



Striving together for excellence

KEY DATES FOR 2019

Monday 25 February
Grade 5/6 Aquatic Carnival at
Clarence YMCA

Tuesday 26 February
SCHOOL BANKING
Grade 3/4 Aquatic Carnival at
Clarence YMCA

Wednesday 27 February
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY/
SOCIAL SKILLS
Organising:
School Captains

Sharing Unit:
Mr Clifford's Grade 5/6

Thursday 28 February

Friday 1 March

TERM DATES FOR 2019

TERM 1

Commences

Wednesday 6 February to

Thursday 11 April

(Friday 12 April is Moderation Day

(Student Free Day)

Easter Break

Friday 19 April to Tuesday 23 April

TERM 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

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Dear Families,

SCHOOL UPGRADE

The school has received a facelift over the holidays. I would like to thank Victoria McCormick for her outstanding work in designing the new signs on Church Street and at the entrance to our main office. It has been terrific to hear such positive comments about our new look. Over the coming months major water infrastructure work will be taking place to better disperse water across the site, especially during significant rain events. This work will have minimal impact on learning, as the majority of the work is occurring across the top boundary region. However, as the time approaches, information will be sent to families outlining timeframes, locations and work details.

AQUATIC CARNIVALS

Next week our Grade 3 – 6 students will compete in their first Carnival of the year. Can I please remind parents to complete the Major Aquatic Excursion form. This is vital information to ensure we accurately know what your child is capable of in water to ensure everyone has a fun and safe carnival.

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

Our school's priorities align with the Department of Education's *Learners' First* Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021. We have three significant priorities; Literacy and Numeracy, Early Years and Access, Participation and Engagement.

Literacy and Numeracy

We are building on the work undertaken in 2018. Last year we established a common instructional model for reading across all classrooms. This year we will expand this work to introduce a common instructional model for writing.

We will also commence our second year of the Middle Years Writing Project with Kingston High, Illawarra and Snug Primary. The aim of this initiative is to explore best practice writing pedagogy and instruction to improve student outcomes and achievement levels.

Early Years

Our Early Years team will be involved in the Refocus Teaching and Learning initiative. This initiative involves 73 schools across Tasmania. The initiative will be led by an early years specialist with a key priority to enhance student learning opportunities through curiosity, play, exploration, questioning and collaboration.

Access, Participation and Engagement for Learning

We are committed to providing a quality education to every student. Through regular contact and communication with home, we are looking to build strong partnerships with families to best share current learning, achievements, goals and needs. We are currently waiting for devices to arrive to support the implementation of Class Dojo and See Saw across the school. We will be sending a letter home once devices have arrived explaining the purpose, sign in procedures and capability of See Saw and Class Dojo.

Kelly Dyer
PRINCIPAL

GRADE 6 SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES

On Wednesday afternoon Grade 3 – 6 students and staff had the great pleasure of listening to eleven prospective School Captains. These eleven students presented carefully considered speeches for the School Captaincy role. Well done to all students who bravely elected to stand for these positions. Congratulations to -

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Matilda H and Tommy B

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS

Safiya N and Jack S

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the School Association will be Tuesday 12 March.

Email: kingstonpsassociation@gmail.com

KEYS TO SUCCESS

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

PRIMARY AQUATIC CARNIVALS

Grade 5/6 Carnival is on Monday 25 February
and the

Grade 3/4 Carnival is on Tuesday 26 February.

**REMINDER TO BRING BATHERS AND TOWEL
ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY NEXT WEEK.**

**Angela Kadziolka
HPE Specialist**

MUSIC FOR 2019

Welcome to all new and old KPS families!

Apart from weekly class lessons from Prep to Grade 6 there are some optional groups available.

Primary Choir is on Tuesdays at 1.35 pm for Grades 3 - 6 and is open to all comers to try. A commitment is expected later as we prepare to perform.

Recorder is available for Grade 4 students on Tuesdays at 2.15 pm. Students are able to "try it out" for four weeks and then they are asked to make a commitment to continue with the group. They are then asked to have a folder (a recycled display folder works well) and their own instrument. In the meantime we have a school set which are disinfected and washed as students take turns on them.

If you would like to buy a recorder I have them for sale at \$14.00 plus \$2.50 for a cleaner mop.

I do not recommend a cheaper supermarket or discount store recorder as they are not always in tune with other recorders. (That is ok at home as a toy but does not sound good in a group!) If you already have one you are not sure of, send it along to school and I will check it out.

Guitar will be introduced to all Grade 5/6 classes as a unit of work later this Term.

Marimba will be available for Primary students later in the year as we prepare to perform at the Marimba Mania Event.

ECE Choir will be starting shortly. Details to be confirmed.

**Shona Hunt
Music Teacher**

Family **FREE**



Matters!

FAMILY MATTERS program- includes;

- ♦ First Aid for children
- ♦ Tips for dealing with kids
- ♦ Healthy school lunches
- ♦ Managing money

and other topics important to families.

It's a chance to make friends and build new skills!

Coming soon.... Dates to be advised

Proposed Time: 9.30am — 11.30am

(morning tea provided)

Where: Kingston Neighbourhood

House, Hawthorn Drive

Maranoa Heights

Contact: Allyson Ekin @LINC

PH: 6165 6210

Angela Spooner @ Kingston Primary

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Free childcare provided onsite



Confidence

Isaac E
Acacia W
Mason K
Ryan Te
Azure S
Ella H
Thomas D
India Wi
Tommy G
Ellie C
Byron W
Lindsey McD
Sharmika D
Safiya N
Matilda H
Jack S
Billy C
Tyler F



Persistence

Callum M
Zakary S
Thomas D
Charlotte J
Rhys H
Phoebe C



Getting Along

Selena N
Olivia G



Organisation

Jarrah W
Thomas W
Isaiah C



Resilience

Caden H
Dexter F

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER A UNIT D	We have started work on our first Jolly Phonics letter and sound. Ask your child to sing you the song about the letter 's'. Please remember to put a healthy snack in a named container in the basket each morning.
MS HUGHES/ MR RUSSELL'S (DOWSETT'S) KINDER /PREP UNIT C	We have been learning our new class routines and enjoying our specialist lessons. We worked on the 's' sound by doing art, reading stories, singing, writing and drawing. We had great fun using unifix cubes for counting, sorting and pattern making.
MRS STEELE'S PREP UNIT BB	This week we have had fun with the letters 's' and 'a'. We have made Splat the Cat, apple books and astronauts. Home Reading will begin next week. Please fill in the date and title on the provided form and return the Reader as soon as your child is ready for a new book. A big thank you to parents for providing cut up fruit for our fruit break.
MRS GREY'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	We have been using our 'Activating Prior Knowledge' strategy to develop our understanding when reading. The students have continued to explore their wonderings about water during our Science inquiry. We have been using Mathematical vocabulary to describe two dimensional shapes.
MRS PAINE'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT O	This week we have been learning about vowels as this is important knowledge to learn spelling rules. We have also begun a Science unit on 'Mixtures'. Please encourage your child to return Home Readers regularly.
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT A	In Maths, students used 2D paper strips to design a 3D paper sculpture. Students were able to work on their own or with a partner. Videos of their work will be available shortly on Seesaw. Do not forget to download the app if you have not done so yet.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	This week we have been practising our addition strategies by learning some fun card games. Ask your child to teach you them at home and see if they can beat you! Home Reading is now up and running. Please share the book a couple of times before returning it for exchange and do not forget to record all of that fabulous reading on the white sheet.

CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED HOME TO FAMILIES THIS WEEK:

Notice to all families re RSVP for Welcome Back BBQ.

Letter to all families re assistance in Canteen and also Canteen Menu.

Letter to all Prep parents re PIPS assessments.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	The class has been drawing labelled diagrams to show what they know already about parts of a plant. In Maths they have been using Tangrams to design an animal. Please remember that our Aquatic Carnival is on Tuesday.
MISS BARKER'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	In Mathematics we have been looking at Place Value and 2D Shapes . We have also begun our Biological Science unit titled ' Friends or Foes? '
MISS KILPATRICK'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	We have started looking at life cycles in Science and narratives in English this week. Do not forget your bathers for the Aquatic Carnival on Tuesday!
MRS ABEY'S/ MR DURNO'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	We have had a very productive week in our class! This week we have been looking at the reading strategy 'Activating Prior Knowledge'. In Maths we have been focusing on 2D shapes. Please remember that our Aquatic Carnival is on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you this afternoon at the Welcome Back BBQ.
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	We had a great day developing our teamwork and cricket skills on Thursday. Do not forget the Aquatic Carnival is on Monday.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	This week we have continued our studies of deserts and desert creatures as an integrated unit for English and HASS. The class is well underway with its Independent Research Projects for Science on Desert Survivors and is finding lots of information on individual creatures. Congratulations to our candidates who stood for the position of School Captain and gave their speeches on Wednesday in Assembly. They all spoke extremely well. We also enjoyed a great day at the cricket on Thursday. Remember school hats are required for Term One.
MR BEST'S/ MR ANAGNOSTIS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	We will be engaging in a unit of Science on Adaptations of Living Organisms. We have been focusing on our reading strategy on 'Activating Prior Knowledge'
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT S	Our Science unit on Animal Adaptations is well underway, with students decorating the classroom to look like different biomes. We have also discussed different behavioural and structural adaptations that animals possess to suit life in these biomes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KINGBOROUGH BICYCLE TREASURE HUNT will be held at the Peter Murrell Reserve on Sunday 3 March from 2.00 pm (best to be there before 2.00 pm). This is a FREE community event.

OUR CHILDREN AT WORK AND PLAY



MRS SCHREIBER'S KINDER

Our investigation began with the question "What do you know about sunflowers?"

Here are some of the responses the children gave...

"Bees get honey from flowers."

"The seeds spread."

"The rain comes down and it makes flowers grow."

"Wow, sunflowers are really big!"

"Flowers need water and the sun so they can grow big."

"They need seeds to grow."



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