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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 1. As we approach the end of our first term, I would like to thank our school community for their support and understanding with the ongoing impact of COVID. Despite challenges, I am very happy to see children engaging in quality learning in every classroom across the school. I am thrilled with the positive feedback from both families and staff following parent teacher interviews this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and restful holiday break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to an exciting new term.

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents and carers who booked in a time to meet their child's teacher and discuss learning progress. We know that effective partnerships in learning with parents and students mean that students are motivated to achieve their best and to continually improve. Teachers appreciate meeting parents and carers and sharing student learning goals. If you have not had an opportunity to book in a time with your child's class teacher, we encourage you to phone or email the school to organise a time.

K-2 Hat Parade

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at our annual K-2 Hat Parade to be held on Friday, 8 April from 11.30 am to 12.45 pm on our Caroline St Campus.

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children should make and decorate their hats at home and bring them to school on the day. Students will wear school uniform on this day.

Our Easter Raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the parade.

As schools are required to continue their Covid-safe practices, we ask parents and carers to respect social distancing and remain in the designated seating area.

Parents and carers will be required to check in using the School Visitor Check-in upon arrival.

Hand sanitisers will be placed at the entrance of the school if required. Masks are not mandatory for staff, students or visitors. However, anyone who wishes to wear a mask will be supported to do so.

We hope all our families will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you there!

Principal Awards Term 1

Today we acknowledged students at our end of term Principal's Award Assemblies. It was wonderful to see all the students who received a Principal's Award for positive learning behaviours. Well done! Thank you to the parents and carers who attended to the assembly. Thank you to Miss Mentzas and Mrs Kim for co-ordinating the assemblies and our SRC for hosting them. I look forward to spending time with the recipients of the Principal's Award at a special morning tea next Wednesday.

Congratulations to our Sporting Stars

Congratulations to our four swimming stars who recently competed at the Sydney East Swimming Carnival - Nathaniel (5T), Benjamin (3K) Noah (6J), Jude (2H) and Irene (5T). These students represented our school proudly.

Over the past couple of weeks, a number of students have also competed at district trials for Under 11 Rugby League and boys and girls Basketball. Three of our students have been successful in progressing to the zone level for these sports.

Congratulations to the following students. We wish them every success.

Leki (5T) - Rugby League Sahara (5T) - Girls Basketball Jagger (6K) - Boys Basketball.

NAPLAN Online

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN online between 10 May and 20 May 2022.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN online is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN online, please contact your child's teacher.

Changes to Self-isolation requirements for close and household contacts who have recovered from COVID-19

This week, the Minister signed the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order Amendment (No 1) Order 2022 to exempt a person who is a close or household contact from the requirement to self-isolate if the person has had COVID-19 in the previous **12 weeks**.

This means that students and staff who return to school after recovering from COVID-19:

- are not required to participate in rapid antigen testing for 12 weeks following release from isolation unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms
- are generally not required to self-isolate if they come into contact with someone with COVID-19 within 12 weeks following release from isolation.

Students and staff who come into contact with someone with COVID-19 after 12 weeks following release from isolation, will be required to follow the NSW Pubic Health guidelines for close contacts.

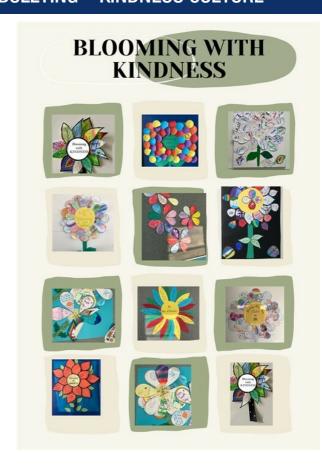
Families can access further information on the NSW Government's Self Isolation Rules and NSW Government's COVID-19 pages .

Collaborative Planning

Next week, staff will be involved in Collaborative Planning. This is when staff work together to prepare units of learning, assessment and resources to deliver quality teaching and learning. The staff use this time to ensure lessons are personalised and cater for the learning needs of all students.

Ms Fermanis Principal

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING — KINDNESS CULTURE



HARMONY DAY



WHEN I GROW UP - KINDERGARTEN



SRC MUFTI DAY 2022

On Thursday, 31 March the SRC had a mufti day to raise money for families affected by the recent floods. Students dressed up in casual clothes and made a gold coin donation. We raised \$401.20! Thank you to all the families who donated. Donations will be made to the Red Cross Floods Appeal.

Mrs Kim and Miss Mentzas SRC Co-ordinators



GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY



Greek Independence Day is celebrated every year on March 25. This event commemorates the start of the War of Greek Independence in 1821 where the Greek people fought for and won their freedom. At the commemoration in Sydney this year, three Greek language students from our school were invited to present to the Greek association, AHEPA.



Anniah T, in Year 6, spoke eloquently about Greek Independence Day, in Greek.





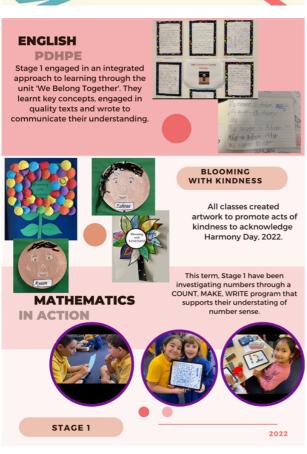
Sam T, in Year 5, recited an extract of Thourios by Rigas Pheraios, a poem which became a rallying cry for freedom fighters written in 1797.



Vicky T, in Year 2, recited Φεγγαράκι μου λαμπρό, a poem about learning Greek in a time of war. She was accompanied by many in the audience.

QUALITY WORK K-6











ENGLISH

Stage 3 have created propaganda posters to support their Integrated Unit "The Evolution of Time"

VISUAL ARTS

Stage 3 have showcased their understanding of the Australian Colonies in the 1800's through the use of water colour pointings.





HISTORY

The Integrated Unit studied in Term 1 focused on the colonisation of Australia.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our PBL rule for Term 1 Week 11 is: I am a resilient class member. You may wish to talk about this rule with your child.





Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the highest level of achievement in our Crown system – a Principal's Award.

1/2G Asiyah A	1R Alara L	6K Abbas H	6J Rawan K
			Vaugh P
			Eric N

UPDATED POP PAYMENT PROCESS

Enhancements have been made to the POP facility, making it more accessible on our school website and improving the way parents and carers make online payments from any device at any time.

The upgraded page for parents and carers includes:

- a quick and simple user interface
- mobile-friendly experience making it easier to pay via phone or tablet (as well as from a desktop computer); and
- multilingual support which enables them to use POP in their preferred language.

These upgrades have been implemented to POP on our school website from Wednesday, 30 March 2022.

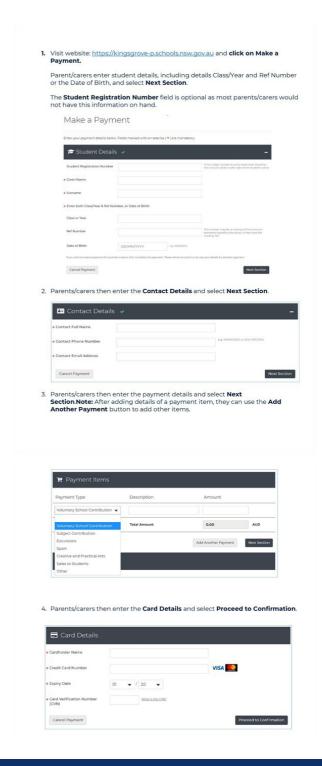
A reminder: our school will no longer be accepting cash or EFTPOS payments. *All payments are to be made through our school's Parent Online Payment System (POP)*

To make a payment please visit our school website: https://kingsgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au click on the link: Make a Payment and follow the prompts (Note: you will be redirected to Westpac to finish the payment).

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.

In Term 2 students will receive a statement of their account with updated information on fees in advanced (FIA) and other payments which maybe outstanding. Please contact the school office if you require further information regarding your child's account.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



REMINDER: PARENT PORTAL ON SENTRAL

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 Parent Portal on SENTRAL will replace Schoolzine next term. Parents and carers 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.
- 3. Click Register here to register a new account.

You will receive a verification email which MUST be verified in order to continue.

1. 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 at https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started or contact the school office for assistance.

SPORT NEWS

PSSA Results

PSSA Round 6 and 7 Cancelled

PSSA Season 1 2022 has been cancelled. Students who have paid for PSSA will receive a credit to their account of \$55.00 in fees in advance (FIA) to be used for PSSA Season 2 or future activities.

P&C NEWS

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 8 April.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

The P&C will be hosting the traditional Easter raffle at our Easter hat parade on Friday, 8 April. We kindly ask K-6 classes to please support our school by donating items for the hampers including:

Chocolate eggs
Chocolate bunnies
Easter craft items
or other Easter related items.

Return To Classroom by Tuesday, 5 April

P&C Meeting

The next KPS P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 2 May. This will be held on-site in the school library on the Kingsgrove Road campus.

DIARY DATES

Term 1 - 2022			
Tuesday, 5 April	ANZAC Day service Kingsgrove RSL		
Friday, 8 April	Easter Raffle draw, K-2 Hat Parade		
Friday, 8 April	Last Day of Term 1		
Term 2 - 2022			
Tuesday, 26 April	Staff First Day of Term 2 – School Development Day		
Wednesday, 27 April	Students First Day of Term 2, ANZAC Day service		
Wednesday, 4 May	Cross Country, P&C Mother's Day Stall (K-2)		
Thursday, 5 May	P&C Mother's Day Stall (3-6)		
Tuesday, 10 May – Friday, 20 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5		
Term 2 Family Planner will be sent home in week 1.			

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

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.



VIRTUAL REALITY DROP IN

Tues 12 April, 2022 11am-12.30pm, 1.30pm-3pm Hurstville Library

AFTERNOON WITH THE ARTIST

Sunday 3 April, 3pm-5pm Hurstville Museum and Gallery

Join Louisa Chircop for afternoon tea to hear about her residency and creative processes with a viewing of her current exhibition.



OUILTERS EXHIBITION

Exhibition: Wed 23 March - Tues 3 May - Clive James Library, Kogarah

Showcasing a selection of quilts from the Clive James Library Quilting Group

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA DROP IN

Thursdays during school term, 4-6pm, Free Hurstville Library Media Lab

Bring your own project or learn new skills in this weekly creative drop in session at the Hurstville Media Lab. Suided by film artist, David Molloy, you can learn how to make your own films, podcasts and get the latest tips and tricks to get your creative project to the next level.







RHYME TIME AND STORY TIME

Rhyme Time for Babies (0-18 months)
Penshurst Library, Every Tuesday
10.30am-11am
Clive James Library, Kogarah, Every Clive James Lib Thursday 10am-10.30am

(18 months-3 years); Penhurst Library, Every Tuesday 11.30am-12pm Clive James Library, Every Thursday 11am-11.30am

Rhyme Time for Babies & Toddlers (0-3 years): Hurstville Library Mondays, 10am-10.30am South Hurstville Library Wednesdays, 11.30am-12pm Oatey Library Fridays, 11.30am-12pm

preschoolers aged 3-5 years during school term.

Oatley Library Tues, 11.30am-12.15pm Tues, 11.30am-12.15pm Penshurst Library Wed, 10.30am-11.15am South Hurstville Library Thurs, 11.30am-12.15pm Clive James Library, Kogi Fri, 10.30am-11.15am

Mandarin & Cantonese Story Time
Join us for Mandarin and Cantonese
Story Times with stories, songs,
rhymes and craft activities in Mandarin
or Cantonese and English. For
children aged 3-5 years and their

Mandarin Story Time Hurstville Library Second and fourth Wed of the month, 10.30am-11.15am

Cantonese Story Time Hurstville Library Third Wed of the month, 10.30am-11.15am

Please check our website regularly for the latest library updates about our programs, georgesriver.spydus.com

TAKE HOME CRAFT KITS

Available from May 25

Get creative with fun craft activities with this take home Do-It-With-Others (DIWO) Create Art Together (C.A.T) craft kit. Suitable for ages

the library. ENGLISH

PAPER MACHE SCULPTURE

Thurs 21 April and Thurs 28 April, 12pm-3pm Clive James Library, Kogarah

Join us as we learn how to make Pap Mache Sculptures from old discarded books. Completed over two sessions

SLOW FASHION MOVEMENT

Mon 4 April, 11am-12pm Oatley Library

SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Georges River Libraries will be host two exciting author in-conversation events as a part of Sydney Writers' Festival this May.

Garry Disher: The Way It Is Now May 19 6:30-7:30pm Hurstville Library and Service Centre





Challenge yourself to reduce your ecological footprint through conscious fashion choices that are good for your wardrobe and the planet.

CONVERSATION CLASSES Various times and locations

Georges River Libraries offers free beginner and intermediate classes fo individuals who want to improve their English. You will be guided through different topics and have the chance ask questions and converse with our dedicated volunteers and staff members.

English Conversation Classes -Intermediate Learners Tuesdays during school term, 10.30am-12.00pm Clive James Library, Kogarah

English Conversation Classes -Intermediate Learners
Wednesdays during school term,
10.00am-11.30am
Hurstville Library and Service Centre

English Conversation Classes -

Beginner Learners Thursdays during school term, 10.00am-11.30am Clive James Library, Kogarah



GRYFEST

Local youth are invited to celebrate Youth Week with a month-long youth-oriented festival with programs and events popping up throughout Georges River in April 2022.

Olds Park Youth Festival
Sat 9 April 2022 | 2pm-7pm | Olds Park | Free. All are welcome.
The festival will include; music and entertainment, street food, local youth and community information stalls, poor—up statepark (available for public access for 7 days), wheelchair basketball, bubble soccer, drop-in art workshops.

'How to Adult' - Youth Living Skills Program
'How to Adult is open to 16 to 24 year old's. All programs are free and bookings are essential.

Accredited First Aid Training: 12 April 2022, 9am to 3pm at Penshurst Park

Routine Car Maintenance Workshops: 14 April and 19 April, 8am to 11am at

Mortdale Community Centre

Cooking Workshops: 22 April 2022, 10.00am to 12.00pm and 1pm to 3pm at

Penshurst Park Youth Facility

Intergenerational Chess Tournament
Sat 2 April 2022 | 10am-2pm | Kogarah Town Square | Free.
Bookings essential.
The tournament is a 'Swiss' competition (6 rounds) with a time limit of 15
minutes per player, per game. Join the Sydney Academy of Chess and S
George Leagues Club's Chess Club for a day of fun and entertainment.

www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/What-s-On



GEORGES RIVER LIBRARIES

Become a Library member today!



School Holiday Workshops

Monday 11 April, 2022 10.30am - 11.30am online via Zoom

Learn new writing skills including how to develop interesting characters and write setting and direction into your works.

Exploring Chemical Power Wednesday 13 April, 2022 10.30am - 12pm, 2.30pm - 4pm Clive James Library

Wednesday 20 April, 2022 10.30am - 12.30pm Hurstville Library Media Lab

Learn how to edit video in this hands-on digital media workshop and begin your journey to becoming a video editing master.

Audio Editing Thursday 21 April, 2022 10.30am - 12.30pm Hurstville Library Media Lab

Learn new skills in recording and editing music and soundscapes to enhance your creative projects.







