Hello everyone,

Our swimming lessons are coming to an end and I sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed learning new skills and that parents have seen the value within the lessons. It is always difficult to keep the cost of these activities to a minimum and we do try our best, however the cost of buses transporting our students take a large chunk of the bill. It has been wonderful to see our students enjoy learning and helping each other out, especially our younger students.

By now every family would have received the parent payment policy and letter regarding the costs involved in delivering the quality education that our students receive from our talented staff. Please read through both documents and if there are concerns or you are needing to make a payment plan, please don’t hesitate to see myself or Jenny in the office.

For those of you with students in Grade 3 to 6, camp 2016 information and a letter outlining payment and itinerary of this amazing camp to Canberra has been sent home last Friday. Before coming to Kinglake Primary, I was very excited to hear that Canberra was part of the camp rotation for this school. Having recently come from holidays in Canberra and been to some of the destinations on the itinerary, I know just how amazing and how much learning the students will received from this trip. This camp is jammed packed with educational opportunities that relate directly to the curriculum and inquiry learning units our students will complete in terms two and three this year. Some of the destinations, such as the Indonesian Consulate are not normally accessible to the public and so make this camp an extra special event and opportunity for our students. This camp is quite reasonably priced when considering the travel distance, accommodation, food and entry into all the centres and destinations once at Canberra. For anyone who is experiencing difficulty in payment for the camp, please see myself or Jenny at the office. Canberra is such a beautiful city, with an amazing history, I can’t wait for our students to experience it for themselves!

Term one is almost half way through and with it comes our Sun Smart Policy of wearing a hat when playing outside. It is really important that each student has their own hat that is clearly labelled, so that teachers can find the owner more quickly when we find them left out in the yard. Hats can be bought from the office for $10.00 if students have lost them. The practice of sharing hats with friends and the use of spare hats from the office is not encouraged, due to the possible spread of lice within our school. We do have current reports of lice within our school and it is a timely reminder to check your child’s hair, treat and report to the school any cases of head lice.

Technology is a fabulous tool that allows us to be informed, keep updated with friends and events going on around us and our Kinglake Primary School Facebook is no different. We hope that it helps keep parents updated with things big and small going on around the school, including reports from camp when we’re on them. The attached policy outlines the respectful use of our Facebook site and the expectation of parent contributions and who will have access to the site. Please take the time to read through it and acknowledge the details of the use of this tool.

Twilight sports is happening on Monday March 7th, starting at 5pm for a picnic BBQ, before students will be participating in activities at 5.45pm. All families and students are invited to come along, bring a picnic or buy a sausage and join in the fun and events of the night. This night is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and meet each other, connect with our new families and meet the staff. It is always a fun night. The PFA will be selling cans of drink again and sausages will be sold for $1 each, with proceeds going to the 2016 Grade Six Graduation, big day out. So please support our students and the committees that support your children.

Enjoy your week,

Deb Keating
**February**

Happy birthday to anyone in our school community that has a birthday this week.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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<td>25th, 26th and 29th February</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>2nd March:</td>
<td>Foundation students commence full time school from today.</td>
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<td>Clean up Australia Day</td>
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<td>7th March:</td>
<td>Twilight Sports 5:45pm Start</td>
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<td>10th March:</td>
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**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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS !**

Please note that as from the beginning of Term 2 2016 we will no longer be offering payments to the school via B-Pay.

You may pay the school in Cash, via Electronic Funds Transfer through your bank or EFTPOS at the school.
Parent Payments 2016.

Don’t forget that Parent Payments and Voluntary Contributions are now due. If you would like to take advantage of our Payment Plan and pay off these fees then please contact Jen in the Office.

TISSUE REQUEST!

We are asking all families to please donate a box of tissues to our school. Our students use so many of them and your donation would greatly be appreciated!

KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

www.kinglakeps.vic.edu.au

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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.
Kinglake Primary School
PFA, Staff & Parents Welcome Dinner!

Kinglake Primary School PFA would like to invite you to join us & the KPS Staff for a Welcome Dinner!

Everyone works so hard and deserves to have a night off and why not have a chat to some of the parents you might only pass in the carpark or corridor, we have asked the Staff to attend as well so let’s make a night of it to get to know one another.

RSVP by returning the bottom half of this invitation

WHERE: Kinglake Pub
WHEN: Friday March 11th
TIME: 6:00 pm
COST: $30 per person 2 course meal – Dinner and Dessert

Please RSVP by Wednesday March 9th
Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................
Children at school: ..........................................................................................................................................................

I would love to attend the Christmas Dinner on Friday March 9th @6:00pm, book me in!
Facebook Policy

RATIONALE

Our school acknowledges that there are increasing numbers of people using social networking sites. The widespread availability and use of social networking applications brings opportunities to understand, engage, and communicate with audiences in new ways.

Our intent is to grow our school and community’s understanding of social media and to make connecting with our school more convenient for our families. We aim to make our content more accessible to our families and to tap into the knowledge and support base of our parent community. Our school’s Facebook page allows our community to keep us up to date with activities through a medium which is preferred by many. The page will allow us to seek input from our families and also allow families to connect with our school. Our Facebook page is a place where we can build our school community by building our school spirit. We expect our community to provide a positive focus for our school and bring everyone’s attention to the things we do that make our school community great.

POLICY STATEMENT

This is a trial use of Facebook as a communication device for our school community. The school reserves the right to suspend or cease using Facebook at the discretion of staff and our school council. Where there are issues of a potentially serious criminal nature such as threats or inappropriate comments, the matter will be referred directly to the relevant governing body.

IMPLEMENTATION

USING REAL NAMES

All users interacting with Kinglake Primary School Facebook page, by either linking or commenting on posts, must do so using a Facebook account that clearly identifies them by their real name.
RAISING ISSUES

Kinglake Primary School is happy to be alerted to issues via its Facebook page but does wish to remind members of our community that there are many issues which are best dealt with privately, in consultation with relevant staff members. The type of issues that can be raised on Facebook should centre around school improvements or processes. Issues involving students or staff must not be raised on our Facebook page. When comments are made we are happy for people to register their support through a Facebook comment or a ‘like’. We will however, not support interactions that incite negative sentiments. We also require that names of staff, students, or school community members are not used in any negative postings.

WHEN CAN I USE NAMES IN POSTS?

You can use names in posts when you wish to acknowledge someone’s great work or community contribution. Our philosophy is that our Facebook page will be used to build our school spirit, inform our community about our work, and connect people.

HOW TO INTERACT WITH THE FACEBOOK PAGE

Initially, users will be able to comment on the school’s postings and on comments made by other users. Users will also be able to ‘like’ or post a comment by clicking on a button. Users will not be able to author a posting of their own or load media such as video or photos. User rights will be reviewed over time and assessments made on changes to this process.

UNDERAGE FACEBOOK USERS

Kinglake Primary School does not endorse children under the age of thirteen years of age (a threshold imposed by Facebook), having their own Facebook account. We encourage children, under parental supervision, to view our school’s Facebook page and contribute to content. We believe the conduct of our community members on our Facebook page will serve as a role model for our students on how to behave in social media spaces.

MODERATION AND BLOCKLISTING

Kinglake Primary School reserves the right to set the strength level of the Facebook profanity filter and to add additional words and names to the page’s blocklist.

Actions resulting in breaches to this policy may include prohibiting a user from interacting on the school’s Facebook page.

FRIENDS

Kinglake Primary School will only accept current members of our school community as ‘friends’. Families who have a student progressing to their secondary education will be allowed to maintain their connection with the Kinglake Primary School Facebook site for one year to assist the transition process.
THE LAW AND FACEBOOK’S TERMS

Kinglake Primary School’s Facebook page operates under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act and Facebook’s Terms.

REFERENCES

Teacher VIT Professional Code of Conduct