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6 May 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to Term 2!

It was so lovely to welcome all of our students and families back last week. Our students should be congratulated on the way they have settled back into the new term. Term 2 has lots of exciting and wonderful learning opportunities for our students and we look forward to sharing these with you.



Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to the P&C led by our P&C President Mrs Louey for organising our 2022 Mother's Day stall. Thank you to our parent volunteers who gave their time to help with the stall. This was a successful event with students excited to purchase something special for Mother's Day.

I wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday and hope all our families enjoy a lovely day.

Parent Portal on SENTRAL

We are excited that this term we have commenced using our Parent Portal on SENTRAL. Currently, we are using both digital platforms, Schoolzine and SENTRAL, for communication. From Monday, 16 May all communication will be through the Parent Portal in SENTRAL including our newsletter.

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

If you have not registered for the Parent Portal in SENTRAL, please follow the steps below.

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

Easter Hat Parade

The annual Easter Parade is always an anticipated event at Kingsgrove Public School and this year was no different. Our annual Easter Hat Parade was held on Friday, 8 April. Although changes were made to the organisation and location due to the weather conditions, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 excitedly showcased their wonderful creations. They even had a surprise visit from the Easter bunny who visited classrooms.

Thank you to the P&C for organising this year's Easter raffle and to parents and carers who took the time to join us at this annual event.



School Development Day

Our staff participated in a wonderful day of professional learning on Tuesday, 26 April. School Development Days provide teachers with learning that is inspiring, inclusive, collaborative and empowering. This term, teaching teams engaged with educational research focusing on inclusive education practices and how these practices can be implemented to support student learning and wellbeing.

Anzac Day Services

At the end of last term, our school leaders proudly represented our school at the Kingsgrove RSL ANZAC Day Service. Schools from the local network also attended this service with each school leader presenting aspects of the program to the wider community. Congratulations to our school leaders for their excellent address during the service.



Last week, our students participated in our school ANZAC Day service. We take pride in this commemoration, showing our respect to the past and present ANZACs. This year, the commemoration was beautifully hosted by our Year 6 student leaders and it was wonderful to welcome a number of parents and carers at this service.

I would like to thank the teachers and students for their contributions with wreaths, flowers and rosemary and commend our students for their exceptional behaviour.

PBL Expectations

At Kingsgrove Public School, we engage in PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). Our expectations are Safety, Respect and Learning. These guide all that we do at our school. Each week, there is a focus on a particular aspect of PBL and a specific expectation. These are communicated to students in the classroom, at assemblies and through our newsletter. You can support this at home by talking to your child about the expectation and encouraging them to display it in their daily school life.

NAPLAN 2022

Years 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN Online between 10 and 20 May 2022.

The NAPLAN testing schedule includes four online assessment components for both Year 3 and 5:

Year 3: writing - 40 min, reading - 45 min, conventions of language - 45 min and numeracy - 45 min.

Year 5: writing - 42 min, reading - 50 min, conventions of language - 45 min and numeracy - 50 min.

The assessments are scheduled for Year 3 and 5 students on:

Writing - Tuesday, 10 May 2022

Reading - Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Conventions of language - Thursday, 12 May 2022

Numeracy - Wednesday, 18 May 2022

Catch up sessions will be completed in Weeks 3 and 4

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

Headphones are required for various aspects of the assessments. Please ensure your child has brought in their own headphones to school for each of their assessments. Headphones will remain at school for the duration of these assessments.

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

Debating

Debating is a challenging and rewarding activity that builds confidence while developing skills in public speaking, organisation and team work. Students on the debating team learn to speak confidently and knowledgeably – skills which are often called upon in other areas of life. Students learn to articulate clearly, address an audience and present a strong argument.

Students on the debating team also learn to think quickly and to organise their ideas and develop team-work skills.

This term, we are fortunate to have two teams participate in the Sydney Primary Schools Debating Competition (SPSDC) for our zone.

On Thursday, 19 May our first debate will be held at Beverly Hills Public School. Best wishes to our debaters!

Thank you to Mrs Kim and Miss Elks for all their work in co-ordinating our debating teams.

Playground Upgrade

As communicated last week, our school is currently undergoing a playground upgrade on our Caroline Street and Kingsgrove Road campuses.

The first stage of this project was completed during the holidays with new asphalt placed on our Caroline Street campus and the completion of a ramp at the entrance near the library on our Kingsgrove Road campus.

In addition, there will be an extension of the entrance path on our Kingsgrove Road campus near our school library commencing at the end of May. This is to ensure the safety of our community as they enter and leave our school without having to access the carpark.

New asphalt and modifications to the playground layout will also be completed on our Kingsgrove Road campus. These playground modifications commenced in the holidays and will continue over the next few months in stages. Specific areas of our Kingsgrove Road playground have been blocked off by contractors to allow students to play in the rest of the playground. We look forward to seeing the progress of these upgrades and the improvements to our school environment.

Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 20 May, is Walk Safely to School Day. We are very fortunate that many of our students are able to walk to school each day with their families.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Leading up to the day, teachers and students will be discussing safe practices when walking to and from school. It also an opportunity for parents and carers to raise awareness of safe pedestrian practices with their children as they walk to school.

Parents and carers may wish to discuss the importance of:

- always looking to the left and right before crossing any road
- always holding an adult's hand to cross the road
- waiting for cars to stop at pedestrian crossings
- safety when approaching driveways.

COVID-Smart Measures Term 2

Many of our existing COVID-smart measures continue into Term 2, including:

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff
- vaccinations – including booster shots (from three months after your child's primary COVID-19 dose) are encouraged for all eligible students and their families. Staff and volunteers on school grounds are to follow vaccination guidelines
- ventilation
- good hygiene practices

- enhanced cleaning.

Changes to close contact isolation requirements

As of this term, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school with the following risk mitigations in place:

- You must notify the school if you/your child have been identified as a close contact and are intending to return to school.
- You/your child should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and receive a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 subsequent school days as part of your personal responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission. Students received RATs this week.

Staff in support classes are also required to wear masks to provide additional protection for our students.

Additionally, as outlined above, mask wearing is mandatory for staff returning to school as close contacts for 5 days and recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 days.

Masks

The latest NSW Health advice recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result). Staff in support classes are also required to wear masks to provide additional protection for our students.

Reducing the risk of illness this winter

It's important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect our school this winter like the flu. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:

- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.
- staying home if unwell
- keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now. Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water.

Ms Fermanis
Principal

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2023 APPLICATIONS

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Thursday, 28 July 2022**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between **Tuesday, 26 April 2022 and Friday, 13 May 2022**. You will need to access the online application at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

You must not use the child's email address. Late applications are not usually accepted.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Sport in Schools Australia (SISA)

REMINDER STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 SISA DANCE/SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Sports in Schools Australia will be running a specialised dance and social skills program at Kingsgrove Public School for students in Stages 2 and Stage 3. Students will be participating in their grade groups every Monday in Term 2 from weeks 2 to week 7 and weeks 9 and 10.

These weekly dance and social skills lessons have been planned as part of our school learning program in Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. In this program students will be working on all components of dance as well as a series of social skills lessons.

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27 April 2022

Dear parent or carer



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In this program students will be working on all components of dance as well as a series of social skills lessons.

Date: Every Monday in Term 2 from Weeks 2 to Week 7 and Weeks 9 and 10

Cost: \$35.00

What to wear: Full school uniform including hat and sports shoes

Please detach the permission note and return to school in an envelope by **9.00 am on Monday, 9 May**. Payment can be made by using the Parent Online Payment (POP) system. When making a payment please quote 'SISA' and your child's name.

Please note only students with written permission will be permitted to attend. No payments will be processed after this date.

Ms Fermanis
Principal

Ms Nicolopoulos
Co-ordinator

STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 SISA DANCE/SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in weekly SISA dance/social skills sessions every Monday in Term 2 from Weeks 2 to Week 7 and Weeks 9 and 10.

I used the POP system and my receipt No. is _____

My child has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/carer)

ANZAC DAY

On Wednesday, 27 April Kingsgrove Public School held our annual ANZAC Day ceremony. All students from K-6 attended and we were fortunate to have three representatives from Kingsgrove RSL Club Mr Talbott, Mr Pollard and Mr Geerin who talked about their experiences during the war.

ANZAC Day holds great importance as we commemorate the soldiers who sacrificed their lives to fight for our country. Over 60000 ANZACs died during the Gallipoli war and another 160000+ in all others.

Students laid flowers and wreaths to commemorate this special event. We also paid our respects by playing both 'The Last Post' and 'The Rouse' as well as participating in a one-minute silence.



Ms Nicolopoulos
Co-ordinator

QUALITY WORK K-6



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



How's the weather?

KE have started to learn about the weather and seasons as part of our Integrated Literacy Unit. We have been putting on our 'meteorologist glasses' to observe the weather each day and writing sentences about what we notice. Have a look at our wonderful work!



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our PBL rule for Term 2 Week 3 is: *I keep my hands and feet to myself.* And Week 4 is: *I respect other people's privacy.* You may wish to talk about this rule with your child.



Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Crown Award after receiving two Silver Awards for positive behaviour!

6K Layla E Kassem M Petro S Alex S Adam K 5R Elijah C Cyrine C Alvin C Ariel F Rova V Jason S Arrow S Amaya S Amy Cameron Raneem K Jolisa L Zackary G Jasmine M Anuttar S	4F Olivia M Sabil E Maddison D Alexander Manaia M Ali M 1/2G Julia E 2H Kai A Stella G Aleena H Hassaan H Ellie P Esera P Alyssa S Vicki T 3Z Mostafa B Jasmine C Jacob D	3/6S Jake M Phillip S 1MK Avery T Andrew Z Lukas L 1R Kingsley F Alara L Mia B Willow L Harper D 5T Zana F Ali K Amear A Irene H Valuea S Matheus Q Kailey L
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BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3 NOW OPEN

You can browse the catalogue here:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-home/>

Scholastic Book Club issue 3 is available online and brochures will be sent home shortly. please note that orders for Issue 3 will close on **13 May 2022**.

Please do not send any cash to school with your child for Book Club *as all orders are to be completed online*

SPORT NEWS

PSSA Update

Season 2 trials will be held next Friday, 13 May. The following sports will be offered:

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Mixed Netball
- Mixed Newcombe Ball
- League Tag (modified rugby league)

PSSA Season 2, Round 1 will commence **Friday, 27 May**.

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting

The next KPS P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 6 June. This will be held on-site in the school library on the Kingsgrove Road campus.

DIARY DATES

Term 2 - 2022	
Monday, 9 May	Senior Choir Rehearsal Penshurst Public School, Reminder Stages 2 and 3 SISA payment due
Tuesday, 10 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 Commences: Writing
Wednesday, 11 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5: Reading
Thursday, 12 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5: Conventions of language
Friday, 13 May	PSSA Trials Season 2, Applications close for Opportunity Class 2023
Wednesday, 18 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5: Numeracy
Thursday, 19 May	11:30am Stage 3 Debating Round 1 Beverley Hills PS, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Assembly

Term 2 - 2022

Friday, 20 May	Walk Safely to School Day, PSSA Training, NAPLAN concludes, K-2 Assembly
Wednesday, 25 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Thursday, 26 May	K-6 Georges River PSSA Cross Country, National Sorry Day
Friday, 27 May	PSSA Round 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

For more information about Kingsgrove Primary OSH Care go to:

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