



Striving together for excellence

KEY DATES FOR 2017

Monday 6 March

Tuesday 7 March
SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday 8 March
Primary School Assembly
Organising Unit:
Mr McVeigh's Grade 5/6
Sharing Units:
Mrs Graney's/Mrs Kadziolka's
Grade 3/4 and
Mr Lutjens' Grade 5/6
2.00 pm in GP Room

Thursday 9 March
Aquatic Carnival for
Grades 3 and 4 only at
Clarence YMCA Pool

Friday 10 March



Issue No. 4: 3 March 2017 FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I would like to congratulate the School Community Association for their great work in organising the Welcome Back BBQ last Friday. We had a great turn-out of families and it was wonderful seeing all the interactions amongst teachers and parents/carers. We had an excellent band of volunteer helpers and cooks! The veggie burgers and slices were delicious and all adults and children were certainly well fed with the BBQ working overtime! The entertainment this year for the children was a great hit. The Social Circus kept the children amused with juggling and all sorts of balancing and acrobatic activities.



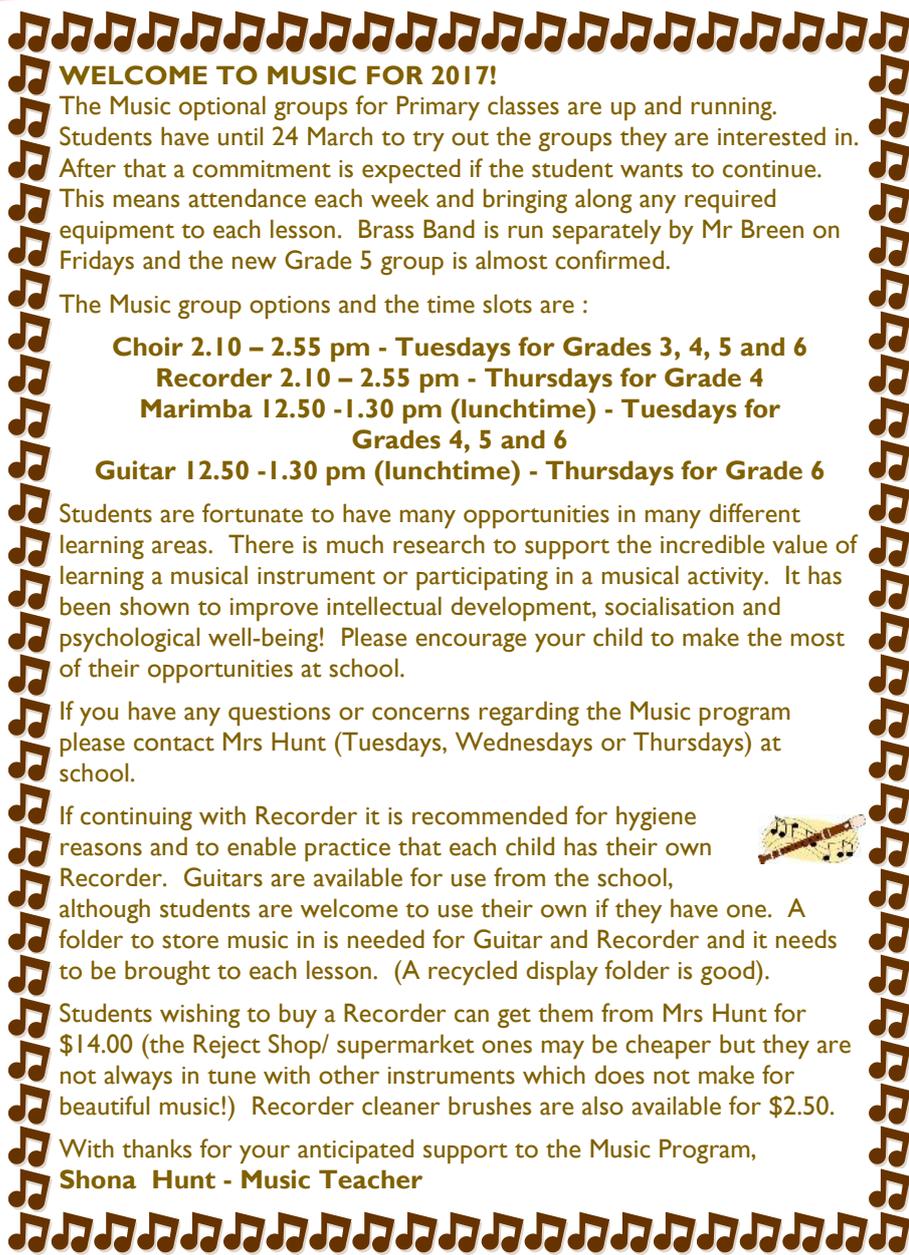
As well as the BBQ being a great way to informally chat with your child's teacher we will be offering Parent / Teacher interviews in the week starting Monday 27 March. On Friday 17 March we will send Progress Reports home. These are only intended to be a brief summary of how your child has settled in to school this year. We hope all parents/carers will be able to make the time to come in and meet class teachers to share information and raise any early concerns.



The best way for you to get to know the school, the staff and how things run at Kingston Primary is to be involved in the life of the school in some way or another – for example, parent help, listening to reading, helping with art and craft, helping in the Canteen, helping in the 24 Carrot Garden, helping with fundraising and the list goes on! Of course lots of parents work but if you are keen to do something please speak to your child's teacher or a representative of the School Community Association for ideas. It has been well proven that children whose parents show a positive and engaged attitude towards the school in their words and actions, will in turn be positive about school and education in general. A reminder that in last week's Newsletter there was a nomination form calling for parents to become part of the School Community Association. Another one is included on the inside page of this Newsletter.

Finally a big thank you and congratulations to our three University of Tasmania Pre-Service Teachers finishing up this week. Rachael Keygan, Georgina Allanby and Jack McCulloch, you have been a great asset to your colleague teachers and the school and you are heading for wonderful careers as teachers.

Dorothy Raymond - Acting Principal



WELCOME TO MUSIC FOR 2017!

The Music optional groups for Primary classes are up and running. Students have until 24 March to try out the groups they are interested in. After that a commitment is expected if the student wants to continue. This means attendance each week and bringing along any required equipment to each lesson. Brass Band is run separately by Mr Breen on Fridays and the new Grade 5 group is almost confirmed.

The Music group options and the time slots are :

Choir 2.10 – 2.55 pm - Tuesdays for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6

Recorder 2.10 – 2.55 pm - Thursdays for Grade 4

Marimba 12.50 -1.30 pm (lunchtime) - Tuesdays for Grades 4, 5 and 6

Guitar 12.50 -1.30 pm (lunchtime) - Thursdays for Grade 6

Students are fortunate to have many opportunities in many different learning areas. There is much research to support the incredible value of learning a musical instrument or participating in a musical activity. It has been shown to improve intellectual development, socialisation and psychological well-being! Please encourage your child to make the most of their opportunities at school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Music program please contact Mrs Hunt (Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays) at school.

If continuing with Recorder it is recommended for hygiene reasons and to enable practice that each child has their own Recorder. Guitars are available for use from the school, although students are welcome to use their own if they have one. A folder to store music in is needed for Guitar and Recorder and it needs to be brought to each lesson. (A recycled display folder is good).



Students wishing to buy a Recorder can get them from Mrs Hunt for \$14.00 (the Reject Shop/ supermarket ones may be cheaper but they are not always in tune with other instruments which does not make for beautiful music!) Recorder cleaner brushes are also available for \$2.50.

With thanks for your anticipated support to the Music Program,
Shona Hunt - Music Teacher

KEYS TO SUCCESS

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

 Confidence
Sam L Isaiah C Paige B Jensen H Reuben R Luca M
 Organisation
Adley L Aaliyah W Jade D Aaliyah M
 Resilience
Isaac E Kloey D William H
 Getting Along
Onri S Tyson M Kenzie S Eve B Ben C Abby B Sofie L

KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM and Meeting will be held on Monday 3 April at 6.30 pm in the School Library

Kingston Primary School Community Association Meetings are open to all Parents and Carers within the School Community.

Three (3) positions exist on the Committee for Parent members.

If you would like to nominate for this position please fill in the Nomination Form below and return it to the School Office.

Nominations will close on Friday 24 March.

KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I.....nominate for the position of Parent Member on the Kingston Primary School Community Association.

Signed:

Seconded: Signed:

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D	We are working on writing names correctly using the Tasmanian Beginner Font. A copy of this has been sent home with each child. Names start with a capital letter and the rest is written in lower case letters. Next week we will be working on the letter 't'.
MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S) KINDER UNIT C	The children are responding well to all of the new demands that are being placed upon them. They are listening well, lining up beautifully and being respectful to each other. If you can help us with airtight containers or enamel paint, we would be grateful.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB	This week we have enjoyed our letter 't' activities making turtles, learning about tooth care and having a great 'Teddy Day'. Be sure to keep filling in your tooth chart! Prep students have begun their Home Reading with enthusiasm. Please return your book on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP UNIT B	The children have been engaged in many activities to consolidate our letter focus this week. Please remember to challenge your child at home and look for items that begin with these letters. Do not forget to colour in the chart at home. Letter focus for next week is 'C/k' and 'Ee'. Information has been sent home with details of specialist times and Sharing/Home Reader days. It is great to see so many children changing their Home Readers in the mornings.
MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P	Parent help is always appreciated both in the classroom and on excursions. Classroom help will be starting soon and we will be going on an excursion in April. A 'Working With Vulnerable People Card' is required for all parents who would like to help in either of these ways. You can get information about how to apply for this at the school office. There is no cost for volunteers.
MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE 1 UNIT O	We have been having fabulous fun designing and constructing models out of blocks and learning about the properties of 3D shapes. Students have been changing their Home Readers regularly and listening to their class novel 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl.
MISS BARKER'S/ MR WARMAN'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	All students should now have their Speaking and Listening booklet which details their sharing day and what to bring. A reminder of our specialists timetable with PE - Tuesday, Library - Wednesday, Music - Thursday.
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2 UNIT A	Our 'Black Tuesday' frieze looks fabulous on the wall. In Maths we are learning about the features of 2D shapes. In English we had fun finding out about how author's use Hooks to get the reader's attention. It was great to see so many families enjoying the Welcome Back BBQ last Friday.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	Another busy week has flown by with lots of number activities designed to encourage speedy adding up and lots of practice at using rhyming words to help with reading and spelling. Come and see our great 'Cat in the Hat' posters, team work at its best.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	We have been zooming in on "small moments" in our writing this week, with a focus on including interesting details and descriptions. In Maths we have been learning lots of new vocabulary which we have used to describe 2D shapes.
MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	We have been working consistently on numeracy, spelling and reading this week. Children need to remember to bring bathers, towel etc for the Grade 3/4 Aquatic Carnival at the Clarence YMCA Pool next Thursday.
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	In our class we have started our first unit on life cycles and pollination. The class was excited to learn about carnivorous plants and is assisting Mr Clifford to get rid of his abundance of tomatoes. Mental Maths focus this week is on bridging to ten. A reminder that the Aquatic Carnival is on next Thursday.
MRS GRANNEY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	This week the children have published their wonderful poems that were inspired by the 'Black Tuesday' Assembly. The poems are in our class book and you are very welcome to come and read these in our class. On the back of the Newsletter, you will find our class' work on the Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed learning about this different and vibrant culture.
MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S	Our Library day is Tuesday and our PE is Thursday afternoons. Children are expected to bring their Library bags every Tuesday to renew their books. The Grade 5/6 Aquatic Carnival was a super fun day! I cannot wait to take the Grade 4s. Lovely to see students enjoying themselves and trying hard.
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	Students had a fantastic time at the Aquatic Carnival on Tuesday. Just a reminder that Music is on Tuesdays, Library on Wednesdays, PE on Thursdays and Japanese on Fridays.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	This week we have been learning about one, two and three dimensional shapes. Students have been making three dimensional shapes and writing up a report on the characteristics of the different shapes. We had a fantastic Aquatic Carnival on Tuesday and everyone tried their very best and had exceptional behaviour. We also thank Rachael Keygan our Pre-service Teacher for her outstanding effort with our class over the past four weeks and wish her the very best for her studies.
MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	The Aquatic Carnival was a huge success this week and a big congratulations to all students who participated. Parents please be aware that our classes for Library and PE times have been locked in. Your children will need to bring their borrowed Library books to school on Thursday and be wearing appropriate school PE clothes on the same day. This week we have been learning about homonyms, place value and will be finishing off our ABC/50 things project and animal adaptations posters.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

MRS GRANNEY'S/MRS KADZIOLKA' S GRADE 3/4



CHINESE NEW YEAR

THE CHINESE ZODIAC

Once upon a time the Jade Emperor wanted to measure time, so the first twelve animals to cross the river would earn a spot on the calendar. The rat was small and could not swim, so he asked the kind-hearted ox. He said 'yes' and took the rat across the river. As they were nearly there the rat jumped off the ox and crossed the finish line. The rat came first, the ox second and the strong tiger right behind. The rabbit, too small to battle the current, hopped on the rocks and came fourth. Next was the dragon, then the snake, then the horse, the goat, the monkey and the rooster, the dog and finally the pig. And that's how the twelve animals were chosen.

By Hallie F



2017 IS THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

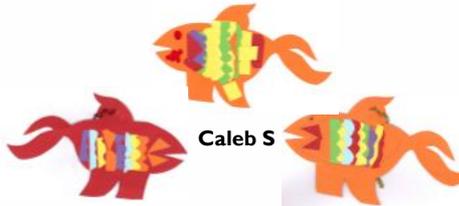
CHINESE NEW YEAR

Every year on the last day of the lunar year a man-eating monster named Nian would attack villages.

One year a traveller came along and told an old lady what Nian was scared of. That night the old lady lit fire crackers and put red paper over her house.

This scared Nian so much he never came back.

This is the Legend of Chinese New Year.
By Sam D



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