



Striving together for excellence

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today I just want to remind you all of just how wonderful Kingston Primary is! Even though teachers are flat out report writing and themselves dealing with the current plague of bugs and illness, they never stop looking for or putting their hand up to provide special opportunities for their students. Your children have every chance to take hold of these opportunities, to extend their learning, their skills and their experiences. For example, Mr McVeigh and Mrs Paine are taking Maths Extension groups, Mrs Rumley takes another group of Maths Extension students to UTAS every Friday after school, Mrs Hunt offers Marimba, Recorder, Guitar and Choir, Mrs Kadziolka organises any number of physical pursuits and then there are all the leadership programs for students to be involved in, such as Mediators, Student Representative Council and Daily PE leaders. Every day, as one walks around the school you can see teachers who are making a special effort - class rewards, excursions, visiting speakers and artists, special programs, but particularly you see children engaged in rich educational activities. It is not just the teachers who are constantly providing opportunities. Our Teacher Assistants and Office Staff are all passionate about Kingston Primary and all want the very best for our students and their families. They are in constant discussions about how they can do more to help. For example, keeping up with the demand at Breakfast Club at the moment and always wanting to help students improve with their learning, both academically and socially. Our parents and our School Association are also amazing. Canteen on Fridays and other fundraising has given our Grade 6 students the opportunity to continue the Swim and Water Safety Program which is mandated and paid by the Department of Education from Grade 3 to 5 and which starts next week!

KEY DATES FOR 2017

Monday 12 June
Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)

Tuesday 13 June
SCHOOL BANKING

Swim and Water Safety program commences for Grades 3 - 6

Wednesday 14 June
Swim and Water Safety program continues

SOCIAL SKILLS ASSEMBLY

Thursday 15 June
Swim and Water Safety program continues

Friday 16 June
Swim and Water Safety program continues

TERM DATES FOR 2017

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)

"In Gardening class we grew cape gooseberries but we never knew what to do with them until now. In Cooking class we made cape gooseberry scones and they were fabulous and yummy. (Mrs Raymond thought so too!!)" **Isabel**



On Monday the Mayor of Kingborough, Mr Steve Wass came to speak to the Grade 5/6 classes about his role and responsibilities. This was to tie in with the Grade 5/6 HASS curriculum.

More opportunities at Kingston Primary!

Just this week Mrs Aitken, amidst a very busy few days, took on a challenge that provided a wonderful learning opportunity for her students. Her report (and photos) are a great example of how lucky our students are at Kingston Primary.



“On Tuesday Mrs Aitken’s Grade 5/6 were very fortunate to be invited to Ian Clare’s pottery workshop at Cygnet to decorate pots and bowls for MONA. This was part of an initiative by MONA who support our fantastic ‘24 Carrot Garden’.

The students had to decorate some fifty bowls and plates. We had a wonderful day and we were rewarded with a sumptuous lunch of pizzas from a local restaurant. Ian Clare gave a demonstration of how to make a bowl on a pottery wheel

which was amazing to watch. As a keepsake of our visit, Ian also gave each student a sea creature to paint. He will fire these in the kiln and bring them to Kingston Primary when ready.”



Dorothy Raymond - Acting Principal

ECE MUSIC ASSEMBLY
The Preps to Grade 2s (including Mrs Steele’s Kinders) will be presenting ‘The Gingerbread Man’ story on
Wednesday 28 June
in GP Room at 2.00 pm.
They have been working hard in Music lessons preparing this presentation, so if you are able, please come along!
Shona Hunt
Music Teacher



PYJAMA DAY
Friday 30 June
The Student Representative Council will be holding a ‘Pyjama Day’ raising money for ‘Give Me 5 for Kids’. A gold coin donation would be much appreciated.

READING CHALLENGE

It’s that time of the year again!
Tasmanian Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Challenge is to read 10 books in 10 weeks and this year the Challenge runs from Tuesday 13 June until Friday 18 August. All students from Prep to Grade 6 can participate.

For parents to encourage a life-long love of reading!

Our Challenge is for your child to read 10 books in 10 weeks:

- Talk about books with your child
- Make reading a family affair
- Encourage your child to submit a book review. There are six weekly book voucher prizes to win
- If you have the time, why not volunteer to help your child’s school by volunteering to listen to students read?
- Take up the Challenge to read and explore books together
- Join your local [LINC or library](#) where you can borrow a great range of books for FREE
- For great reading suggestions for your child visit the [LINC Tasmania kids’ pages](#)
- You can keep up to date and follow what’s happening with the Premier’s Reading Challenge by following our [Facebook](#) page

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NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D	Many thanks to the wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the Botanical Gardens excursion. Please remember Home Reading books are changed on your child's News Sharing day only.
MR RUSSELL'S (DOWSETT'S) KINDER UNIT C	We had a very successful trip to the Botanical Gardens yesterday. The children could not have behaved better and they showered credit on their school. The children played in the leaves, sketched trees and entertained the general public in 'The Conservatory' with some fine singing and dancing. It was, figuratively and literally a brilliant day. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to help supervise.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB	This week we have made lovely masks, investigated magnets and had fun with measuring while learning about the letter 'Mm'. Could Prep students please bring along a baby photo for our work on families and history. We will need it by Thursday 15 June. I will photocopy it and return it so please do not worry about it being harmed.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP UNIT B	The children have been asked to bring something from home from the past to help reinforce the concepts we are learning "Past, Present and the Future". They can bring photos of themselves as babies, their first toy, first bear, etc. Many children brought ideas and 'ee' cut out words from home for our blend focus during the week. Thank you to parents for your enthusiasm. Next week we are focusing on a Science unit, looking at different materials and their possible functions.
MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P	The children have made a diorama about their favourite celebration and made story maps about 'Rosie's Walk'. Our Library day has changed back to Thursday. Sorry for the confusion.
MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE 1 UNIT O	This week we have been presenting to the class on devices that have evolved over time. We have a curiosity table for some of these 'ancient' relics such as Gameboys, a miniature apricot coloured T.V., a record, video tape and a Walkman. Any other old devices are very welcome.
MISS BARKER'S/ MR WARMAN'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	This week we commenced our Science work on light and sound with Miss Louise, our UTAS student teacher. We have also enjoyed mindfulness movement and breathing activities to help keep us calm.
MS MILLINGTON'S (MR BARR'S) GRADE 2 UNIT A	The students have continued writing creative stories and listening to Roald Dahl novels. In Maths, the students have learned about grid references, following direction and mapping.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	Ms Lewis has had an exciting week teaching the students about sound with exciting investigations involving drums and telephones. Please ask your child to explain what we have been doing and what they have learned about how sound moves around. Enjoy the long weekend everyone.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	This week we finished our class novel, 'The Wild Robot' and the students have been writing fantastic sequels to the story. In Maths, we have been working on developing more efficient mental strategies for addition. Please remember the Swim and Water Program starts on Tuesday!
MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	The children have not only made a great effort in completing persuasive texts but also produced some pleasing diagrams about plant life cycles and pollination. We celebrated with a party where children enjoyed a healthy fruit snack with banana, grapes, watermelon and juices with whole fruit such as cranberry, carrot and mango.
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	We are just finishing up our unit on the Great Explorers, with students having the opportunity to complete timelines and biographies about Christopher Columbus, Captain Cook, Matthew Flinders, Zheng He and Douglas Mawson - to name a few! Students also investigated reasons for the British choosing to settle in Australia and what the conditions on board the HMS Endeavour were like.
MRS GRANEY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	This week we have started our new History unit on Early Explorers and why they were interested in exploring further south. We are also looking at the navigation instruments they used to help guide them across the seas. Our cooking group this week made savoury scones using fresh ingredients from our Garden. They used kale, silver beet, parsley and chives. They were delicious!!! A big reminder that the Swim and Water Safety Program starts on Tuesday and we are FIRST, meaning we catch the bus at 9.00 am!!! Please remember your bathers, towel and underwear and do not be late!!!
MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S	The students have decided on what explorer they are researching this week. Children will be working on individual tasks to complete this explorer project, which may require some homework for completion. Students are swimming next week and will require their bathers, towel, swimming cap and a plastic bag for next Tuesday. I hope everyone has an enjoyable long weekend.
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	The Swim and Water Program begins on Tuesday. Please remember to bring bathers, towel, swimming cap and a plastic bag. You will need to come to school in full school uniform.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	This week we were very fortunate to have a visit from the Mayor of Kingborough, Mr Steve Wass who spoke to the students about Local Government and the role of the Mayor. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his visit. On Tuesday our class were very fortunate to have an excursion to Cygnet to work in the pottery workshop of Ian Clare. The children decorated plates and bowls and sea creatures. Lunch was also provided which was delicious pizzas! This was organised as part of our fantastic '24 Carrot Garden' project we have with MONA. Please remember that next Tuesday we begin our Swimming and Water Safety Program .
MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	We have been busy looking at area and perimeter of different shapes this week in Mathematics. Our spooky stories are progressing and we will be investigating how to turn them into a booklet next week. Have a great Queen's Birthday long weekend and I look forward to seeing students on Tuesday with their towels and bathers ready for the Swim and Water Safety Program.

REMINDERS



**Orders must be returned by
Wednesday 14 June.**

SWIM AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM
Swimming Caps will be available to purchase from
Mrs Kadziolka at the pool for \$2.00.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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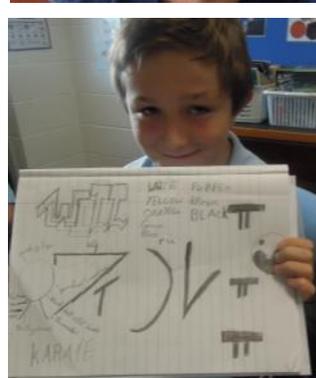
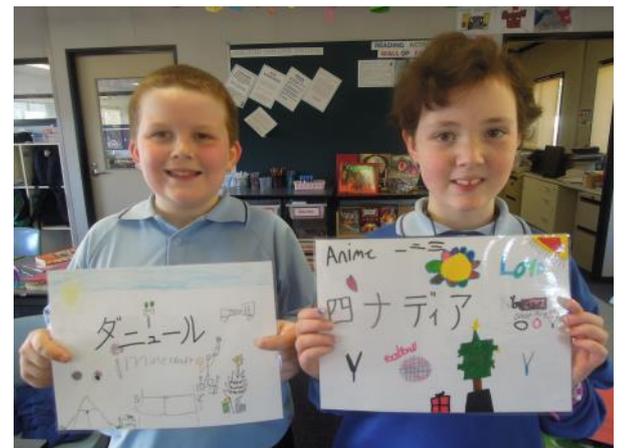
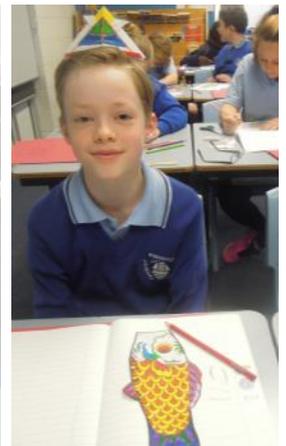
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JAPANESE AT KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017

Students in Grades 5 and 6 study aspects of Japanese language and culture during a forty minute lesson every Friday. Featured on this page are a selection of photos documenting some activities undertaken in Term 1. Activities have included writing student names in Japanese, creating a Japanese "Heading Page" and learning about a children's festival called "Kodomo no Hi".

Robyn Spinner - Teacher of Japanese



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