Hello everyone,

In the cool of the morning last Friday, a lone figure cast a morning shadow across the school oval as she prepared for a day of respectful and fun competition. Our dedicated Kylie ensured the tracks were marked, the high jump mat was set, long jump pit was topped up with sand and students were in for an awesome day. I think those who attended would agree, our annual House Sports Day was a complete success and such an enjoyable day for all. The students participated with great spirit and sportsmanship and our captains showed excellent leadership, encouraging, helping and celebrating the success of their team mates. Congratulations to the winning team, Jehosophat. A special mention to Ms Pascoe who cheered so loudly for her team, complete with chanting! A huge thank you to those special parent helpers, who gave up their time to ensure our students had a great experience. Without your continual involvement, events like this just don’t run with as much success.

Last week, news of Mrs Egan’s acceptance of the Principal position at Upper Plenty was received. It is with sadness that our community farewells Sue from her position here at Kinglake, but we will never lose her from our hearts and our community. She always has a place here in Kinglake Primary School. We wish her well as she commences on new challenges in her career and brings great leadership and inspiration to a new community.

Today is the Grade Six Big Day Out, a day full of great experiences like photos with Santa, pizza lunch at La Porchetta, movie, bowling and lots more. It is a fantastic way for our senior students to celebrate their achievements and the finishing of their Primary School years. Students attended their Year Seven Orientation Days yesterday, to prepare them for the first week of Secondary School next year.

Please remember that deposits or payments for swimming can be made at any time before the end of the year, this helps us to forecast numbers. Swimming sessions are vital for all children, but especially for Kinglake students who may not get a lot of swimming practice any other time.

Letters have gone home to families who have any outstanding payments for 2015, it is important that the school receives these contributions to continue to provide the excellent educational programs, facilities and activities that it does each year.

Our final concert and graduation ceremony will be happening next Thursday. Students will need to be at school at 7.15pm, for a 7.30pm start. All are welcome as we farewell the year and our Grade Six students.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Deb Keating
Acting Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

14th December:  Parent Helper Thank you Day.

17th December:  School Concert & Graduation
Please be at school at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

18th December:  Gudjana will be at 1.00pm school will finish at 1.30pm

KIDS CLUB NEWS

Bookings and cancellations
To book/cancel your child into before or after school care please ring the school on 5786 1284.

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
Unfortunately due to no donations our PFA run Christmas Hamper Raffle has been cancelled.

Lost property is located in the multi-purpose room. We have a large amount that has accumulated throughout the year, so please come and see if your children have any. We will be donating any leftovers at the end of this week.

Letters to Santa

Write your letter to Santa and bring it to school to post in Santa’s Post Box at the front office.

The Neighbourhood House will make sure your letter is delivered to Santa in time for Christmas.

Ho, ho, ho
Merry Christmas!
Balancing Love & Discipline
A Parenting Program

The program is facilitated by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity for many years. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area. The course is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children.

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves wishing for more options for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home.

This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone. If you miss one or two nights, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up.

Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include:

- Good communication
- Teaching life skills
- Issues of discipline
- What is normal for kids?
- Confronting unacceptable behaviour
- How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset

Discovering that others are experiencing problems almost identical to your own somehow seems to lighten your load.

Feedback from past participants:

In 2013 "T R; said “All was fantastic, the results with my teenager speak for themselves”.

“B M”; said “Every single strategy has worked for me”.

"R R”; said “I feel that this course is the best thing I could have come upon at the time. We had a lot of conflict and stress in the family home and this had been so radically reduced by this learning”.

"S T”; said "I’m glad to have taken the leap to do this as an investment in my family"

Course details
The course will run in the evening, one night a week for eight weeks.

Dates: Every Tuesday from Feb 3 2016 until March 15

There will be 2 sessions in week one Monday 1 & Tues 2

Time: 7.00pm -9.30pm.

Venue: Toolangi Community House

Phone Familycare 5735 4600 to register interest

No Cost New participants welcome up to session 4
No Jab No Pay

From 1 January 2016, there will be changes to the immunisation requirements for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR).

What are the changes?

- CCB and CCR payments have been conditional on children up to the age of 7 meeting current immunisation requirements. From 1 January 2016, this requirement will be extended to apply to all children up to 20 years of age.
- Children will no longer be exempt from meeting the requirements for CCB and CCR payments if their parents have registered an objection to vaccination on the basis of personal or philosophical beliefs.
- A child must be fully immunised, on a catch-up immunisation schedule or have a valid exemption at the time a parent makes their very first claim for CCB.
- Previously, if parents met the other eligibility criteria, their CCB claim would be approved and they would have a 63 day ‘grace period’ for their child to meet the immunisation requirements. From 1 January 2016 the claim will not be approved if the immunisation requirements are not met.

What stays the same?

- Children with medical contraindications or natural immunity which are certified in writing by a General Practitioner will still be exempt from the immunisation requirements.
- Parents still have the right to choose not to vaccinate their child.
- Child care service providers can still set their own policies around whether or not they provide care to unimmunised children (in accordance with their state or territory requirements).
- If child care service providers or state/territory laws allow it, parents who are not eligible for child care payments can still use child care and pay the full fee.
- If a family is already eligible for CCB and the child misses a scheduled vaccination, the family receives a letter from Centrelink advising the vaccination is overdue. The family still has 63 days to catch up their vaccinations and become up-to-date again.

Opportunity through learning.
What should I tell my families?

Families will be informed by Centrelink that their child/children do not meet the immunisation requirements for family assistance payments, and will be encouraged to speak with their immunisation provider about updating their vaccination records or commencing an appropriate immunisation catch-up schedule.

Funding for catch-up arrangements falls into two categories:

1. Free catch up for children under 10 years of age
2. Free catch up for young persons aged 10 to 19 years of families who currently receive family assistance payments (time-limited: 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017)

For more details, go to www.immunise.health.gov.au

Where can Child Care Services find more information?

Child Care Services can contact the Child Care Management System (CCMS) Helpdesk on 1300 667 276.

CCMS Helpdesk operators are available to take your calls from 9am to 5:30pm AEST/AEDT Monday to Friday. Please note the CCMS Helpdesk is only available to provide assistance to services.

Where can families find more information?

If parents require more information they should not call the CCMS Helpdesk - this Helpdesk is for child care services and the operators will not have information which is specifically relevant to parents.

Instead, parents should contact the Department of Human Services’ families line on 136 150. They can also find useful information from the following Australian Government departments:

- **Department of Health** for information about:
  - The [immunisation catch-up arrangements](#)
  - The most recent National Immunisation Program for free vaccines available to children up to 10 years

- **Department of Human Services** for information about:
  - The importance of immunisation
  - Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
  - How a family can check their child immunisation schedule

- **The Department of Social Services** for information about:
  - Family Tax Benefit and eligibility
  - Immunisation changes

**NO Jab No Pay.**
As part of the 2015 Kinglake Community Christmas Carols, your child/children have been learning the following songs at school:

- Silent Night
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Please bring your child/children along to Bollygum Park at 1.30pm for a 2pm start on SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

and see your child perform with the combined primary schools of the Kinglake Ranges!

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Our CFA friend Captain Koala will be visiting as will Santa Claus!

Come and support your kids, and your community, and catch up with friends old and new!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House
“Bringing People Together”
INTENSIVE SWIMMING

WEEK 04/01/16 TO 08/01/16 inclusive
Swim school address: 1030 King Parrot Creek Rd, Strath Creek, 3658
Contact: Adrianne Anglin mobile 0417550652

LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Strath-Creek-Swim-School/142973595781987?ref=hl

Discount for swim school members.
4 students in a class with 2 instructors.
Wonderful student/teacher ratio for the best results.
Five days of swimming that will move your child to the next level of swimming.
Designed for;
Children of all abilities.
For those who are just becoming independent in the water
Stroke correction for the more advanced.
There might be a Mum and Bubs class, although the program is not specifically for this level of swimmer.

“The Strath Creek Swim School Aims to help students develop in the areas of water confidence, water awareness, safety, and, physical fitness. Water confidence is developed in classes for young students through the use of interactive games. Once students demonstrate accomplished skills and are able to participate independently, lap swimming with stroke correction is introduced. Teachers are all Austswim qualified holding Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety and Infant Aquatics qualifications. Teachers also hold current level 2 first aid and working with children and police checks.”

Deposit $50.00 to be paid at the time of booking. Balance to be paid prior to 04/01/16.