KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KINDNESS RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT RESILIENCE

Monday 13th February	Tennis program @ school
Tuesday 14th February	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 15th February	Prep Testing selected students
Monday 20th February	Tennis program @ school
Tuesday 21st February	School Photos
Wednesday 22nd February	Prep Testing selected students
Friday 24th February	District Swimming selected students
Monday 27th February	Tennis program @ school
Wednesday 1st March	Clean Up Australia Day
	Division Swimming selected students
Friday 3rd March	Working Bee starting @ 3:45pm
Monday 6th—Friday 10th March	Emma Long Service Leave
Monday 6th March	Tennis program @ school
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 15th—Monday 27th March	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
Friday 17th March	Twilight Sports / Colour Run Evening
Monday 20th March	Ride to School Day
Tuesday 21st March	Harmony Day—Wear Orange
Sunday 26th March	Kinglake Market Volunteers for Parking required
Saturday 1st April	Community Open Day (time to be confirmed)
Thursday 6th April	Easter Hat Parade , House Event
	Last Day of Term 1
	Times to be confirmed

OSHC - KIDS CLUB

If parents have any enquiries regarding after school hours care, please feel free to drop in and talk to one of our friendly staff.

Bookings and Cancellations:

To book/cancel your child/children into before or after school hours care, please ring the school on 03 5786 1284.

We are in the process of changing over to 'OWNA' this will allow you to book your child in online. Details will follow when up and running

Accounts can be paid by EFTPOS at the School Office or Direct transfer. If you are having problems please see us for a Payment Plan. Please note if payments are not made in a timely manner then use of the service will not be allowed.

IMPORTANT: All enrolment forms must be up to date for 2023. Your child/children must be enrolled to use our service. This is part of the Education and Childcare National Regulations.

THANK YOU

Thank You Ian Mannix for the very generous gift to the school and our students. Ian delivered a 'Cricut' machine to school last Friday. We are so excited to get this up and running and use it with our students





OFFICE HOURS

Kylie Fraser our Business Manager is in the office Monday and Wednesday's

WELCOME BACK:

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas holidays. A special welcome to our new 2023 Prep families. This week classrooms have been setting up their routines and expectations for the year ahead. We have had a focus on our School values; Respect, Resilience, Kindness, Achievement discussing what this means and looks like at Kinglake Primary School. It has been wonderful to see the students engaging at recess and lunchtimes with each other in such a positive manner.

UNIFORM:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. It promotes equality amongst all students and develops a sense of pride in, and identification with our school. We understand that occasionally children will come to school out of uniform. We ask that if this occurs that the alternative clothing be of a similar colour to the uniform and as plain as possible, eg without popular branding. Uniform can be purchased at the school office, with bottoms being plain navy in colour.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Our 2023 school contribution fee is \$180 per student. School contributions are important in enabling us to provide the best learning environment for the children at Kinglake Primary school. This covers all school supplies including books, pencils, glue, Art and printing, Music and PE equipment, first aid requirements, learning subscriptions; Essential Assessment, Sound Waves. The Kinglake Primary School Council is extremely appreciative of the generosity of parents who are able to support the school through the payment of the voluntary contributions. We ask that contributions are paid by the **end of Term 1**. If you require BPAY details, please contact the office. **Please note**: If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Business Manager, Kylie Fraser to discuss a payment plan.

MEET THE TEACHER:

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child/ren's teacher/s on Tuesday 14th February in a 10 minute interview to discuss students' interests, learning styles and settling in so far. You will be able to book a time on Compass as of Monday 6th February. If these days/ times don't suit please arrange another with the appropriate classroom teacher.

COMMUNICATION:

Compass is our official form of communication. If you are still not able to access Compass please come and see me at the office I will support you through this or reset your password. It is important to have this up and running as all forms of communication go out via this portal; newsfeeds, newsletters, parent teacher interview times, attendance, reports, etc. If your child is going to be absent or arrives late or leaves early from school you are able to register this on Compass under attendance. If you need to contact your child's classroom teacher this can also be done through the portal.

I welcome open communication, if you have concerns or questions please come and see me at the office. If it is a matter we need a longer time for please make an appointment. If it is something that can be emailed please use the school email address *kinglake.ps@education.vic.gov.au* We aim to respond to families queries within 48 hours. This will occur during business hours.

If you need to communicate with any staff member (including office staff, educational support and class-room teachers) regarding school issues this needs to be done through the schools communication platforms, Compass email or phoning the school directly to speak with the staff member. (03 5786 1284) Please only use staff private numbers for personal use.

REMINDERS:

- Lunch orders will commence Friday 17th February. Look out for further information on items and how to order on Compass next week
- * Breakfast Club will commence Wednesday 15th February opening @ 8:20am
- Gudjinna will be every Friday starting @ 3pm unless communicated via Compass
- Hats are to be worn all of Term 1 and Term 4
- Mobile Phones—if bought to school they need to be handed to the classroom teacher to be stored
 in the safe during the school day
- We encourage students to bring their own Water bottle to drink throughout the day
- Pokemon cards are not to be bought to school at this stage please
- * Nude Food—We encourage families to send food items that are wrapper free





My name is Mrs Emma Meacham and I am very excited to have been appointed the Principal at Kinglake Primary School. I have been Acting Principal over the past 8 months and it has been wonderful to get to know the students, staff and community. It certainly is a nurturing, supportive, caring environment. I am looking forward to what we can develop together as a community and what the future holds at Kinglake Primary School.

I have worked in a variety of schools within the Department of Education, Catholic and Independent schools across Primary and Secondary settings.

I am married to Cam (Cameron) who works as a childcare educator and in 2022 completed his Diploma in Photography. We have a beautiful little girl Gracie who is 5 years old. Gracie had open heart surgery when she was one and half

years old. She is now thriving with life. Gracie begins Prep this year, which is a little scary as a parent. Where did that time go?

I love spending time with my family going for walks, entertaining, cooking with Gracie, going out for dinner and most of all we LOVE going on holidays together, especially to the beach. I barrack for the mighty Melbourne Demons and love going and watching the game with my dad and Aunty.

My passion is supporting, guiding and educating young people to reach their full potential. Students are our core business and their WHY is what drives me to be a better educator and leader. Every child has a right to learn, grow and succeed in life. They are at the centre of all decisions made within the school environment.

My vision is to strengthen the connection between home and school and work in partnership with families to support our student's growth academically as well as social emotional wellbeing. I will achieve this by developing a partnership; building relationships and rapport with all families and all staff so they feel they can approach anyone within the school community and receive the same consistent united response. Without effective communication between home and school there becomes a disconnect and students' growth can decline. We will empower all students to strive for excellence and become independent lifelong learners.

A connected school community is a group of students, teachers, leaders, parents and the wider school who learn from each other, together in a collaborative environment, inside and outside the classroom.

We look forward to inviting parent helpers in all classrooms and around the school, holding community open days and creating student experiences where they can share their learning environment with their families and the local community and celebrate THEIR successes.

I am excited about working together with students, staff, parents and community in continuing to make Kinglake Primary School a wonderful place to learn and grow! Together we Achieve; Quality teaching, Strong Community, where Every Child Counts.





