Wow, what a term!

We are finally at the end of what has been a spectacular term, a busy term, a term with lots of changes and a term of farewells. Kinglake Primary School is a school built on family, community and solid values and this has shown through, over the year. It is time now for a well earned break, where students and staff can spend time with their families.

I hope your break will be relaxing, rewarding and renewing, as we farewell 2015 and commence 2016. I would personally like to thank the staff, students and community for allowing me to come and lead Kinglake Primary School over this time of change I have enjoyed getting to know you all. I have been invited to stay for Term One, 2016 as Acting Principal, before the permanent Principal position is advertised and appointed.

Change comes to all places and people and Kinglake Primary is no different. It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Egan, but also congratulate her on her new adventures as she takes up her role as Principal of Upper Plenty Primary. We wish Mrs Yvonne Johnston a relaxing long service leave for Term One and hope she enjoys some time to herself. We must also farewell Sarah, our wonderful Grade 2/3 teacher who has taken up a permanent position, also at Upper Plenty Primary School. She will be sorely missed, because she is such a lovely person and excellent teacher. Sarah will always have a place in our hearts and community!

With farewells, we must also have welcomes! In 2016 we will welcome back from leave Mrs Julie Stott, who will be teaching Physical Education and LOTE. Julie has expertise in teaching Italian language and Kinglake Primary will utilise these skills, incorporating Italian language and cultural studies in Semester 1, 2016. Students will continue to learn Indonesian language and cultural studies in semester 2, 2016.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn two different languages, bringing the school in line with language studies undertaken in local secondary schools.

We also welcome Miss Alyssa Drill to our school community. Alyssa will teach two days a week in Grade 3 and 4, sharing the class with Mrs Hocking who will teach three days a week. Alyssa will teach Indonesian language and cultural studies in semester 2, 2016 and help with support and extension programs in semester one, 2016. Please introduce yourself to Alyssa and make her feel welcome in the new year.

Our school teaching structure for 2016 will therefore be as follows;

**Prep/Grade 1** : Mrs Brenda McLennan

**Grade 1 / 2** : Miss Jacquilynn Pascoe

**Grade 3 / 4** : Mrs Bronwyn Hocking (3 days) and Miss Alyssa Drill (2 days)

**Grade 5 / 6** : Miss Justine Forsyth

Mrs Jennifer McDonald-Price will once again be our Business Manager in 2016.
Specialists:

Physical Education : Mrs Julie Stott

LOTE (Italian – semester one): Mrs Julie Stott

LOTE (Indonesian – semester 2) : Miss Alyssa Drill

Art : Mrs Deborah Keating

Library : Mr Hayden Williams

Extension and support programs: Ms Karen Goodridge, Ms Chris Dunleavy, Mrs Deborah Keating, Miss Alyssa Drill (semester one), Mrs Julie Stott (semester two)

We look forward to a strong team of staff, with all their talents and expertise to bring an inspiring and educational year to our students in 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our PFA members, our school council members and our parent helpers, who give up their time to ensure the school events, programs and support is given to our students and staff. Without these people helping out, the programs and events we offer just wouldn’t run as successfully. I know the staff are forever grateful for your support, so thank you and we look forward to many more helpers next year... “It takes a village to raise a child”

It is with great pleasure we congratulate and welcome a new edition to the Reno family. A brand new baby brother for Molly, Declan and Kirby. Ratha and the new baby, Quinn are doing well.

Last Thursday, staff and students practised a fire drill, in preparation for the coming fire season. We will continue to practise drills in the new term to ensure we are ready for any situation. The students were fantastic and responded positively, following instructions. It is a timely reminder that any visitors, volunteers or contractors coming to the school, register their presence on the school grounds at reception in the sign in/out book. This way, they too will be accounted for if any emergency situation arises.

This Thursday 17th will be our Christmas Concert and Grade Six Graduation ceremony. Please ensure students are at school by 7.15pm for a 7.30pm concert start. Reports will also go home on this day.

This Friday 18th will be our last day of school for 2015, with our final Gudjinna beginning at 1pm and an early finish to school at 1.30pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up early at 1.30pm or to attend After School Care which will be available. Please book in early for this, so that staff can prepare for the number of students attending on this day.

School starts back for all students on Thursday, 28th January, 2016. Staff commence on Wednesday 27th with a professional development day.

Please don’t forget to return permission forms and deposits for the 2016 Swimming Program, commencing early February 2016. It is essential we get enough numbers and deposits to ensure the program goes ahead.

Enjoy the break, relaxing with your family and friends, and take care of each other and yourselves. I hope you have a happy Summer break, stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you all next year, with your wonderful tales of the Summer break and your eagerness for an excellent year of learning ahead.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas!

Deb Keating
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**ALL PARENTS**

*Accounts are now due and payable.*

**Kids Club Staff:**
- Craig: Co-ordinator/Education Leader.
- Andrea: Certified Supervisor.
- Janine: Certified Supervisor.
- Anita: Certified Supervisor.
- Chris: Accounts.

**Staff Roster:**

**MORNINGS:**
- Monday and Friday: Janine
- Tuesday: Anita.
- Wednesday Thursday: Andrea

**AFTERNOONS:**
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Craig & Janine.
- Thursday: Craig and Andrea.

**Pricing for OSHC 2015:**
- Mornings $15.00, Afternoon 1st hour $12.00, Afternoon full session $15.00 less with CCB rebate.
- Late fee pick up after 6pm $5.00 per 15 mins. End of term extended fee $8.00 per child

**IMPORTANT:** All enrolment forms must be up to date for 2015 and your children must be enrolled to use our service. This is part of the Education and Childcare National Regulations.

**Accounts can now be paid by EFTPOS at School Office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are having problems please see Chris for a Payment Plan.**

**KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our weekly newsletter is now available to view on our Website.

www.kinglakeps.vic.edu.au
THE KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

The KPS PFA would like to firstly thank everyone for their support in 2015 without it we would not be able to pay for each child’s Reading Eggs and Mathletics. So your continued support is greatly appreciated. Our AGM will be held in the school staffroom on February the 8th at 2.00pm. We would love to have some new faces to help out from time to time. Any queries please contact the school who can pass them onto the PFA... Thank you again

Merry Christmas

School will finish at **1.30pm on Friday.** Merry Christmas everyone have a safe and wonderful holiday, see you all next year on the **28th of January at 9.00am**