms Wood's Grade 1/2
Sharing Units:
Mrs Gray's/Mrs Neal's Grade 1
and Mrs Paine's Prep

Thursday 30 March

Friday 31 March

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

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Late last week I received some exciting news. The Minor Works submission for a Car Park upgrade which was lodged at the beginning of this year to the Department of Education was successful and we have now started discussions with a Traffic Engineer to plan a safer and more efficient area for buses, staff and parent parking and student drop offs.

Our Car Park has been problematic for many years, with safety issues discussed at School Community Association Meetings constantly. While we wait for the Engineer's advice and the redesigning, Senior Staff members will patrol the Car Park to maintain safety for students. It is important that parents remember they are not to drive through the top Car Park, used by buses, between 8.30 am and 9.15 am and in the afternoon between 2.45 pm and 3.15 pm. This is written on signs, which unfortunately are often disregarded.

Another safety concern is the riding of scooters. Some students are disregarding rules around wearing of helmets and not riding in the school grounds. Younger students and parents with young children are having their safety compromised by a small group. Therefore we have made the decision to ask parents/carers to stop scooters being brought to school. Parents/Carers will be asked to come in and collect scooters if they are brought to school. If anyone has a problem with this please come and speak to me.

On a different, but extremely important safety issue, we need to remind all parents/carers and students about our Policy of being a **Nut Aware School**. We have several students here with life-threatening anaphylaxis and allergies to several foods, including nuts and eggs. Therefore we do respectfully ask that whole nut products be avoided, (as well as nut bars and Nutella) **in lunch boxes for school days as well as for out of school excursions, when students from other classes may be involved**. Classes with students with these allergies have had letters sent home, but we do hope all students and parents/carers will take this message seriously for the wellbeing and safety of all our students. Thank you.

We had a lovely Harmony Day Assembly on Wednesday. Three classes shared a nice variety of presentations: posters from Mrs Ross' class, Fan Dances from Ms Millington's class and a description of students' cultural origins from Mr Clifford's class. Thank you to all students who made the effort to wear a National Dress for our Assembly. You looked fabulous.



Last weekend was Kingborough Council's 'Love Living Locally Festival'. All the local schools were asked to provide a large Artwork reflecting the Story of 'The Plight of the Endangered Swift Parrot.' Mrs Aitken along with Eve Lever, Mia Donaghy and Ashley Warn did an amazing job. A big Thank You to Mrs Aitken for getting this done by the deadline of last Sunday. You can now see all the panels from all the Schools outside the Kingston Library facing Hutchins Street.



We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible next week for Parent/Teacher discussions.

Dorothy Raymond
Principal

TIMETABLE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

TUESDAY

TIME	CLASS
9.05 am	Ms Woods' Grade 1/2 - Unit AA Mrs Steele's Kinder/Prep - Unit BB
9.35 am	Mrs Paine's Prep - Unit P Mrs Graney's/Mrs Kadziolka's Grade 3/4 - Unit I
10.05 am	Mr McVeigh's Grade 5/6 - Unit L Ms Millington's Grade 2 - Unit A
10.35 am	Mr Clifford's Grade 3/4 - Unit H Mrs Lutjens' Prep - Unit B
11.30 am	Mrs Rumley's Grade 3/4 - Unit F Leadership groups will be taken also in this session.

WEDNESDAY

TIME	CLASS
9.05 am	Mrs Gray's/Mrs Neal's Grade 1 - Unit O Mrs Schreiber's Kinder A - Unit D
9.35 am	Mrs Ross' Grade 4/5 - Unit S Miss Barker's/Mr Warman's Grade 1/2 - Unit N
10.05 am	Mr Lutjens' Grade 5/6 - Unit R Mr Russell's (Dowsett's) Kinder B - Unit C
10.35 am	Mr Durno's/Mr Best's Grade 3/4 - Unit G Mrs Aitken's Grade 5/6 - Unit M
11.30 am	Family Photos will be taken in this session.

SLAPPED CHEEK SYNDROME

Symptoms

A mild, viral disease mainly occurring in late Winter and early Spring. Symptoms are fever, red cheeks and an itchy, lace like rash occurring on the body and limbs.

The infected child often has a runny nose and sore throat. Virus is passed through contact with respiratory droplets from the nose and throat of an infected individual.

- The child should stay at home until they are feeling well.
- Pregnant women should contact their doctor.
- Please reinforce that children must wash their hands before eating and after using toilets.

We have had a possible case of Slapped Cheek in the last two weeks in the Launching into Learning area.

Free Dress Day

When: Wednesday 12 April
Gold coin donation



Money raised will be going towards
AWOT (our Sponsor Child)

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NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D	Thank you to all families for sending along so much delicious food for Harmony Day. A special thank you to the parents who came along and helped supervise the children and clean up. Our School Photos will be taken on Wednesday.
MR RUSSELL'S (DOWSETT'S) KINDER UNIT C	A big thank you to all of families who generously provided food for our Harmony Day feast. We had food from different countries including Italy and Bangladesh. If you have not done so yet, please come into the room and let your child show you their Artwork which is on display. We also have a new display in the main corridor about all the different things that we do in Kindergarten. Do not miss it!
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB	This week we have celebrated Harmony Day with lots of activities about our friends and families and the cultures in our classroom. A fantastic array of different foods made our lunch a delicious feast! Many thanks to parents for their contributions. Our school photo time is Tuesday 28 March at 9.05 am.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP UNIT B	Firstly thank you to all parents for your generous offerings of international food for Harmony Day. We talked about different countries some of the children come from and various traditions. The children were made aware of how we are all different on the outside but we are all the same on the inside . We are all friends in the classroom and we all belong at Kingston Primary School. The 'Delta Dog Safety Program' was a huge success. Please ask your child to share what he/she has learned.
MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P	We had a lovely Harmony Day on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who participated. We will be presenting in Assembly on Wednesday which begins at 2.00 pm. You are welcome to come and watch us.
MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE 1 UNIT O	Next week children will be sent home with a 'mixtures' homework booklet. This ideally needs to be completed by Friday week so that it is relevant to their Science studies. Children will also look at their new book for our 'Friendship Unit' on Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge. Thank you to students who are currently sharing on their allocated day. Keep up the amazing work!
MISS BARKER'S/ MR WARMAN'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	It was fantastic to Skype with Miss Barker in Thailand and meet her class, 'The Bandicoots'. We have sent them postcards and look forward to getting letters back from them.
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2 UNIT A	Harmony Day was a big focus for our class all week. We tied our understanding of cultural diversity and belonging to our Kids Matter, History, Maths, Science and Art programs making it a very productive week! Highlights included sharing our wonderful Fan Dances at Assembly and preparing a shared lunch of Nachos and Jelly. A big thankyou to Tina, Jane, Mary, Deb and Paul for their help.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	This week in Science we have been creating more mixtures and thinking of excellent words to describe what we have observed. We have also been thinking about 'Belonging'. Please help your child find out if they have connections with other parts of the world and record these on the form that is coming home today, then watch our world display grow!

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	This week we built pyramids using straws and string during our 3D shapes unit. In English, we focussed on our Reading comprehension. Congratulations to the students in our class who represented Kingston Primary at the Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival on Wednesday.
MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	We have been working on lifecycles in Science this week. Students have also become familiar with making observations and making a hypotheses.
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	This week we have had a strong focus on celebrating cultural diversity within the school, with each student presenting information about which countries their family comes from. We presented some of this information at the Harmony Day Assembly on Wednesday. The class are continuing our persuasive writing focus this week with an attempt to convince our parents to buy a useless item. Congratulations to all students who participated at the Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival!
MRS GRANEY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	On Tuesday our class did lots of activities about HARMONY DAY. The children had to find out where their families came from. Some children have family from France, India, Fiji and South Africa. We also talked about what sort of food they enjoy at home. We had a whole class discussion on vocabulary including respect, different culture and traditions. Finally we made four paper dolls and two of these dolls were given to our Grade 1 buddies in Mrs Gray's/Mrs Neal's class.
MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S	Great to see all students enjoying Harmony Day. We have made posters and thought about what is special to us and celebrating our differences. We have also been preparing the Grade 5s with NAPLAN with special help from Mrs Dunston. Next week, I look forward to meeting everyone's families for Parent Teacher discussions. Everyone is most welcome!
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	The students have been researching how animals adapt to living in a desert habitat and discovering quite intriguing information such as a bird soaks up water in its feathers to feed its young.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	This week students have been revisiting the four operations in Mathematics as well as completing a unit on angles. We have also been learning about Harmony Day and enjoyed a wonderful Assembly on Wednesday. Our Independent Research Projects are progressing very well and students will share their projects in the last week of term.
MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	Another busy week comes to a close and our class has begun looking at measuring and naming angles and 2 dimensional shapes. Next week we will be looking at the properties of 3 dimensional shapes. In English we will be wrapping up our look into persuasive texts by creating our own cereal box. We have been looking at the relationship between surface area and cooling and drying in Science as we continue our unit on animal adaptations. I look forward to meeting parents/carers next week in the discussions.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

"T" is for Teddy

Each week in Mrs Steele's Kinder/Prep we focus on one letter of the alphabet. Here are some of the things we have made that start with our special letter.



"S" is for Splat the Cat.

"P" is for Patterns.

Kinder/Prep Steele

"P" is for Pirates.



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