



KINGSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Quality Teaching in a Caring Environment

Week 2 Term 4 20 October 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Dates to Remember

Term 4 Week 2

18-22/10	Swimming Scheme
18/10/10	P&C Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
19/10/10	Starting School Group 9:00 – 11:00 (Hall), last day for payment for Bandanas
20/10/10	Canning District Principals OC Visit, Grandfriends (S3D), KHS Science Observatory Evening (Stage 3)
21/10/10	Uni Sport
22/10/10	Bandana Day

Term 4 Week 3

26/10/10	Starting School Group 9:00 – 11:00 (Hall)
27/10/10	Kingswood High School Disco/Games Night (Stage 3)
28/10/10	ES1/S1 Sports Fun Day, Year 5 Selection of Prefect Candidates, Uni Sport
29/10/10	Parent surveys due back

Term 4 Week 4

02/11/10	Starting School Group 9:00 – 11:00 (Hall)
04/11/10	P&C BBQ and Mufti Day

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. We are in for a busy term with lots of events taking place this term. Attached is the Term 4 calendar for parents. Please read the newsletter each fortnight as any changes to events will be advertised here.

Science Observatory Evening at Kingswood High School

On Wednesday 20 October from 8:00 – 10:00pm Kingswood High School will be holding a Science Observatory Evening. A Science staff member from Kingswood High School who is an experienced astronomer will be organising a viewing of the moon and the night sky.

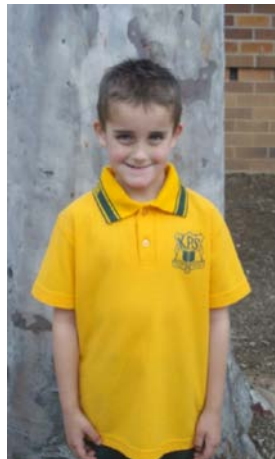
This event will be supervised by high school personnel including the Year 7 Advisor. Staff from Kingswood Public School will not be attending. All Stage 3 students are welcome to attend. There will be a BBQ on the night. Students can purchase a sausage sandwich and a can of drink for \$3.00.

Results of the Uniform Survey

Thank you to all those parents who responded to the uniform survey. All votes were counted and the results are:

Option 1	New shirt with green buttons	16
Option 2	New shirt with yellow buttons	59
Option 3	Current shirt	28

Parents will be advised in the newsletter when the new shirt will be available to purchase.



New school shirt

Annual School Report Surveys

As part of the school self evaluation processes for the Annual School Report the students, staff and school community are invited to complete surveys. Attached with this newsletter are two surveys for parents to complete. The focus area for curriculum is Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE). Please complete the surveys included with this newsletter and return to the office by **Friday 29 October**.

Coles Sports for Schools

Our school is participating in the Coles for Schools program. For every \$10 spent at Coles the school receives a voucher. These vouchers will go towards sports equipment for our students. Please support our school by placing your vouchers in the box located in the office. Thank you to the many families, community members and staff who have dropped vouchers into our collection box.

P&C Meeting

The last P&C Meeting for this year will be held on **Monday 15 November** at **7pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parentingideas Website

The school has joined the Parentingideas website by Michael Grose. Michael Grose is a parenting expert, currently the Body & Soul parenting columnist and has written seven parenting books.

Insights a parenting newsletter sheet with practical ideas on various topics for parents will be included in each newsletter. This week is titled *Kids in the kitchen*. The website address is www.parentingideas.com.au

Norma Petrocco
Principal

School Photos

Sample photos of School Leaders, SRC Members and the Choir are now in the office. The cost is \$14 for one, \$26 for two, \$36 for three, \$44 for four and \$50 for five. Envelopes for orders are available from the front office and they need to be brought back with the money no later than Friday 29 October 2010.

Thankyou.

Janelle Di Giglio
School Photo Coordinator

Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final

Congratulations to our four Regional finalists – Joshua I – S3D, Joshua K – S3M, Victor S2K and Jack S2B. They did a superb job competing against the other schools, but a single word defeated each of them! Joshua I went head to head with another contestant to decide the Senior Regional Winner. Unfortunately “lithe” proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back!

Well done to all of our finalists for representing our school so admirably!

Mrs Prunty
Spelling Bee Coordinator

National Bandana Day 2010 – Friday 22 September (At KPS)

Our school will be celebrating National Bandana Day this Friday. It is the biggest fundraising event of the year for CanTeen, an organisation that supports 12 – 24 year olds living with cancer. To support this very worthwhile cause our SRC is selling bandanas until they have all been sold which students can then wear this Friday. Bandanas are \$4 and can be purchased from the SRC before school each morning outside the Administration Office. Official National Bandana Day celebrations will be held on Friday 29 October.

2011 Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office. As we have begun our planning for next year, it would be appreciated if parents could complete these forms and return them to the office as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on **Wednesday 17 November** and **Wednesday 24 November** in the library.

Ms Napper

P&C

The P&C would like to welcome everyone back for Term 4. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing help and support.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 4 November: **P&C BBQ & Mufti Day** – notes distributed with this newsletter. Please place orders in an envelope in the Office money slot. Sausage Sizzle \$2.50 & Veggie Burgers \$3.00. A gold coin donation for wearing mufti will be used to support our ongoing air conditioning project.

Christmas Raffle: Tuesday 2 November: \$1 per ticket, drawn on Presentation Day (9/12/10).

1st Prize: Christmas Hamper

2nd Prize: Tyre Power Voucher

3rd Prize: Featherdale Family Pass

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 15 November at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Please bring a plate to share and help celebrate our final meeting for the year.

We are holding a P&C luncheon on Tuesday 16 November at 12pm at King Henry's Court restaurant. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is a three course lunch available for \$20 per person. We hope you can join us.

P&C Minutes of Meeting 18 August 2010

MEETING OPEN AT 7.05PM

ATTENDANCES-SEE ATTENDANCE BOOK

PRINCIPAL REPORT

NORMA PETROCCO DISCUSSED RESULTS FOR NEW SHIRT

SHE WILL CONTACT ABEL SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

PRESIDENT REPORT

FROM NOW ON THE MINUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

TREASURER REPORT-\$1506

OUTGOINGS-386.00 P&C INSURANCE

\$30.00 FOOD PLATE LUNCHEON FOR LAST MEETING-MICHEAL LLOYD WHITE

GENERAL BUSINESS-

XMAS RAFFLE DISCUSSED

P&C BBQ AND MUTFI DAY

ORIENTATION DAYS

AT OUR LAST MEETING WE HAD A GUEST SPEAKER, KELLY FROM COMMONWEALTH BANK DOLLAR MITE ACCOUNTS.

FUNDRAISING.

KEY POINTS

TEACH KIDS THE IMPORTANCE OF SAVING.

10% OF EVERY DEPOSIT GOES TOWARDS P&C

NO MINIMUM DEPOSIT

TO START NEXT YEAR.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

CO-ORDINATOR FOR BANKING-LEA TRAVIS/CHRISTINE BROWN

MEETING CLOSED 7:45PM

NEXT MEETING 15TH NOVEMBER 2010

7PM STAFFROOM

PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR LAST MEETING OF YEAR

Book Covering

If anyone is interested in helping to cover some of our many new library books please see Mrs Hanmore in the library.

Starting School Group

The Starting School Group meets every Tuesday in the hall from 9:00am to 11:00am. This group will operate each Tuesday in Terms 3 and 4. An ad with more information and contact details appears in the newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity for preschoolers who are going to start in Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) next year to meet each other and familiarise

themselves with the school. It is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know each other and best of all it is free!

Books From Birth

Is your baby under 18 months old or does your neighbour have a baby under 18 months of age? If so we have a "Free Picture Book Bag" containing a free picture book, Books from Birth book mark & fridge magnet, pamphlets and booklets with information to explain how to read and encourage your child to enjoy shared reading time.

This special pack is the result of many hours of dedicated hard work from some of our wonderful teachers with funding from our Priority Schools Funding Program. Please call in to our front office and leave your child's details. A "Free Picture Book Bag" will be given to you to help promote your growing child's pre-school literacy awareness.

NOTICE TO PARENTS Whooping Cough

The Sydney West Public Health Unit has advised that there has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) cases amongst primary school age children in Sydney.

Whooping cough starts with a runny nose and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Whooping cough spreads easily from person to person. It is a very serious disease in young babies, and has caused two recent deaths in newborns in Australia.

The public health unit has advised:

If your child has a cough it is very important to keep them away from babies.

If your child has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as **a dry, persistent cough that comes in bouts** please **see your doctor** and take this notice with you.

Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in preventing spread to other people and may reduce the duration of cough. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Information on whooping cough is available at
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html>

TERM 4, 2010 CALENDAR

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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1	11 October Welcome back Swimming Scheme	12 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	13	14 Uni Sport	15 Whole School Assembly Saturday 16 Family Portraits
2	18 Newsletter Week 7pm P&C Meeting	19 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	20 S3D Grandfriends KHS Science Night	21 Uni Sport	22 Stage Assemblies Bandana Day
3	25	26 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	27 KHS Disco/Games Night (Stage 3)	28 Uni Sport Yr 5 Selection of Prefect Candidates ES1/S1 Sports Day	29 Whole School Assembly
4	1 November Newsletter Week	2 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	3	4 P&C BBQ & Mufti Day	5 Stage Assemblies
5	8 Milson Island Camp	9 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	10	11	12 Stage Assemblies
6	15 Newsletter Week 7pm P&C Meeting	16 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall) P&C Luncheon	17 ES1 Orientation 9:30-11:00 (Library)	18	19 Prefect Speeches and Voting
7	22	23 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	24 ES1 Orientation 9:30-11:00 (Library)	25 Last day for awards to supervisors for Principals Gold Morning Tea	26 Combined Scripture Assembly Parent Helpers Morning Tea Whole School Assembly
8	29 Newsletter Week	30 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	1 December S3J & S3M Grandfriends	2 HS Day (Year 6) OC Orientation 9:30-11:00 (Library)	3 Stage Assemblies
9	6 Year 6 Farewell	7 Starting School Group 9-11 (Hall)	8 Principals Gold Morning Tea	9 Presentation Assembly	10 No assembly today Reports go home
10	13 Newsletter Week	14 Picnic Day	15 Last day for students	16 Staff Development Day	17 Staff Development Day Last day of term Happy Holidays!

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No. 1 parenting educator



Kids in the kitchen



"The kitchen is a great place to start developing the skills of independent living in your kids. Cooking by nature is practical, a lot of fun and you get to eat the results of your efforts immediately."

Things have certainly heated up in many Australian kitchens as family members go head-to-head inspired by some recent TV reality cooking show type competitions. Father-son cook-offs, mother-daughter bake-offs and all-in family challenges are the go as families rediscover what was once the hub of every home – the **kitchen**.

The positive spin-off from all this activity, apart from promoting better family relationships, is that kids are learning how to cook. For someone like me, who believes the fundamental goal of all parents is to make themselves redundant, teaching kids to cook is a no-brainer.

The kitchen is a great place to start developing the skills of independent living in your kids. Cooking by nature is practical, a lot of fun and you get to eat the results of your efforts immediately.

It has the added bonus of being boy-friendly. Many boys love to cook because it's hands-on, messy and encourages creativity and experimentation. These characteristics suit the learning styles of many boys, particularly those who abhor being stuck behind a school desk. It's little wonder that many of our top chefs are men.

If your kids haven't been bitten by the cooking bug yet, here are some ideas guaranteed to get them into the kitchen, and developing a bunch of great skills as well:

- ✓ **Start young:** Kids should be able to cook an edible, interesting two course meal for the whole family by the time they finish primary school. They are perfectly capable of doing this, but from my experience, few kids can. The key is to start when children are young.
- ✓ **Start small:** If your kids are strangers to cooking and preparing meals, start by showing them how to make their school lunches, prepare snacks and prepare parts of the family meals. Little by little, increase the number of food preparation activities until they are familiar with the kitchen, feel comfortable with many of the utensils and can read some basic recipes.
- ✓ **You help me:** Cooking is one of the few activities that parents and kids can do together, so try to get a child involved in some way, each time you cook a meal. Whether it's peeling vegetables, pouring water into a pot or stirring chocolate sauce in a bowl there are plenty of ways to involve kids with you in the kitchen.
- ✓ **Give them a purpose:** I've always found kids will usually do just about anything if they see a purpose for what they do. So if your child is a reluctant mini-chef, get him or her cooking for you, their friends or part of a family celebration. They will feel good about all the compliments they receive.
- ✓ **Let them choose:** Kids are more likely to stick to any decision that they have had a say in making. This is why I've always asked my children's opinion about a range of matters. It's about establishing some buy-in. The same principle applies to the kitchen. Invite your kids to choose a meal to cook, perhaps once a week, and be willing to work alongside them to produce a joint masterpiece.

If all this sounds a little high maintenance for your liking, consider the time spent developing the cooking habit in your kids as an investment in your future redundancy. You don't want to be cooking for them forever.

Cooking is also a great way to get kids talking, because while their hands are busy, their tongues loosen up. So if you have a conversational clam in the family who keeps things close to their chest try some shoulder-to-shoulder parenting that cooking together provides.

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Parenting ideas
MICHAEL GROSE



As part of our school's self evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. Your response is confidential and anonymous. Survey completion is voluntary. For each statement please indicate with a cross (X) the response which comes closest to expressing your opinion. Please also complete the survey over the page. Please return to the school office by **Friday 29 October 2010**.

2010 SURVEY – PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

	Almost Always	Some times	Rarely	Unsure
The school makes minor changes to it's programs to improve it's performance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The school makes major changes from time to time to improve what it does.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The learning needs of my child / children are met by the school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The school cares about the students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discipline is fair and consistent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The staff at the school are valued by the whole school community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff undertake extra training to improve their classroom teaching.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The school is well organised.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The school is well resourced to meet the learning needs of my child/children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The school communicates effectively with students and parents/caregivers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY
Have you completed the survey over the page?

Human Society and Its Environment Parent/Caregiver Survey

This survey is designed to investigate how HSIE is implemented at this school. The survey is anonymous but you can add your name if you wish. HSIE is similar to what we used to know as Social Studies. I have a child / children in:

Early Stage 1

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

For each statement please indicate with a tick the answer which comes closest to expressing your opinions. Please return to the school office by **Friday 29 October 2010**.

	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Unsure
I am aware of the topics my child/children are studying in Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE).				
The topics studied are relevant to my child.				
I am informed through semester reports or interviews about my child's progress in HSIE.				
HSIE is an important subject for my child.				
My child has developed new knowledge and skills in this area of study.				
My child enjoys learning about topics in HSIE.				

Any further comments:

Kingswood Public School Starting School Group

Starts August 3rd 2010
Every Tuesday Morning
School Terms 3 and 4
9.00am—11.00am

Stories
& Games

Do you have a child starting school
next year?

Come along to a **free** playgroup that provides children
and their families with a gradual introduction to
school life.

Art &
music

Bring some fruit and a drink for
morning tea.

Parents stay with their child for the
playgroup, and younger brothers and
sisters are welcome too.

Come along! We look forward to
meeting you and your child.

Visits to a
classroom

Children not attending Preschool or Child Care have priority of access

The playgroup is funded by *Families NSW* and run by an early childhood
educator, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training
Call Lisa Jackson on 0423 720 492 for more information