Dear Community Members,

The last couple of weeks have been quite anxious weeks for a lot of people, including myself as the process to finalise the Principal role here at Kinglake was completed. I am very grateful and proud to be chosen to lead this school into the future. I look forward to working with everyone, especially our staff, school council and students to build a stronger school and achieve great things for our children’s futures. I would like to thank school council for their role in the selection process and look forward to working with them, as your voice in the functioning and development of our school. Mrs Sue Egan was a wonderful and much loved Principal here at Kinglake and achieved great things for this school. I hope that together we can continue that journey and continue to make this school a great place to be and learn.

Please don’t forget tomorrow is SCHOOL PHOTO DAY. Please remember to bring order forms with you. There is still time for those who wish to get sibling photos, order forms from the office. Brush off those uniforms, do your favourite hair style, practice your rock star smiles and we’ll see everyone tomorrow.

Last Thursday was Clean Up Australia Day. Our students and staff did their part by cleaning up the school grounds, including the car parks. It was quite amazing just how much rubbish was out there, once collected. It gave us all an opportunity to reflect on how beautiful our Kinglake area is and how this sort of rubbish impacts on the local waterways, wildlife and their habitats. A great job was done by all and our students should be very proud of themselves.

I am hoping that all our students and families enjoyed an extra long weekend last Friday as the staff participated in new learning for teachers. It is important for all our staff to continue to learn new practices and connect with staff from other schools to share ideas and build stronger connections with other schools within the region. Thank you for your support of our staff in taking these opportunities and we hope you enjoyed some extra time with your children.

Last Monday was our annual Twilight Sports Night. Parents, children, staff and other community members came together for a delightful evening of picnics, sausages and games. It was great to see old and new members of our community come together and spend some social time together. It was great to see all the old fashioned games, like sack jumping and hobby horse racing. Our sausage sizzle was a huge success, selling out! My apologies to those who missed out. Thank you for your support, all donations will go toward the Grade 6 Graduation Big Day Out, a much anticipated event for our Grade 6’s.

This weekend is also a long weekend as we celebrate Labour Day, Monday 14th March. This is another student free day, where staff and students do not need to attend school on Monday. Hope it’s a beautiful weekend whatever your plans! I am planning to do all those odd jobs I’ve been meaning to get to for some time. And maybe sneak in a day of fishing somewhere!

Our students have been creating wonderful narratives in their writing sessions. Some great use of “wow” words to describe characters and story lines have been used. Our students have great imaginations and this is shown in their writing. Thank you all for supporting your children when you can with their take home talk homework. It really is a valuable opportunity for our students to get ideas and share with their classmates on Thursday morning.

Our focus in Art at the moment has been on photography skills and it is obvious we have some very talented photographers amongst our students. Our senior students need to create portraits of their classmates using different angles and capturing different emotions. Our final display will be magnificent!

Enjoy the long weekend!

Deb Keating

PRINCIPAL.
## 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!**

**NO MORE B-PAY!**

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.

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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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!

Thank you to those families that have donated a box of tissues. Our students use so many of them and your donation are greatly be appreciated!

KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

www.kinglakeps.vic.edu.au

NO TALK HOMEWORK TONIGHT!

There will be NO talk homework tonight as we will be doing a Cold Write tomorrow.

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 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 Welcome Dinner on Friday March 9th @6:00pm, book me in!
Easter Raffle!

We will be running an Easter Raffle to be drawn at school on the last day of Term 1 at assembly.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!! If parents would please donate Easter Eggs, Chocolates, Teddy Bears, Easter Chickens or Bunnies or anything else suitable for an Easter Hamper it would be greatly appreciated.

The more we get the more kids that will receive prizes. We are aiming for each child to win something.

Tickets will be sold from the office and on Wednesday lunch times at Icypole sales and on the last day of Term.

Tickets will be .50c each or 3 for $1.
INTENSIVE SWIMMING

WEEK 29/03/16 TO 02/04/16 inclusive
Swim school address: 1030 King Parrot Creek Rd, Strath Creek, 3658
Contact: Adrianne Anglin mobile 0417 550 652 or email strathcreekswim@bigpond.com

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

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO INTENSIVE IN JUNE/JULY DUE TO POOL REPAIRS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

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.

Some Mum and Bubs classes will run at normal student/teacher ratio and a normal class cost.

“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.
CLOSE THE GAP

Alexandra District Health
will be hosting a

National Close the Gap Day event
National Close the Gap Day is a way for all Australians to join together and commit to closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Date: Friday 18th March
Time: 10:30am until 12pm
Venue: Alexandra District Health
RSVP: alexandra@humehealth.org.au or 57720900

Free morning tea
Unveiling new Aboriginal Artwork
Advocate to close the health gap
Health displays