

# Kingston Heath

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**VISION STATEMENT:** AT KINGSTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL A QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT GIVES STUDENTS, STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

## IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY:	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent community morning tea at 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming trials for district swimming - Years 4-6 Foundation students rest day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation students rest day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool sport

## 2019 School Camps

The following camps have been booked for 2019. We also have our optional Ski Camp and those dates will be confirmed soon.

### Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Camp Sunnystones

Merrimu (near Bacchus Marsh)

<https://www.sunnystones.com.au/>

### Years 5 and 6

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Coonawarra Farm Resort

Glenaladale, East Gippsland

<https://www.coonawarraresort.com.au/>

## **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

And just like that.....the new school year has begun! Hope you enjoyed the holiday break and was able to spend some time with the people you care about the most; I know I did....Now we are back into the swing of things, with lots of exciting things happening around the school, I'm going to jump straight into it.

Firstly I would like to officially welcome the new students and families to the KHPS community. The start of the school year has been smooth and positive....with a buzz of excitement in the air. I'm looking forward to see what adventures await us this year!

### **Roll Up! Roll Up!**

You may have already introduced yourself to our new Acting Assistant Principal, Ms Karen Roberts, but if you haven't had the opportunity I would like to invite you all to attend a "Meet and Greet with Karen" on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am. Karen comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experiences, and I am very excited to be working with her. So, join me on Tuesday to welcome Karen for yourself and discover why we are lucky to have her as part of our community.

### **What's happening in our kitchen garden?**

Many of you already know our Kitchen/Garden dynamo, Kaye Funnell....for those of you who don't, I'm sure it won't take you long to get to know her. Already this week she has hosted two morning teas to engage with our community and rustle up some volunteers. If you were unable to attend the morning teas and are still interested in volunteering in the kitchen and/or garden please contact Kaye.

Speaking of the garden we have had Andrew, from AB Landscaping and Concreting come in and help with the massive clean-up job. As a result, our kitchen garden is looking FANTASTIC! I know Kaye has some great ideas for what we can do in that space....so get involved and help us turn our garden into something amazing.

### **Meet the teacher**

Our annual "meet the teacher" interviews will be held on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. In a few weeks we will be sending home a proforma for you to complete and return it to your child's teacher when you come in for your interview. When the interview times have been set up, you will be notified via Compass when you can book yourself in.

If you have tickets for Kylie Minogue that night (like me!), make sure you book in for an early interview.

### **Curriculum Day/Labour Day weekend**

We have only begun our school year and already there is a curriculum day and public holiday just around the corner. On *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March*, there will be a curriculum day (which will lead nicely into the long weekend with Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March being a public holiday). Students are not required at school on that day.

The focus for staff on the curriculum day will be broadening their knowledge of the PYP to ensure we are getting ready for our official PYP accreditation later on in the year.

### **Soft Start**

Something we are trialling this term is a "soft start" to the day. In a nutshell, this means that from 8:50am teachers will be in their classrooms and students are to make their way straight inside when they arrive at school and begin quietly reading (not playing on the playground). Our aim is to have all children inside calm, reading and ready to learn when the 9am bell rings.

### **Nick off Nits!**

As you read that subheading are you scratching your head? I know I am!! In my experience over the last 20 + years, I've discovered that head lice (a.k.a. nits) do not discriminate on who they attach themselves to.... They don't care about the postcode you live in, how clean or dirty your hair is the cleanliness of your home, or even the season we are in....they NEVER go away!! (yes I am still scratching my head as I type this).

If you find live nits or their eggs, you must treat your child's hair with the appropriate treatment, and then slowly and carefully (and sometimes painfully) comb your child's hair with a lice comb. Chances are you probably miss an egg or two. That's why it's important to re-treat the hair one week later. AND, don't forget to wash all the bedding!

If you can't face going through the long and frustrating process (yes I am speaking from experience), there are also some local hairdressers who specialise in nit treatments.

Whatever the cause here at school, we notify the parents of a child if we find live head lice we request that the hair be treated before they are returned to school. We also inform the year level that a case of head lice has been detected and for all parents to check their child's hair.

To help minimise the outbreak of nits, all shoulder length hair (for both boys and girls) should be tied up, use a little bit of hairspray, do a weekly hair check at home (in our house we call it "nick off nit night"), and let the school office know if you uncover any of the nasty little critters.

That's it from me this week.

I look forward to seeing you around the schoolyard.

Megan

Acting Principal

P.S. yes I'm still scratching!

## Student Lifesaving Highlights from 56 C

We got to do races with the lifesaving boards, we had to do 20 strokes out and then paddle back to shore and give the board to the next person in the group. We also learnt who to save first in the water in an emergency. There are non-swimmers, weak swimmers, strong swimmers and unconscious swimmers. You need to save the non-swimmers first.

Chloe T, 56C

My favourite part of lifesaving this week was helping each other while we were in the water learning how to use the lifesaving equipment. We used the boards and lifesaving tubes. We had to strap the tube around us with a red strap, the patient lies on the middle of the tube, which is clipped around the patient so the lifesaver can swim them back to safety.

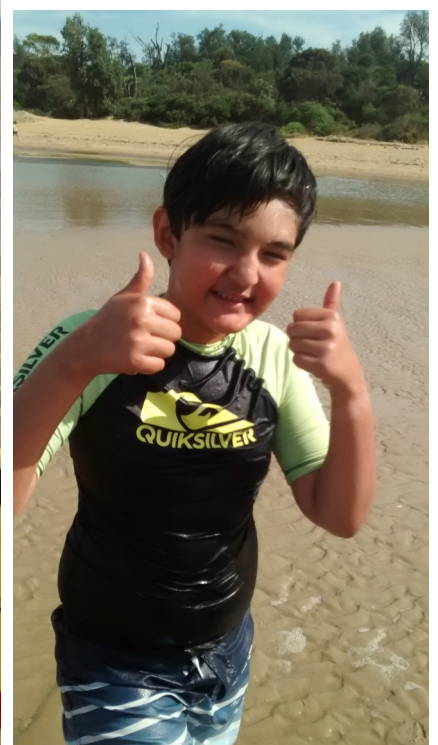
Kosta L, 56C

My highlight this week during lifesaving was using the tubes to practice rescuing people in the water. We also learnt about what to do in an emergency, it's called DRS ABCD, which stands for danger, response, send for help, airways, breathing, CPR and Defibrillator.

Ruby V, 56C

We learnt what to do if someone is injured at the beach and how to treat them, such as a sprained ankle. We follow RICER, which stands for rest, ice, compress, elevation and referral. My favourite part was on the last day, when we did the chicken schnitzel, you had to get as sandy as you can rolling around on the beach and I won.

Jules W, 56C



# Welcome to the Kingston Heath Primary School Library!

Dear Parents,

My name is Sam May and I am thrilled to be able to serve your child as their librarian in 2019. I look forward to helping them to become a critical thinker, an enthusiastic reader, a skillful researcher and to bring enjoyment to their library visits.

It is exciting times for the Kingston Heath Primary School Library, with a bright and fresh refurbishment currently underway. Our vision is to create a library which fosters academic learning, research, creativity, discovery and collaboration. By providing a welcoming and comfortable physical environment, high quality innovative resources and well-trained staff we will encourage our students to discover, dream, think, invent and above all succeed.

We are working hard to have the library fully functioning again in Term 2 and I look forward to working in partnership with you to help build and strengthen your child's school library.

Look out for future book covering/coffee mornings and please feel free to pop in and have a chat at any time.

Happy reading!

**Sam May**







Hi my name is Kaye Funnell, I'm your new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator.

I am so excited about starting at Kingston Heath Primary School, the Kitchen Garden Program is such a wonderful way for your children and the community to be involved. The kitchen / garden is a wonderful experience, for you all to become involved in some small way, in volunteering in the Kitchen/garden with your child or meeting the wider school community.

Kitchen/garden classes are starting up in week 4 and it would be fantastic if I could get some more helpers. Each class must have at least 4 helpers so the classes can run.

If you are interested you can contact me directly or view the timetable that will be available at the office.

Looking forward to seeing your friendly faces.

Kaye Funnell  
Kitchen/Garden

**Please note there will be a working bee on Saturday  
23rd March.**

**All welcome. 9-11am**

**Targeting irrigation for the kitchen/garden beds.  
Sausage sizzle provided**

### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1, 2019 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home. Orders are due back by Friday 15th February.

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

If you don't wish to use LOOP, you can fill in the order form at the back of the leaflet and return to the school in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class, with the correct money enclosed. (No change can be given.)

The school earns 20% of sales which we then use to purchase books for the library and classrooms.



Sam May

Librarian

## **KHPS BIRTHDAYS**

### **January:**

3rd: Xinxi D  
5th: Marley D  
5th: Alex C  
6th: Makaylah H  
8th: Kellzie L  
9th: Ethan A  
10th: Isaiah P  
12th: Gigi G  
15th: Skyler W  
19th: Sophia M  
19th: Leon K  
19th: Nico G  
19th: Asala M  
20th: Massi A  
20th: Gerber B  
21st: Cassie K  
23rd: Chloe T  
24th: Sofia K  
25th: Josh M  
28th: Flinn M  
30th: Kala P  
31st: Emily B



### **February:**

1st: William T  
1st: Emma S  
3rd: Elle G  
5th: Jack S  
7th: Ivy M  
7th: Peter A  
8th: Elliot B  
9th: Taliah O  
9th: Ethan S  
10th: Oliver S  
10th: Jack B  
13th: Leila W.P.  
13th: Zach H  
17th: Tia B  
17th: Madeline L  
17th: Shakima C.B.  
17th: Scarlett T  
17th: Jack S



### **2019 CALENDAR DATES OF EVENTS:**

<b>February:</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lifesaving Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lifesaving Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lifesaving Years 5 & 6 Hockey Victoria Program incursion Foundation students rest day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lifesaving Years 5 & 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lifesaving Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent community morning tea at 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming trials for district swimming - Years 4-6 Foundation students rest day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation students rest day School Council meeting – 6.00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool sport
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation students rest day
<b>March:</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Interschool sport
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	District swimming at Mentone Grammar
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation students rest day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Curriculum day – no students</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Labour day public holiday – no students</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation students resume school full time
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lightning Premiership - Years 5 & 6
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation incursion
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SAKG Working Bee 9-11am, sausage sizzle provided
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School photos ( <b>new date</b> ) Foundation incursion
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 excursion to Melbourne Zoo
<b>April:</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation incursion
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Final day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal





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[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

## Friendship Day!

### Term 1 is all about making new friends.

For many children, starting school may also involve starting Outside School Hours Care. This major milestone is an exciting time for many children and their families, but we also acknowledge that it can also be an uncertain time as well.

This is why we've created Friendship Day, so we can encourage and support children to form friendships right from the start of the school year.

Come and join us on Friendship Day. Children will get to unlock their likes, share their stories and take part in engaging group activities to help them create and celebrate new friendships.

**When** - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Where** - Your child's school OSHC room.

**How to book** - Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and book your session now.

**How to register** - You must be registered to attend. Registration is FREE!

You can register an account via our website [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Once registered, it's easy to manage your bookings online via our parent portal. Select the **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019** and secure your child's spot for Friendship Day. We always recommend making your bookings in advance.

If you would like to learn more about how we operate our OSHC service, please visit before or after school and, **Patsy your** Program Coordinator, will be available to answer any questions.

If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

We look forward to celebrating friendship with you!

From the Team at Camp Australia

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education  
*we make kids smile*



# Parent Green Team

## Term 1, 2019

Friday: 8th Feb 22nd March

22nd Feb 5th April

8th March

*\* 9am-11am, meet in the central courtyard.*

**Morning Tea Provided!**



*Lisa Druce (Class 5/6A) & Emma Netzer (Class 1/2C) 0402 059 223*



Kingston Heath Primary School offers Private and Dual Instrumental Music lessons during school hours.

Lessons are conducted by local music school Poco Music. Instrumental lessons are offered in Piano, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drum kit, Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Singing. Lessons are taught by fully qualified teachers in a fun environment.

At Poco Music we believe every child deserves the right to start out life with a quality music education.

Lessons offered are private 30 min classes catering to the students' individual needs.

Group lessons of 2 students is offered for all instruments, excluding drums.

Lessons are taught in a fun environment focusing on learning how to read music notation, working through method books and learning fun contemporary songs that engage students.

We also prepare students for AMEB and ANZCA music exam grading.

Once Students are competent with playing a few chords and notes Rock Bands will commence and rehearse weekly at lunchtimes and afterschool.

*COST of lessons: \$38.00 Private 30 min lesson  
\$25.00 per child for a dual 30 min lesson*

If you would like to enroll your child for lessons please fill out our enrolment form online at [www.pocomusic.com.au](http://www.pocomusic.com.au)

For more enquiries please email us at: [admin@pocomusic.com.au](mailto:admin@pocomusic.com.au) or call our office on [9584 7341](tel:95847341)

Please be sure to like our Facebook page for more information on Lessons and Bands.  
<https://www.facebook.com/PocoMusicTuition/>



## **OPEN DAY - FREE CLINICS**

**Saturday 9th February 2019**

**Kingswood Primary School**

**You are invited to attend our FREE OPEN DAY on Saturday 9th February  
Age 5-12 @ 9 am**

**Come along and try our award winning clinics run by qualified and experienced coaches and be part of the largest academy in Australia.**

**Receive 20% introductory discount off the term price!!**

**To secure your free place contact-**

**Gary Hannah**

**Head Coach/Operations Manager FSA VIC 10**

**Mobile 0421 666 902**

**Email [vic10.football@sportstaracademy.com](mailto:vic10.football@sportstaracademy.com)**

**Please include your child's name, age and a contact email or mobile number.**

**Other locations include-**

**Springvale Indoor Sports Centre - Tuesday**

**Kingswood Primary School - Thursday**

**Mentone Girls Secondary College - Sunday**

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