Hello everyone,

And welcome to the last newsletter for Term One, 2016! I cannot believe how quickly it has slipped away! So much has happened during this term it amazes me how our dedicated staff, students and families pack it all in! The term break will bring some rest and relief before a very busy and long (11 weeks) Term Two, starting back April 11th.

On Monday we celebrated Harmony Day, a day of respect, tolerance and recognition of all the cultures that make up our beautiful country. It was wonderful to see some cultural costumes, colour and hear some of the stories about family heritage. Our school is made up of many cultures such as Irish, Scottish, American, Croatian, Maltese, English, Italian, New Zealand, German, Romanian, Aboriginal, Danish, Cambodian and Chinese, to name a few. We even had some wonderful stories from Eiron about the McLennan family tartan, an explanation about all the symbols on the Rolfe family crest and some amazing Irish dancing from Veronica in Prep. Congratulations everyone on a successful Harmony Day celebration.

Last night at the Disco we saw some funky dance moves – even from the teachers, some beautiful dresses on our young ladies, smartly dressed gentlemen and a whole lot of smiles and laughter. It was wonderful to see so many of our Preps join in for their first time and I hope everyone had a great time. The Grade sixes run this event as part of their leadership training and to fundraise for their Big Day Out for Graduation. The Grade 6 Big Day Out for Graduation is a tradition at this school and is a wonderful way to celebrate the huge achievement of completing primary school. Thank you for your continued support of these events, everyone’s child will benefit from the same community generosity as they complete their Grade 6 journey.

Today our Grade 6 students will attend their first Leadership Day in a combined day that brings together all the Grade 6 students from the three Kinglake schools and Flowerdale. The students will be introduced to leadership and their role in their schools. This is a very beneficial opportunity for our students to learn and practice leadership skills while they are still the leaders of their school community, and may I say, our Grade 6 students of 2016 are great examples for their peers.

This Thursday is our last day of term. We will have Gudjinna at 2pm and draw our PFA Easter raffle. I would like to thank everyone who has either brought in a donation toward the prizes or bought raffle tickets to support the PFA, your generosity is wonderful and greatly appreciated. This Thursday Caparossi’s has very generously offered to process lunch orders for us instead of Friday, so please get your lunch orders in by 9.10am on Thursday morning.

I would like to extend a huge thankyou to Lea and Chris from Kinglake Foodworks for donating a box full of tissues, just in time for all those Winter sniffles! Thank you also to those families who have already sent along a box of tissues. With school council approval the school and OSHC will no longer be offering the BPAY service from the beginning of term two as a payment option, due to the many issues we have experienced with the system. Payments options are Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), EFTPOS in person at the office, Credit Card over the phone or cash at the office.

A last reminder before we head off for the term, could all parents and students please remember to use the designated safety crossing between the bright orange flags in the car park. This crossing is supervised by teachers between 8.45am -9am and 3.30pm – 3.45pm and is the safest place for pedestrians to be crossing. The car park is a very busy place and we want all of our community to be safe.

Please enjoy your holiday whatever you’re planning to do with your families. Stay safe, rest well, keep up the reading over the break and we will see you all bright and enthusiastic for term two!

Deb Keating
Principal.
**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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<td>24th March</td>
<td>Last day of Term 1. School finishes at 2.30. Gudjinna commences at 2.00. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at this time.</td>
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<td>Monday 11th April</td>
<td>First day of Term 2. BACK to SCHOOL!!</td>
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**EVERY TUESDAY IS:**

**School Banking Day!**

Don't forget to send your banking to school.

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**KIDS CLUB NEWS**

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.

**NO B-PAY!**

**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.

Payments may be made to the school in Cash, via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) through your bank or EFTPOS at the school.

**EFT Details:**

- BSB: 063 855
- Account: 1002 8740

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**KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE**

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

[www.kinglakeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kinglakeps.vic.edu.au)
Parent Payments 2016.

Thank you to those families who have paid their Parent Payments/Voluntary Contributions either in full or for the first term. Your prompt payment is very much appreciated.

For those families who have not yet paid their Parent Payments I ask that you please try to pay at least term 1 ($30 per child) by the end of the term. This will greatly assist our school in enabling us to pay for our many and varied costs and will also make it a little easier on your pockets if you pay by the term.

I thank you all very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Your support is vital to the operations of our school.

Jen McDonald-Price.
BUSINESS MANAGER.

EFT Details:
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2016 Canberra Camp Payments.

Parents are reminded that deposits for 2016 Canberra Camp are now overdue. If you have not paid your deposit it would be appreciated if you would do so by the end of next week.

If you are experiencing difficulty please come and talk to me. Remember that parents may make payments of any amount at any time to pay off their camps.

We would be so disappointed to see any child miss out on this funfilled fantastic educational adventure however, if your child is not attending camp please notify the office as soon as possible so that we may confirm our bookings.
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.

Students and parents are encouraged to use the supervised crossing between the safety flags.

Thank you for your assistance in making our school a safe place for our children to grow.
Talk Homework 3 - 6

Tonight's Talk Homework will be preparation for developing editing skills. Students will bring home a paragraph from their last Big Write and should discuss with you how they can improve it. Please discuss with them:

**V** - The vocabulary, do you have words that describe and/or exaggerate?

**C** - The connectives, are you using connectives other than 'and'? (so, because, as well as)

**O** - Openers, do sentences begin in different, interesting ways.

**P** - Punctuation, is the punctuation appropriate. Is there a rhetorical question with a question mark?

We will use this to edit and improve our previous Big Write so that we can publish our awesome pieces of writing.
Kinglake Primary School
PFA School Holidays Movie Night!

Kinglake Primary School PFA would like to invite you to join us for our School Holiday Movie Night!

We asked each student one class at a time to choose a movie, the winning movie is:

**ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS ROAD CHIP**

DATE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH

TIME: 7PM FOR A 7:30 START, MOVIE FINISHING APPROXIMATELY 9:00PM

WHERE: K.P.S. MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

COST: $10 PER CHILD INCLUDES MOVIE, POPCORN & A DRINK...EXTRA FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

WHAT TO BRING: COMFORTABLE CLOTHING PJ’S ARE FINE, EITHER A PILLOW/SLEEPING BAG/BLANKET

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK, PFA & STAFF WILL BE THERE ON THE NIGHT