



KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 4 April

PPEP Talk Yr 10-12
Tuesday 5 April

Scott Darlow Performance
Year 12 Formal
Kindy Visit
Friday 8 April

Let's Talk about Disability Year 7-9
Monday 11 April

Let's Talk about Disability Year 4-6
Industry Immersion Day Year 10
Tuesday 12 April

Good Friday
Friday 15 April

TERM 2

Dental Visits
Monday 2 - Thursday 5 May

Kindy Visit
Friday 13 May

Kindy Visit
Friday 27 May

Flinders University Visit Year 7-12
Friday 3 June

Kindy Visit
Friday 10 June

Work Experience Camp Year 10
Monday 13 - Friday 17 June

Kindy Visit
Friday 24 June

Anti Racism Performance
"Like Me Like You"
Friday 1 July

Kindy Visit
Friday 8 July



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the term draws to a close, teachers and leaders have been reflecting on the term so far, marking assessments and allocating grades and effort for the term in preparation for the reports that will be sent home at the end of the term. Part of this process is to look at attendance data. Whilst the Department for Education and Kingston Community School have acknowledged how unusual the term has been and that the beginning of the term was not ideal, the expectation is still that students are learning either at school or from home if they are not able to attend school due to illness, isolation, or family reasons.

The Department for Education now provide an excellent selection of online learning for all ages and subjects. These can be found at [Our Learning SA](#). Kingston Community School also provide laptops/chromebooks to all students in Years 7-12. These students work from the Google Classroom in a number of their subjects during the day. This platform is available to students when they are working from home and it allows them to upload tasks, homework and also communicate with their teachers at any point regarding the lessons and tasks. If younger children are required to be away from school they can be sent home with some of their regular literacy and numeracy work. They are also highly encouraged to access the online learning provided by the Department for Education.

If a child is away from school for large chunks of time and is not engaging in their work online, it becomes very difficult for teachers to grade them on what they can do if we have no evidence of learning.

Over the next few weeks teachers will make contact with you via phone or email to express any concerns they may have around your child's evidence of learning. We all want the best for our children. We all need to work together to support them with their journey through school and build strong relationships to achieve a successful outcome.

Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.

- Rita Pierson

 Ripple Kindness Project



Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers for their support during Sports Day. A notable increase in School Culture and Team Spirit was seen on the day and gave us high hopes for future sporting events in regard to student participation and team spirit. Congratulations to all the medal winners on the day and to Sharni Webber and Luke Watson for their record breaking talents.



COVID UPDATE

As restrictions ease throughout South Australia, the Department for Education will monitor numbers throughout schools and support Principals with staffing needs and resources including COVID cleans, masks and Rapid Antigen Tests. Classroom close contacts can continue to come to school if they have no symptoms. They can also continue to do extra curricula activities if they have no symptoms.

If a child or staff member tests positive to COVID they must isolate for 7 days.

Governing Councillors 2022

Meet our Governing Councillors taking the reins to help drive improvement in our school.



Our new faces this year are Lisa Bawden, Carey Turland and Kellie Foreman. Welcome to the team!



Margarita Breed (Numeracy Consultant)

Last week Margarita visited our school to support staff in their knowledge, skills and understanding in developing student's numeracy skills.

Teachers and SSO's were released from class to have intensive small group time with Margarita. We focused on developing the way students visualise their maths, multiplicative thinking and partitioning (all areas linked to our Site Improvement Plan). We were able to see Margarita put her knowledge and skills into practise with small groups of students. The time with Margarita was very informative and practical.



TERM 1 & 2 CROSSING ROSTER

New teams take over on Tuesday morning each week, including new terms.

WEEK	Commencing	TEAM		
10	5/3/22	Saxon	Levi	Oliver
11	12/3/22	Skye	Chelsea	Jessica

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1	03/05/22	Beau	Chloe	Jess
2	10/05/22	Amelia	Atticus	Marley
3	17/05/22	Harley	Chelsea	Pippa

Science Happenings

Practical and hands-on activities have been full steam ahead this term over in the science labs. All middle and senior year levels have been utilising the laboratory space and engaging with various activities, from modelling mitosis with Oreos to magnifying onion cells up to 150x.

The Year 7's have become quite familiar with the space, investigating mixtures and separation techniques and are now researching the Earth's most valuable resource. More recently, the Year 7 classes conducted an experiment in which they compared the rate of evaporation between two beakers, one with water and the other with water mixed with sand. This is a water saving technique used by the Indigenous Australians to stop fresh water from evaporating.

The Year 8 classes started the year by looking at the correct procedure for conducting an experiment, predicting an hypothesis, and writing practical reports. The Year 8 classes are now investigating how scientists use microscopes to magnify samples for analysis and measurement.

The Year 9 classes have been looking into ecosystems, where students spent a day observing the biotic and abiotic factors around the school and measured the pH of the soil. The Year 9's have also investigated the factors that affect photosynthesis of aquatic plants, showing that light intensity and chloroplasts play a critical role in the production of glucose.

The Stage 1 Biology class have modelled the various stages of mitosis using Oreos (yum) and have since designed their own experiments to investigate how various factors affect the rate of osmosis in vegetable cells.

Stage 1 Physics students have been learning about radioactive decay and electricity. They observed a half-life demonstration modelled with beer foam. Hands-on work involved static electricity displays, a plasma ball, constructing circuits and measuring the electrical resistance of different pencil leads.

Stage 1 Chemistry students have been investigating the permeability of latex. They designed an experiment that investigated the factors that affect the diffusion of various gasses



STEM Forces

This term in STEM the Upper Primary students have been learning about forces and how we can use levers, cams and pulleys to make movement in products and use electrical energy to control light. We designed and built a child's toy called an automata. Here we are designing and making our automata and some of our finished products.



FLEXIBLE INDUSTRY PATHWAYS Community Services

Twelve students from Kangaroo Inn, Naracoorte and host school Kingston Community School completed their first and second training blocks this term. Students worked on their Certificate II in Community Services - Education and Early Childhood through MADEC as part of their Flexible Industry Pathway. They are combining the accredited training and customised SACE in Workplace Practices.

Students are currently organising their work experience, to commence in Term 2. A great learning experience for all.



Sports Day 2022

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in our KCS Sports Day this year. All students got into the spirit of the day and competed to the best of their ability. It was fantastic to see sportsmanship being on display throughout the day, with students cheering on their own and other teams. It was great to see so much Blue, Yellow and Green around the oval. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who were incredibly helpful with the preparation of the day and the running of all events.

Divisional House Trophies:

Sub Junior winner – Benson

Junior winner – Jaffa

Intermediate winner – Jaffa

Senior winner – Jaffa

Open winner – Jaffa

A big congratulations to Jaffa who were the overall winner of the day.



Sub Junior Boys

1st - William Bawden

2nd - Tait Hancock

3rd - Aiden Telfer

Intermediate Boys

1st - Archie Haggett

2nd - Travis Bastiaans

3rd - Angus McLachlan

Sub Junior Girls

1st - Eliza Austin

2nd - Katie Rasheed

3rd - Zara Woodward

Intermediate Girls

1st - Piper Stenner

2nd - Tara Pink

3rd - Abby Mules



Junior Boys

1st - Conrad Beattie

1st - William Ogilvie

3rd - Atticus Mutton

Senior Boys

1st - Luke Watson

2nd - Max Little

3rd - J-De Peterson

Open Boys

1st - Mason Keane

2nd - Cameron Gibbons

3rd - Harry Stenner



Junior Girls

1st - Anna Rasheed

2nd - Aza Williams

3rd - Chloe Pink

Senior Girls

1st - Hayley Pass

2nd - Kate Pilmore

3rd - Georgie Wirth

Open Girls

1st - Tegan Daniel

2nd - Maddie Wirth

3rd - Bonnie Clarke



Aboriginal Education Team 2022

Eleanor Lisk and Sue Coote make up our school's Aboriginal Education Team. Their role is to support our students to be successful both academically, emotionally and socially at school, and in the community.

Eleanor continues in her role as Community Education Officer and works closely with the Reception to Year 4 students, assisting them with their learning, checking in on them to ensure their social and well-being needs are being met and hearing students read when possible.

Sue Coote is our Aboriginal Education Officer and is focused on ensuring the Histories and Cultures topics within the Australian Curriculum are embedded into our school curriculum. Our goals include ensuring all young Aboriginal students make good improvement in reading comprehension and our older students complete their SACE satisfactorily.

Support for our Aboriginal learners is being organised and families will be kept informed of progress each term. Significant dates, for example Harmony Day, National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week, Mabo Day, NAIDOC Week, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day and the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples will be published. Celebrations will be held on some of these days and other events will be highlighted and discussed at appropriate year levels. Some events will provide opportunities for our students to meet with Aboriginal Elders and community members, in consultation with our Aboriginal Reference Group.

We work closely with our Wellbeing Coordinator, Kate Telfer, and Aboriginal Reference Group and look forward to working closely with all our families. Please contact us at school if you have any concerns or queries regarding the well-being of your child/children.



The Kindness Tree

Students and staff have been thinking about how we can share kindness at Kingston Community School. Come in and have a look at comments posted on the tree in the Front Office.





Clint & Matt's

Great Ocean Road Relay

Kingston

The Great Ocean Road Relay is coming to Kingston on Thursday 7 April 2022.

Clint & Matt are running and riding from Melbourne to Adelaide fundraising to support the mental health of young Australians in partnership with The Sebastian Foundation.

KIDS CAN JOIN THE KINGSTON LEG

Support Clint & Matt to finish their relay leg into Kingston! Meet at the **Apex Park at 3.45pm** to ride or run from the park to the Kingston Foreshore Caravan Park. Participants will be accompanied by a Police escort - children and people of all ages welcome.



DINNER & Q+A

Watch special guest Ambassador Steve 'Commando' Willis put the Saints footballers and netballers through their paces on the oval and enjoy a complimentary dinner at the Kingston Football Clubrooms from 6pm.

Dinner will be followed by a Q+A Session at 7.30pm hosted by CEO Nat Traeger, featuring Clint, Matt, Commando Steve and special guest Ambassador Annette Edmonson.



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