Hello everyone,

The year is now in full swing, all our students are settled and participating well within their learning. Our foundation (Prep) students are well versed in our school rules, values and sense of community. It is as if they have been at Kinglake Primary School longer than they have!

Last Thursday all our students combined to create messages of hope for our beautiful and brave community. They coloured in their own butterfly and attached their message of hope to them……and what a beautiful symbol of hope, love, grace and renewal the butterflies became. It took four dedicated teachers to string them up in the main street and a community to appreciate them. Thank you all for your messages of appreciation for the children’s efforts. Black Saturday will be forever etched in the minds of all Victorians, but for those who lived through it, the experience and the healing journey years on is so unique and individual. I hope our butterflies of hope give everyone peace.

Swimming program starts next Monday, Feb 15th and payment is now due. Parents are encouraged to come and watch the lessons, Grade 5/6 and our Foundation (Prep) students will be having their lessons between 11.00 and 11.45am and Grade 1 / 2 and 3 / 4 will be between 11.45 and 12.30pm. All students must come to school at the normal time each day of the swimming program. Vital learning will be completed before and after swimming lessons.

At the end of each day we have students that exit the school building and walk along the teacher’s car park in front of the dry riverbed. Can parents please park in the car park up near the children’s crossing and not in the teacher’s car parks to ensure safety for our children.

If you haven’t already noticed, there appears to be a slithery silhouette in the dry garden bed in the front of the school. Over the weekend Michelle Day, our talented artist began the next step in completing our magnificent Rainbow Serpent. If you haven’t seen it yet, pop your head in and see where the completed master piece that all of the students and teachers will contribute to making. I can guarantee you, it’s going to be spectacular. We thank you Michelle for all your enthusiasm and continued efforts.

We are very blessed to have such beautiful school buildings and surrounds, but these take a lot of maintaining. I would like to thank Belinda O’Grady, Susan Sutton and Naomi Fischer for taking on the role of organising casual working bees throughout the school. They would love some help and support from anyone who has time, even during school hours to lend a hand with odd jobs or gardening, even an hour would help and younger siblings are welcome. The first working bee will be next Tuesday morning, 16th Feb working on the courtyard outside the toilets. Please contact the office for details or for the contact numbers of these lovely and helpful ladies.

This week our students begin the Tribes Wellbeing Program, a program that focuses heavily on inclusiveness, resilience and respect for each other. Inclusiveness is built by a feeling of safety and belonging to a community. Communities come in many different forms in a school, our whole school community, our parent community and our classroom community. One key aspect of the Tribes process is the creation of multi-aged small communities, or Tribes. Each Tribe will consist of a child from each grade level, that will work together and foster each other over the year. Throughout the year our Tribes will come together and work on any activities that promotes respect, inclusion and all our wonderful Kinglake Values. If you have any questions about the Tribes program please don’t hesitate to contact me for more info, or even how you can get involved.

Thanks and have a great week,
Deb Keating.
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<td>Swimming Program Commences Monday 15th February.</td>
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<td>Monday 15th February at 7.00 pm in the Library.</td>
<td>Kinglake Primary School, School Council Annual General Meeting and First meeting of the year. Please complete nomination forms for those interested in joining school council. Forms available at the office.</td>
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<td>16th February:</td>
<td>Book Club is due back</td>
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<td>Friday 4th March:</td>
<td>No students are required at school on this day. Teachers are participating in a small school network, whole day Professional Development learning sessions.</td>
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<td>STUDENT FREE DAY:</td>
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<td>NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS FIRST 4 WEEKS.</td>
<td>Prep students have the first four Wednesday’s off and begin full weeks on the week starting Feb 29th.</td>
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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February**
- Billy 11th
- Keeley 11th
- Zayden 14th
- Bohdi 15th
- Amy 16th

**KIDS CLUB NEWS**

Please remember hats are compulsory in first term.

If parents have any enquiries please feel free to drop in and talk to one of our friendly staff at anytime.

**Bookings and cancellations**

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

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

**IMPORTANT: All enrolment forms must be up to date for 2016 and your children must be enrolled to use our service. This is part of the Education and Childcare National Regulations.**

**Accounts can be paid by EFTPOS at School Office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are having problems please see Chris for a Payment Plan.**
The KPS PFA held their 2016 AGM on Monday the 8th of February.

We now have our committer as follows:

President: Jenn Martin
Vice President: Julie Reeves
Treasurer: Belinda Nation
Secretary: POSITION VACANT, CAN YOU HELP?
General Members: Jo McCarthy, Clare Roberts, Viv Smith and Anna Bunbury

Thank you to those who attended and are now on the committee we hope to have another fantastic year. There is always room for more members if you would like to join our friendly committee. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 26th of February at 9.15 in the School Staff Room.

EBM INSURANCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of an EBM Insurance notice. If viewing on-line please enquire at the front office for a copy.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

town/suburb ___________________________ State __________ Postcode __________

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date __________ / __________ / __________
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-Government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent; and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
CAR PARK SAFETY

A FRIENDLY REMINDER !!!! For the safety of your children please do not park in the staff car park between the hours of 8.30-9.00am and 3.15-4.00pm. Thank you for your assistance in making our school a safe place for our children to grow.

KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

www.kinglakeps.vic.edu.au

TERM 1 IS A SUNSMART TERM!

DON’T FORGET YOUR HAT AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE DRESSED FOR THE SUN!

Hats are to be worn at all times when outside and clothing must cover shoulders to prevent any damage from the sun. Students who are not dressed appropriately or do not have a hat will have to remain indoors or in a solid shaded area.

Singlets or shoe string strapped tops are not permitted to be worn at school.

Parent Payments 2016.

Details regarding Parent Payments and Camps for 2016 will be sent home within the next few weeks. School Council will review and approve these Fees at their next School Council Meeting on 15th February.