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KEY DATES FOR 2016

Monday 12 December
Leaders' Beach Day

Tuesday 13 December
NO SCHOOL BANKING
School Choir perform to residents of Manor Gardens in GP Room at 1.45 pm

Wednesday 14 December
Mrs Schreiber's Kinder A and Mrs Paine's Kinder B on excursion to Botanical Gardens
ECE Christmas Assembly at 2.00 pm

Reports and class placements issued for all Kinders

Thursday 15 December
Ms Millington's and Ms Woods' Grade 2s on excursion to Dru Point
Kinder Orientation Day 1.30 pm

Friday 16 December
'Big Day Out' for Grade 6 Leavers

Mrs Graney's and Mr MacDonald's/Ms Macnair's Grade 3/4s on excursion to Botanical Gardens

Mrs Aitken's Grade 3/4 on excursion to Village Cinemas and Pizza Hut.

Reports and class placements issued for Preps - Grade 5

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFFING 2017

Gail Tritton will retire at the end of the year. Gail has served our school brilliantly over many years and we thank her for her dedication and flair shown in her various roles at the school. My observation of Gail is that she is always looking for ways to help and support her colleagues to get the best possible outcomes for all of our students, which is a quality that I admire. I wish her the best of fun in her retirement.

Gavin McDonald has advised me of his intention to retire at the end of the year. Gavin has been at our school for several years and worked predominantly on Grade 3/4 classes. We wish Gavin good fortune in his retirement.

Debbie Clarke has accepted a transfer to Taroona Primary School. Debbie has served our school for more than 10 years and will be sadly missed.

Melissa Shearing our Support Teacher takes up a position as a classroom teacher at Sandy Bay Infant School. Melissa has done a great job in her role at our school but has a strong desire to return to classroom teaching to follow her passion in this area.

I am pleased to advise that **Dorothy Raymond** has been appointed as permanent Assistant Principal at our school. This is recognition of her outstanding skills and experience in school leadership and administration and her clear vision about how to improve the lives and opportunities for our students. Dorothy's role will be as AP Student Support and Operations.

Carolyn Dunstan is appointed as Acting Assistant Principal – Curriculum - to lead Literacy program development and other areas of schoolwide curriculum.

Chris Anagnostis has been appointed to the position of AST- Co-ordinator Student Support. Chris comes to us with a wealth of experience in roles as learning support, positive behaviour management and gifted education programs. He currently works at Campbell Street Primary and Mt Stuart Primary and served his earlier career days in schools in the northern suburbs of Hobart.

Andrew Nash will teach a Grade 5/6 class and continue as Acting AST with a focus on leadership of schoolwide Numeracy and Mathematics learning programs.

Rachelle Abey will continue in her role in the Library and as AST and will assist Dorothy Raymond with Daily Organisation (timetables, rosters communication etc), Student Leadership Activities and Student Behaviour Support, predominantly in ECE.

Greg McVeigh advised me several months ago that his preference was to be full time on class in 2017. Greg has achieved great things in his capacity as AST this year and has played a major role in supporting positive behaviour around the school. His work with ICT has been very strategic and he has set a platform for significant future developments in this area.

Niki Hussain our Social Worker will be working at our school an additional one day per week in 2017.
Emma Middleton will join our staff as our School Nurse and will work at the school on Thursdays each week.
Robyn Spinner from Kingston High School will teach Japanese at our school in 2017.
Kirby Barker will take Term 1 and Term 2 as leave without pay and will return to teach her class in Term 3.
Joshua Durno from Dodges Ferry Primary and **Simon Clifford** from Orford Primary are transferring in and will both take Grade 3/4 classes.

Teaching staff assignments are almost finalised with a few minor matters to be decided. We have identified contract staff who are well known to our students to fill temporary vacancies and to staff the additional class that we will open in 2017. Once I have approval to appoint these staff I will advise the school community of the full staffing list for 2017. Parents and carers will be advised of class placements next Friday with the End of Year reports that will be sent home with students.

Policy Update

I would like to commend the Uniform Sub-committee for delivering a well thought out policy on school uniform. This policy will be sent home next week with school reports.

The Behaviour Management Policy group has produced a policy document that is at the final edit stage and will be available for final review by teaching staff and then approval by our School Community Association early in 2017.

Dave Kilpatrick
Principal



CANTEEN

DUE TO A NUMBER OF CLASSES BEING OUT OF THE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER, THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN OPERATING ON THIS DAY.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Kingston Primary School Breakfast Club would like to thank our supporters for their very generous donations throughout the year.



Thank you to
Salamanca Fresh,
Bakers Delight,



**Edna Pennicott from Kingborough Helping Hands,
Kingston Primary School Community Association
and
Foodbank.**

(Thank you Deb Kingston for organising this each week).

KEYS TO SUCCESS

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

Persistence	Confidence	Getting Along	Organisation	Resilience
Charlie K David W Diana H Alyshia S	Lillawyn C Keely D Ella M Jack B Gibson T Seth C Torryn L	Amy R	Charlotte R Bryce W Brooklyn W Lilijana B Ashley W Lilly F Nathan B	Caleb H

日本語 CERTIFICATES FOR JAPANESE WERE PRESENTED TO:
Fyzah R, Sienna S, Adam W and Lijiana B.

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER	We are having our class celebration for the end of the year on Wednesday 21 December. Please check your child's bag for your invitation! There are still some outstanding Home Reading and Library books. We would appreciate these being returned immediately.
MRS PAINE'S KINDER	There was great excitement this week as we ventured out to the 'big' playground for break times. A reminder about our excursion on Wednesday. All children must bring a drink bottle.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP	We had a lovely day at the Sandy Bay Boat Park and watching the performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'. The wonderful adult helpers were greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone for the prompt return of Library books and Home Readers. Congratulations to Chloe W for completing the spelling and reading of the Magic 100 Words.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP	We had a wonderful day at the Botanical Gardens being entertained with the play 'Alice in Wonderland'. I am pleased to say the children represented our school with exemplary behaviour. The Christmas Class Party will be on Tuesday 20 December. More details soon.
MR WARMAN'S PREP/I	We had an interesting afternoon with Marty Goss - Natural Science Teacher (and Mia's Dad). We worked in the outdoor classroom preparing our little eco-systems ready for some great scientific observations.
MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S)/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 1	Now would be a good time to send those USB's to collect your child's digital portfolio for 2016. The safest way to send it is in a snack size zip-lock bag with your child's name inside.
MISS BARKER'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 1/2	In Geography this year we have been Pen Pals with a Grade 3 class from Rosetta Primary School. We have written to each other throughout the year and have also Skyped one another. Next Friday we will be travelling by bus to Dru Point to meet our Pen Pals face to face for a play and a BBQ. We are very excited to meet them!
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2	Students are excited about their excursion to Dru Point next Thursday. Please remember to send back your permission slip. They are also excited about sharing some items at our final ECE Assembly on Wednesday at 2.00 pm. A third event, next Friday at 2.15 pm, is their invitation for you to come into their class so that they can share with you some of the wonderful work they have done over the year. All in all some fun things to look forward to!
MS WOOD'S GRADE 2	Please do not forget two big events coming up next week. Our excursion to Dru Point is on Thursday and our performance at the ECE Christmas Assembly is on Wednesday afternoon. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 3/4	In Maths we have been working on perimeter and area. We are all looking forward to our class excursion with Mrs Aitken and Mr Barr next Friday.
MR MacDONALD'S/ MS MACNAIR'S GRADE 3/4	In Maths we will be working on time and calendars. Please practise reading time with your child at home. Can they work out how long it is until bed time, dinner time and school? We will also be looking into the customs and celebrations for Christmas all around the world.
MRS GRANNEY'S GRADE 3/4	We look forward to our excursion next Friday 16 December to the Botanical Gardens to see 'Alice in Wonderland'. We welcome Mrs Granney back from leave.
MRS CLARK'S GRADE 4/5	We enjoyed a really lovely, active day yesterday at the Kingborough Sports Centre and Aquatic Centre. We have written stories and poems and also worked on Art about the 1967 Bushfires. We are graphing our year long progress of our Multiplication Tables and have begun painting our topiary pots.
MRS TRITTON'S/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 5/6	We have been busy this week making some Christmas craft. We had a great excursion with the Grade 5s on Thursday while the Grade 6 students had their High School Orientation Day. A reminder that the Grade 6 students will have their 'Big Day Out' next Friday.
MR NASH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 5/6	This week we have been learning about BODMAS in Maths. We also looked at plotting points on the Cartesian Number Plane. Students all worked hard to gain an understanding in these two areas. Also, a HUGE well done to everyone who received a Certificate in Monday's Certificate Assembly!
MR McVEIGH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 6	The class did a wonderful job presenting their ICT work and their Maths investigation into volume and capacity at Assembly this week. A reminder for those attending the Leaders' Beach Day on Monday to bring swimmers, towel, hat and sunscreen.

LIBRARY

There will be no more borrowing in the Library and all Home Readers need to be returned to school by Monday 12 December.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Crazy 'Hair' and Crazy 'Hat' Day.

We raised \$362.00 for our World Vision sponsored child AWOT. Everyone looked fabulous!!



In Ms Woods' Grade 2 we have been learning about **Water**. We have been on a water treasure hunt around the school to find out how and where water is used. We have learned about the **Water Cycle** and created a huge 3D diagram to illustrate this. We have also created mini water cycles in a bag and observed **evaporation, condensation and precipitation** in action.



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