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7 February 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers

I welcome everyone back to what will be an exciting year of learning for our students. I extend a special welcome to all students and families who are new to our school and those starting Kindergarten. Starting school is a big moment in a child's life. Although the past two years have presented challenges, we have celebrated many great achievements and look forward to providing a positive school journey full of rich and varied experiences.

We aim to create a safe, nurturing yet challenging environment that is built on positive relationships; developing the whole student – emotionally, socially and academically. We care for and appreciate each of our students as the unique individuals they are, each with distinct talents, interests and needs and each with differing learning styles. We strive to ensure our students are engaged in an environment focused on high expectations reflecting academic, social and emotional development.

Students have had a terrific start to the year. They settled very quickly into their new classes and I congratulate them for their enthusiasm and readiness to engage in learning and new class routines. Students prosper when parents and their teachers build an active partnership. I encourage you to contact the school office if you need to speak with your child's teacher. I welcome any opportunity to speak with families and should parents or carers wish to speak with me please contact the school office.

Covid Smart Measures

The health and wellbeing of our staff and students remain our priority, and we will be implementing COVID-smart measures

that have been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help minimise transmissions.

These key measures include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.
- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and strongly recommended for all primary students. Masks will be provided by the school if required.
- Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site.
- Up to two parents or carers are allowed to accompany their child into school on their first day of Kindergarten or students starting at a new school.
- Students will be kept in their year groups on school grounds, with staggered drop-off and pick-ups, break times, playground and canteen access to minimise the spread of COVID-19 across cohorts.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

Rapid antigen testing

Thank you to our community for collecting RAT kits in the past week. The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. If you have not collected your child's kits, please contact the office. RAT kits are to be used twice a week in the morning before attending school (recommended on Mondays and Wednesdays). Next week we will provide information on the collection of RAT kits for the next fortnight.

Testing Information

If a student or staff member receives a **positive** RAT result, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR result as soon as possible
- Follow NSW Health Advice to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results **do not** need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

Unwell at school

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hayfever, the student or staff member can return to school.

What happens when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. I will inform the school community when there is a positive case in our school and advise families on public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

Families can stay up to date with the most recent information on the Advice for families page.

Morning drop off and afternoon pick up

In line with COVID-19 guidelines we will continue staggered drop off and pick up times until the Department of Education advises otherwise. We appreciate the effort community members have made to date in adhering to this safety measure.

YEARS 1 TO 6 DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

- 2022 Kindergarten (Monday 7 February to Friday 11 February only) arrive at 9:30 am and finish at 2:30 pm.
- 2022 Years 1 and 2 students (including support classes) arrive at 9.00 am and finish at 2.45 pm.
- 2022 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students (including support classes) arrive at 9.00 am and finish at 3.00 pm.

Active supervision is an essential element of our duty of care obligations. Teachers are on duty from 8:30 am each morning. Students should arrive at their designated time however, in circumstances where students arrive before their designated time, there will be a teacher on duty from 8:30am providing supervision for students and ensuring they remain in their cohort. Students are not permitted to play on school grounds before this time. Please contact our school office to enquire about before and after school care if you require supervision for your child outside school hours.

These procedures will continue until we receive further advice from the Department of Education.

Staffing 2022

At the end of last year, during Term 4, a process was held to appoint a permanent Classroom Teacher Special Education to our school. I am pleased to announce Miss Shirley Lai has been appointed as Classroom Teacher Special Education at Kingsgrove Public School through a merit selection process. Miss Lai has been a temporary teacher at our school since 2021 working with our support class students. This year, she will continue to teach our support class on the Caroline Street Campus. We are delighted she will continue to work with our school community.

This year, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Stephanie Brisigotti who has been appointed to Kingsgrove Public School as the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction following a merit selection process in 2021. Mr Matthew Gallan was also centrally appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Kingsgrove Public School in Term 4 last year. Both staff members are highly enthusiastic and excited to join our teaching staff.

Mr Philip Dalgiranis also joins our Kingsgrove Public School team. Mr Dalgiranis has been working at our school as a casual teacher in 2021. This year he will be teaching our Support Class on Wednesdays on the Caroline St Campus.

Mrs Noni Anderiesen will continue to be on leave for 2022.

Mrs Meredith Maggs, our substantive School Administration Manager, will continue her role as Business Manager at James Cook Boys Technology High School. Our Relieving School Administration Manager, Mrs Dianna Banning, will continue in this role for 2022.

Classes 2022

Class formations have been completed for 2022. This process began at the end of 2021 with the executive team and teaching staff taking into consideration key factors including: academic, physical, social and behavioural needs for all our students. This process for forming classes is quite extensive and stringent.

This year we have 19 classes including one composite mainstream class on our Caroline St Campus and four specialist support classes across our school. Schools form classes based on the number of enrolments across the whole school, not per grade. As such there are times where composite classes need to be formed. Composite (stage) classes for a teacher are no different to teaching a grade class. The curriculum is set in stages which run over a two-year period.

Specialist support classes are located in some mainstream primary schools in NSW. Research clearly states that there are many benefits for students with additional needs and for mainstream students. It helps students learn to accept and relate to other children. Teachers grow personally and professionally by giving them an appreciation of differences in children and learning new teaching techniques. At Kingsgrove Public School we are committed to the values of public education and are strong advocates for inclusive education. In 2022, we are privileged to be given the opportunity to continue

with four support classes across our school to support students who have Autism and additional needs. Three classes are located on the Caroline Street Campus and one located on the Kingsgrove Road Campus.

All four classes have expert specialised teachers, an Assistant Principal Special Education and School Learning Support Officers to ensure programs run smoothly and support all students to achieve their learning goals.

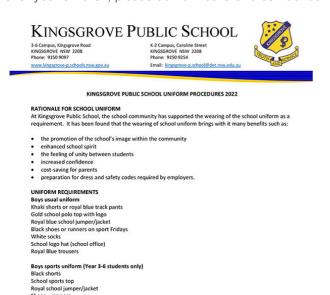
A complete list of classes, staff and their roles for 2022 will be published in our week 4 newsletter.

School Uniform

Wearing school uniform creates a sense of collective and individual pride in our school as well as giving our students a sense of belonging. Kingsgrove Public School maintains high expectations of students in all areas of school life and wearing the correct school uniform helps create a sense of unity for our students.

School hats are an important part of our uniform. It is great to see all students in their school hats to start the year. Please ensure your child's hat has their name on it. This will ensure it can be returned if students misplace it.

If at any time your family needs support in providing uniform items for your children, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Parent Information Sessions

White socks School logo hat (school office)

Girls usual uniform
Royal blue tunic with gold trim
Royal blue shorts/culottes
Royal blue long pants (not tights)
Royal blue long pants (not tights)
Royal blue track pants
Gold school polo top with logo
Royal blue school jumper/jacket
Black shoes or runners on sport fr
White socks

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We are in the process of planning our Parent Information sessions however, we anticipate this will be through virtual platforms to ensure we meet current COVID-19 guidelines.

Parent Information sessions will be held after school beginning Monday, 21 February (week 5) where parents will have an opportunity to connect with teaching staff and be provided information about learning programs, general classroom routines and activities for this year.

A separate note will be sent home to families.

Scripture 2022

Scripture will recommence in 2022. We are currently liaising with our scripture teachers to ensure student cohorting is in place and all COVID-smart measures are followed.

2022 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2022 Student Leaders who have started in their leadership roles. They have started the year well by setting a great example for the rest of our student body. I am sure the school will continue to thrive under their leadership.

School Leaders 2022

School captains

Charlie K 6K

Layla E 6K

Vice captains

Noah R 6J

Arissa Z 6K

Prefects

Dean D 6J

Hanyu Z 6J

Alara G 6K

Vanessa S 6J

House Captains 2022

Jacaranda

Adam K 6K

Simaar M 6K

Eucalyptus

Anniah T 6J

Zeinab K 6J

Waratah

Isabelle N 6J

Dakota L 6J

Wattle

Yasmine M 6J

Jagger W 6K

Ms Fermanis Principal

STUDENT STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

KINGSGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

3-6 Campus, Kingsgrove Road KINGSGROVE NSW 2208 Phone: 9150 9097

K-2 Campus, Caroline Stree KINGSGROVE NSW 2208 Phone: 9150 9254



STUDENT STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2022

It would be greatly appreciated if parents and carers could ensure they their child has the following stationery when they return to school on Tuesday, 1 February 2022. Please ensure your child has all stationery, school uniform items, lunchboxes, etc clearly labelled with their name and class.

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

- Lead pencils (optional pacer and leads)
- Black/blue/red pens Coloured pencils
- Textas 4 glue sticks
- 2 erasers
- Correction tape (no liquid paper) Sharpener with barrel Ruler -plastic/wooden 30 cm

- Highlighters
- 2 A4 plastic display folders
- 2 A4 plastic document wallets (labelled with name)
- Small pencil case (labelled with name)

 2 boxes of tissues

- 1 pack of wet wipe

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4

- Black/blue/red p Coloured pencils
- 4 whiteboard markers
- 4 x glue sticks

- 2 erasers Sharpener with barrel Ruler -plastic/wooden 30 cm
- Highlighters
- A4 document wallet (labelled with name zipped or button for homework)
- Small pencil case (labelled with name)
- 2 boxes of tissues

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our PBL rule for Week 3 is: I keep my hands and feet to myself, and Week 4 is: I follow teacher instructions. You may wish to talk about this rule with your child.

During the first weeks of this year, all students K-6 will review the school expectations of Safety, Respect and Learning. Class teachers K-6 will teach the six school universal rules as detailed in the schedule below. Students will participate in



daily lessons and activities that teach and reinforce the expectations and universal rules.

Date	Expectation	Lesson
Week 2	Safety	I move safely
Week 3		I keep my hands and feet to myself
Week 4	Respect	I follow all teacher instructions
Week 5		I show kindness and respect to others
Week 6	Learning	I ask for help when I need it

Date	Expectation	Lesson
Week 7		I do my best

P&C MEETING

The next KPS P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 28 February. This meeting will be the P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will include the election of 2022 P&C office bearers. Further details on meeting arrangements will be communicated as soon as possible.

DID YOU MOVE OR CHANGE PHONE NUMBERS IN THE HOLIDAYS?

Parents are encouraged to notify the school of changes to your home and/or email address or phone numbers enabling us to keep our records up to date. This can be done by phoning either office (Kingsgrove Road on 9150 9097) (Caroline Street on 9150 9254) or by email www.kingsgrovep.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to the Kingsgrove Public School Canteen

Welcome back to our wonderful school community, we cannot wait to see all your children's smiling faces back at school, we hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays as much as possible during these very difficult times.

So now that the children will all be back at school on Tuesday 1st the canteen will also be operating for lunch orders and to make purchases over the counter at recess and lunch whilst still following the COVID safe guidelines. Our lunch ordering system is still the same as last year with the following two options available.

Lunch Ordering Options

The following are 2 different options you have so you can start ordering your children's healthy lunch orders at the Kingsgrove Public School canteen. If you have any questions in regards to any of the below options please don't hesitate to contact our staff on Ph. 9510 9097 and ask to be transferred to the canteen. If you have an existing account at our canteen your canteen credit is still active so no need to open up another account, if you would like to open an account, please don't hesitate to contact the staff at the canteen who will assist you in regards to opening an account. Previously our canteen had online ordering system with a company called MY KIDS LUNCHBOX online ordering this comp has now ceased trading, so anyone who had accounts with this company are asked not to place lunch orders with this company. All canteen accounts will now be directly with the canteen at the school, for more information please don't hesitate to contact our staff directly.

Option 1. Children can place lunch orders at the canteen in the morning's by writing out their own lunch order and paying over the counter by cash, we supply lunch bags free of charge, or they can bring their lunch order from home with their name, class and money in an envelope or in their own lunch bags. Children can also make purchases at breakfast, recess and lunch with cash.

Option 2. Parents and Carers can set up a canteen account, which is totally free of any charges, we do not charge credit card fees or set up fees for your canteen account. The account gets set up by cash or credit card deposit with a minimum of \$50.00 as an opening balance under your children's surname and class, your child will also be able to make purchases over the counter at breakfast, recess and lunch if you wish them too, otherwise we can make a note on their accounts that they are not to make purchases over the counter and the account is only for placing lunch orders.

When your credit balance gets below \$10.00 you will receive a sms to your mobile that your account is running low and top will automatically be done with the credit card details on our system, you will also receive weekly account balances sent to your mobile so you can keep track.

Please note that the canteen will no longer accept lunch orders without payment or your canteen account in credit and all lunch orders need to be placed by 9.30 each morning.

Thankyou

Kingsgrove Public School Canteen



DIARY DATES

Term 1 - 2022		
Monday, 7 February 2022	Kindergarten and Kindergarten support classes first day at school	
Thursday, 10 February 2022	Swimming Carnival	
Friday, 11 February 2022	PSSA Tryouts	
Monday, 14 February 2022	SRC, EST, Class Captains Elections week	
Wednesday, 16 February 2022	LJ Harper Textbooks	
Thursday, 17 February 2022	Early Stage 1 Teddy Bears Picnic	
Monday, 21 February 2022	Meet the Teacher Week K-6	
Thursday, 24 February 2022	K-6 Scripture 2022 commences	
Monday, 28 February 2022	Premier Reading Challenge begins, P&C Meeting AGM	
Tuesday, 1 March 2022	District Swimming Carnival	
Friday, 4 March 2022	Clean up Australia Day	

KINGSGROVE OSHC CENTRE

Primary OSH Care: Before and After school care and holiday programs at Kingsgrove Public School

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We look forward to welcoming you and your family at Primary OSHCare.

ENROL AND BOOK NOW

For more information about Kingsgrove Primary OSH Care go to:

http://www.primaryoshcare.com.au/our-centres-1/kingsgrove-oshc-centre

COMMUNITY NEWS

Online Parenting Course - 'Raising Resilient Children'

Raising resilient children is no easy task. Most children don't like to be pushed out of their comfort zones and a lot of parents juggle with balancing discipline and acceptance.

Due to popularity, our 'Raising Resilient Children' is now available again, starting Monday 7th February 2022.

- Do you want to develop a stronger and more rounded child?
- Are you concerned about the adult your child will become?
- Do you want your child to contribute to the world in a positive way?

This is a 4 week online course where you can work at your own pace and also with feedback from a trainer from The Resilience Centre. The cost of the course is \$200+GST.

Enquiries/Registrations:

belinda@theresiliencecentre.com.au 0412 034 846

https://www.theresiliencecentre.com.au/product/online-parenting-course-raising-resilient-children/



Re: Back to School 2022

Dear Principal/School Transport Coordinator,

As your local school bus operator, we wanted to start the year with a warm welcome to reaffirm our commitment to work with you throughout the year to provide a safe, reliable and efficient service for your school community.

At the end of last year, we sent you a pack of school bus information to help you and your students ease back into the school year.

The start of the school year is also a perfect opportunity to remind students of the importance of carrying a valid Opal card and using it correctly and we need your help to

We have found that the common reasons students don't tap on are:

- They do not hold an Opal card and have never applied for it (largely because they are ineligible/live too close to the school)
 They have lost or frogrothen their Opal card but have not replaced it
 They might have a valid card, yet don't see any reason to tap on and off
 The driver does not enforce it/ask them to TAP ON
 Due to insufficient funds on their Child/Youth Opal card

Every time a student TAPS ON and OFF, they are counted on our service – when they don't, they are invisible. Without accurate patronage data, Transport for NSW have the option to withdraw low patronised services, and also may not add additional services if the numbers are understated.

We found that with onsite assistance, we were able to significantly improve the number of students tapping on. We have been assisting drivers by asking students to line up with their Opal cards ready and gave priority boarding to those with a valid card. Those without were spoken to and reminded to have a valid Opal card for their next journey. Our drivers are also expected to ask students to TAP ON when they board.

While we can provide adhoc support upon request, we rely upon your assistance to help us manage Opal compliance. We understand that not every school has the capability to provide staff to assist with bus monitoring, but we appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Your assistance, as well as the contribution of your students, parents and guardians helps us ensure that we provide you with the appropriate level of service, and we tha you for this.

To help you, we have attached to this email the brochure we sent at the end of last year again which can be forwarded to your parents and guardians. This brochure explains the importance of TAPPING ON and OFF and what part we can all play in helping to improve overall compliance.









The Code of Conduct for students and parents/guardians

July 2019 – provided by NSW Government Transport - https://transportnsw.info/student-code-conduct

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY

The following Code of Conduct sets out acceptable standards of behaviour for students travelling on school buses and regular route buses.

Students are expected to follow these rules for the safety and comfort of all passengers, including themselves. If the rules are not followed, it may lead to the withdrawal of travel passes for subsidised travel, banning students from travelling on buses, and even police prosecution and court action.

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Behaviour on buses:

- · Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) unless for medical reasons or the bus operator gives written permission
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Do not touch, push or shove other people
- Do not bully or harass other passengers or the driver. This includes photographing, making lewd or suggestive comments, acting in a manner or participating in activities that may be deemed inappropriate or of a sexual nature.
- · Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers.

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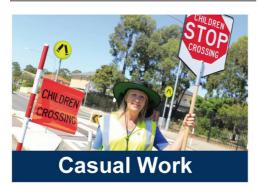


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✓ Positive energy



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