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18 March 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely welcoming our school community back on-site in the past few weeks. We really appreciate parents and carers maintaining the quick drop off in the mornings so that children continue to meet up with their friends and settle quickly into the learning day. Parents and carers are asked to continue to respect social distancing and not to gather on school grounds. We look forward to our community being part of some planned events over the next few weeks.

Student Leaders

Last Monday, our newly inducted leaders participated in a leadership training session at school as part of their induction into these important and fulfilling leadership roles. This included our Student Representative Council (SRC), Eco Warriors Team (EWT), House Captains and Library Monitors. Students were involved in activities to support their understanding of their role, what makes a good leader, and how they utilise communication within their role. Thank you to Mrs Petrakis, Mrs Jovcevska, Mrs Kim, Miss Mentzas, Miss Lai, Miss Sharma, Mr Stergiopoulos and Miss Harrison for co-ordinating our student leader groups and leadership session.

Parent Teacher Interviews Term 1

We will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews in week 10 commencing Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April 2022. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to book a face-to-face or telephone interview. All interviews will run for 10 minutes and provide an opportunity for your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress at school in Term 1. Students who are supported with a Personalised Learning and Support Plan (PLSP) will have a 15-minute interview to allow time for parents and teachers to discuss the PLSP goals.

Parent Teacher Interviews for students in our Support Classes will be held in week 11 from Monday, 4 April. Information will be sent to families next week.

How to book an interview time:

We will be using the online booking platform, Schoolzine, for Parent Teacher Interviews. This process allows parents and carers to book an interview with their child's teacher in five easy steps. An email confirmation will be sent at the end of the booking process.

Please use the following link to book in an interview time:

https://kingsgroveps.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/4

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday, 18 March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school environment for everyone. The National Day for Action Against Bullying and Violence is an opportunity for Australian schools to highlight their everyday work to counter bullying. This year's theme is Kindness Culture. We believe that by building a Kindness Culture we will promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in our school. This week students have been involved in a range of activities that promote how kindness contributes to a positive school culture of respect and acceptance. We encourage you to talk to your child about what they have explored in class.





'When I Grow Up' - Kindergarten Dress Up Day

On Wednesday, our Kindergarten students participated in a dress up day related to their unit of learning, 'Me and You.' It was lovely to see students showcase the occupation they would like in the future. All students and teachers enjoyed participating in a range of learning activities throughout the day.







Tell Them From Me Survey

Next week, students in Years 4-6 will participate in the Tell Them from Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers/your-childs-participation

Tell Them From Me is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

The survey is strictly confidential which means teachers won't know how students have answered. It is conducted online and takes about 30 minutes to complete. The survey will be administered during school hours and participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents and carers has been sent home. If you do not wish your child/children to participate, please return the form to school.

NAPI AN Practice Test

Next week, Years 3 and 5 students will participate in a NAPLAN Practice Test. The purpose of this is to familiarise students with the online platform. The results will not be recorded as an assessment and teachers will be able to assist students in order to build their confidence in preparation for the online NAPLAN assessments in Term 2.

The NAPLAN Practice Test includes three online assessment components:

Year 3: Omnibus test (45 min reading, language of convention and numeracy).

Year 5: Omnibus test (45 min reading, language of convention, numeracy and 42 min writing).

The assessment is scheduled for Year 3 students on **Tuesday**, **22 March**.

The assessment is scheduled for Year 5 students on **Tuesday**, **22 March and Thursday**, **24 March**.

We request that all Years 3 and 5 students ensure they have brought in headphones clearly labelled with their name and class before the day of their assessment.

Years 4 and 6 Check-in Assessments

During week 10 from Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April students in Years 4 and 6 will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment which supports schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The Check-in assessments supplement our existing school assessments in identifying how students are performing in reading and numeracy. The results will be used formatively by the teachers as they will help to inform our next steps so that curriculum delivery and teaching and learning is targeted and responsive to student needs.

A separate note will be sent home with further information.

Changes to Self-isolation and Close Contact Requirements

A recent change to the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order 2022 (PDF), has meant the following amendments are now relevant to our schools.

- A household contact will only need to self-isolate for 7 days commencing from when the diagnosed person took the test, rather than 7 days from last contact with the diagnosed person.
- A household contact is not obligated to self-isolate as a contact more than once in a 21-day period (if the person is diagnosed with COVID-19, they will need to self-isolate again).
- A person who had COVID-19 and later becomes a close contact or household contact does not need to self-isolate as a contact if it has been less than 8 weeks since the person finished their self-isolation period (up from 28 days in the current Order).

Please note that we have been experiencing a rise in the number of confirmed COVID positive cases at school over the past few weeks. We ask that you continue to monitor your child for symptoms and continue to use Rapid Antigen testing regularly.

Positive Covid cases should be reported to school as well as through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app.

Families can access further information on the NSW Government's Testing positive to COVID-19 and Information for people exposed to COVID-19 fact sheets.

Harmony Day

Kingsgrove Public School will be acknowledging Harmony Day on **Monday**, **21 March**. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. On this day we promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, respect and belonging. Students will be participating in class activities that promote harmony, co-operation and respect in our school. Students are asked to wear **either orange or school uniform** to celebrate Harmony Day. Traditionally orange signifies social communication, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Please be reminded of the following dates:

Last Day of Term 1: Friday, 8 April 2022 Staff First Day of Term 2: Tuesday, 26 April 2022 Students First Day of Term 2: Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Ms Fermanis Principal

BREAKFAST SURVEY

As part of our focus on student wellbeing, we are conducting a survey to establish and implement school strategies that promote a positive start to the day and an optimal learning environment.

We would like information about our students' breakfast routine. Students will be completing this survey at school with their classroom teacher. This information will inform how we can improve our support for students at school.

https://forms.gle/dm7qJLbbVkkVxzNf6

Please complete survey by Tuesday, 29 March 2022.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Absent on photo day?

If your child was absent on photo day and you are looking to capture their school portrait to look back on in the years ahead, it is not too late to have an individual portrait image captured of your child at our studio MSP Photography - South Sydney, Unit 31/51 Nelson Road, Yennora.

Email: southsydney@msp.com.au Phone (02) 9558 3363

Book online at:

https://bookings.southsydney.net/studio

Pre-payment of a photo package is required prior to your scheduled session.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

We have been advised by the Department of Education that the Selective High School Placement Test scheduled for Thursday 10 March 2022 has been delayed.

The test has been rescheduled to **Thursday 31 March 2022**. The High Performing Students Team will provide further details as soon as they are available.

LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY AND TRAINING DAY

On Friday, 4 March 2022 our School Captains, Vice captains, House Captains, SRC, ECO Warriors and Library monitors were all inducted at our Leadership Assembly, where they were presented with their badges. All leaders recited their pledge in front of their peers.

We believe that student leadership enables student voice and agency. Student leaders are coached to work collaboratively and take collective action to accomplish team goals. Our student leaders are excited about making a difference by addressing issues that matter.

On Monday, 7 March 2022 we held our Leadership Training Day to unpack leadership responsibilities and expectations. Student leaders also worked collaboratively to design an action plan with specific goals for 2022. Our student leaders will regularly contribute to future newsletters to keep our community informed of their progress toward achieving the goals in their action plan.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



SRC/ECO WARRIORS

SRC/Eco Warriors

Caroline Street K-2 SRC 2022: On Monday, 7 March we had our Leadership Training Day. We are ready and eager to be responsible members of our school community and help our fellow students be safe, respectful learners.



Names: Back Row - Simon B, Lukas L, Harper D, Evan, Sarah S. Front Row - Jude P, Charles P Eco Warrior members not in photo: Avery T, Stella G

Caroline Street K-2 Eco Warriors 2022: On Monday 7 March we had our Leadership Training Day and we are ready to look after our school environment!

Names: Back Row - Ada M, Kingsley F, Andrew Z, Asiyah, Front Row - Ali, Aleena, Eco Warrior members not in photo: Willow, Esera P, Angelo W.

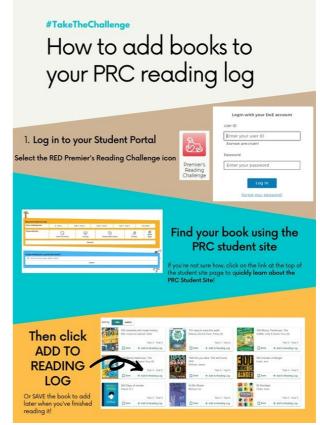


LIBRARY EVENTS



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

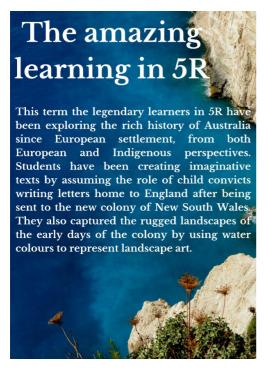




Quality Work by 1MK

Quality Work by 1MK This Term, 1MK enjoyed colouring and painting their self-portraits from our integrated learning program called 'My Friend and I'.

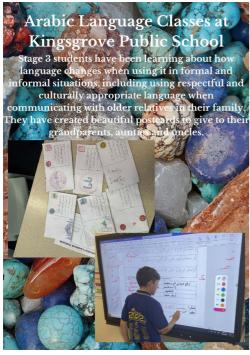
Quality Work by 5R















Greek Language Classes at Kingsgrove Public School

In Greek, the students are learning about Greek Independence Day and the importance of the Greek heroes of 1821. On March 25, Greek people from around the world celebrate Greek Independence Day by dancing, singing and marching.





Our PBL rule for Week 9 is: I speak in a respectful manner and Week 10 is: I ask for permission before leaving the classroom. You may wish to talk about this rule with your child.





Congratulations to the following students who have received a Silver Crown Award for positive behaviour!

6K Abbas H Celeste D Dakota L Mary-Jade H Zoe C 1/2G Karshar K Annabelle Y Francisca P Zion V	1R Harper D Alara L Ali John R 1MK Jayden H Suhaana S Ken L Mya H	5R Hamza E Addhya G Lewis N	6J Eric N Hanyu Z Rawan K Dean D Charlotte L Gloria H	3Z Dexter L Scarlett C Christopher P
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Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Crown Award after receiving two Silver Awards for positive behaviour!

6K	1R	5R
Abbas H	Harper D	Lucy L
Celeste D	Alara L	Sierra G
Mary-Jade H	1MK	Mohammed K
6J	Jayden H	Jarvis I
Rawan k	,	Hadi R
Eric N		Sarah Q
		Ruby P
		Vian W

REMINDER STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE

The Department of Education **does not** provide accident or medical insurance cover for students on school grounds.

Kingsgrove Public School P&C Association is organising student injury insurance cover for our students.

The Student Injury Policy provides cover for students in the event of an injury or accident, and a wide range of benefits are covered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Australia wide.

All claims processed will incur a \$50 excess fee. This fee is deducted from the total awarded. The P & C can be contacted about the insurance policy or to obtain a copy.

The cost is \$5.00 for each child to enable all students to be covered by this policy.

Please forward a \$5.00 cash payment for each child (in an envelope labelled with your child/children's name and class) to their class teacher by Friday, 25 March. Please note: CASH ONLY - POP payments will not be accepted.

SENTRAL FOR PARENTS' PORTAL

At the end of 2021 school year, all families received a letter regarding Sentral, our new platform used to communicate with parents. This letter was handed to students and contained your family's unique access key to use when accessing the Sentral for Parents app.

The Sentral for Parents Portal will replace Schoolzine from 1 April, 2022 and parents are asked to download the app in preparation for the changeover.

The Sentral for Parents app allows families to:

- explain past and upcoming student absences
- receive sick bay notifications

- receive real-time notifications and messages from the school
- view academic reports
- view calendar events
- view school documents
- view school newsletters
- view links to URL's provided by the school
- book parent/teacher interviews

Accessing the Sentral for Parents App

- 1. Download the 'Sentral for Parents' app.
- 2. Search for Kingsgrove Public School.
- Click Register here to register a new account.
 You will receive a verification email which MUST be verified in order to continue.
- 4. Once verified, log back into the app and enter the following access key:
 - "Your child's unique key" to add your child(ren).

If you have questions about using the app, or need some extra help then please browse the list of FAQs via the link below or contact the school office for assistance.

https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started

The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2.00).

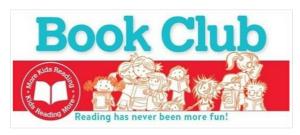
It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order via the link below or using the LOOP APP WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE App Store or Google Play.

http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for your classroom and there is no obligation to order!

The latest issue orders close on 25 March 2022.

Please note that NO PAYMENTS will be accepted at school. Orders can only be placed at the Scholastic website or the Loop app.



PAYMENTS

In line with departmental guidelines, our school will no longer be accepting cash or EFTPOS payments. *All payments are to be made through our school's Parent Online Payment System (POP)*

To make a payment please visit our school website below, click on the link: **Make a Payment** and follow the prompts (Note: you will be redirected to Westpac to finish the payment).

https://kingsgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

All permission notes must be clearly labelled with your child's name and class on the front and placed in the drop box at the front office on both campuses.

For further information please contact the school office on Kingsgrove Road campus 9150 9097 or Caroline Street campus 9150 9254.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

SPORT NEWS

PSSA Round 3

Cancelled due to grounds closed.

PSSA Round 4 Friday, 18 March 2022

Cancelled due to grounds closed.

PSSA Round 5 Friday, 25 March 2022

Boys Oztag - TBA

Girls Basketball – Peakhurst West PS v Kingsgrove PS @ Peakhurst West PS

Boys Tee-ball/Softball - TBA

Girls Cricket - Peakhurst West PS v Kingsgrove PS (pitch 1) at Gannons Park

PSSA Round 6 Friday, 1 April 2022

Boys Oztag - TBA

Girls Basketball - Narwee PS v Kingsgrove PS @ Narwee PS

Boys Tee-ball/Softball - TBA

Girls Cricket - Oatley West PS v Kingsgrove PS (pitch 2) at Gannons Park

PSSA Round 7 Friday, 8 April 2022

Boys Oztag - TBA

Girls Basketball - Kingsgrove PS v Penshurst PS @ Kingsgrove PS

Boys Tee-ball/Softball - TBA

Girls Cricket - Narwee PS v Kingsgrove PS (pitch 1) at Gannons Park

P&C MEETING

The next KPS P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 28 March. This will be held onsite in the school library on the Kingsgrove Road campus.

DIARY DATES

Term 1 - 2022			
Monday, 21 March	Harmony Day, Years 4 and 6 Tell Them From Me Survey (Day one)		
Tuesday, 22 March	Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Practice Test		
Wednesday, 23 March	Years 4 and 6 Tell Them From Me Survey (Day two)		
Thursday, 24 March	K-6 Anti-bullying Brainstorms Performance, Year 5 NAPLAN Practice Test		
Monday, 28 March	Parent Teacher Interview week, P&C Meeting		
Wednesday, 30 March	3-6 Cross Country		
Friday, 1 April	Principal Award Assembly		
Friday, 8 April	Easter Raffle draw, K-2 Hat Parade, Last Day of Term 1		
Tuesday, 26 April	Staff First Day of Term 2		
Wednesday, 27 April	Students First Day of Term 2		

KINGSGROVE OSHC CENTRE

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

Our compelling programs empower your child to explore, navigate, experiment and engage in a diverse range of experiences before school, after school and during the school holidays. We focus on building knowledge, skills and behaviours that help prepare your child for a world yet to be imagined.

You can be confident that your child is in safe hands with our experienced and passionate educators. Whether your child attends Primary OSHCare daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting new adventure with fabulous food, awesome clubs, activities, mindfulness and so much more.

Enrolling with Primary OSHCare is easy. Head to our website to find out more or to book in today.

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

Before and After School Care (BASC) Voucher initiative offering for families in NSW

The Before and After School Care (BASC) Voucher is an exciting initiative offering families in NSW a \$500 voucher per child, to support the cost of accessing BASC. From 28 February 2022 you can claim the voucher via the Service NSW app on your smartphone device, or by following the Service NSW website:

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher

If you have any questions or would like to discuss BASC needs in your school community, please reach out to the BASC team at bascreform@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 244 145.



Draft Georges River Council Social Justice Charter 2021-2025

Georges River Council is committed to social justice and building a city that supports and encourages its community to fulfil their aspirations.

We need to ensure the vulnerable in our community are given adequate support and are provided with a platform to express themselves and actively participate in the decisions that affect their lives. The draft Social Justice Charter will seek to remove layers of disadvantage.

To learn more and have your say, please visit our Your Say page:

yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/ draft-georges-river-councilsocial-justice-charter

For hard copy submissions, please quote SF21/7071 and return:

- In person to Georges River Council Civic Centre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville*
- · Via email: mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au
- Via post: PO Box 205, Hurstville BC NSW 1481









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