



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February	Year 3-5 Swimming Program
Monday 20th February	Meet the teacher 11.00am – 6.00pm
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 14th March	Curriculum Day – Please organise childcare arrangements
Wednesday 15th March – Monday 27th March	NAPLAN Year 3 Year 5
Thursday 16th March	KPS Fly High Family Kite Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17th March	Cross Country
Thursday 23rd March	Volunteer's Induction 9.15am

A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

3rd Feb, 2023

Dear Families,

Our first week of 2023 has been a great success. It was delightful to see so many happy faces, both children and parents on Monday. All our neighbourhoods have been establishing their learning routines and developing the ways they will learn and play together. Each neighbourhood will be sharing their Term Learning Overviews with you in the next few days. Currently we have 331 children enrolled in 15 mentor groups.



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We look forward to welcoming our new Preps for their first day next Monday 6th Feb. The children attend until 1pm on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday they will commence full time school. Welcome, welcome.

Fly High Night

It is with great excitement that we announce our 3rd annual Fly High Night. It will be held on Thursday 23rd March 5pm – 7pm. This year the School Community Association will be running the event. Please see the fliers attached to the Newsletter. We hope to see you all there.

REMINDERS

The start of the year is a time to remind our community of the processes at KPS for everyone in our community. So here are a few reminders:

Hats-SunSmart School

NO HAT NO PLAY. Terms 1 and 4 are SunSmart terms, students can only wear broad brimmed hats, legionnaires hats. **NO CAPS.**

School Yard Supervision

School yard is supervised from 8:45am in the morning and until 3:45pm in the afternoon. Children should not be in the yard outside of these hours without a carer present.

Soft Start

Commences at 8:50am for all neighbourhoods.

Parking

Please be reminded that we have 2 school entries, the front gate and Ventura Way. Please do not double park to drop children off, if you are dropping off and you are not getting out you must pull up to the curb. Safety is the biggest concern for our community. Be aware that we have 70 more children attending school this year so parking will get busier. Parking around the reserve across the road is also a good option as Natalie our crossing supervisor is present to support our children as they cross Blossom Drive.

Nude Food School

We ask that families send minimal wrappings etc on snacks and lunch. Wrappers and packaging will be sent home in lunch boxes.

Labels

Please label all belongings, clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.



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Unwell Children

Please keep unwell children home. Sharing illness across the school greatly impacts the learning of others and the health of our team.

Teacher Meetings

Teacher meetings take place generally on Tuesday and Wednesday after school and are only available for urgent matters. We ask that teachers are your first point of contact if you have questions or concerns. The Leadership Team (Lauren Walker and Sam Birrell) and Principal (Miss Loren) are your contact for more serious matters.

Assemblies

Take place every Friday at 3pm in the gym. All parents and carers are invited.

The new timetable is currently in full swing.

The children are adjusting to this new structure well.

8:50-9:00am	Soft start
9:00 – 10:00am	Session 1
10:00 – 11:00am	Session 2
11:00 – 12 noon	Session 3
12:00 – 12.10pm	Eating time
12:10 – 12:50pm	1 st Play
12:50 – 1:50pm	Session 4
1:50 – 2:30pm	2 nd break
2:30 – 3:30pm	Session 5
3:30pm	Home time

Please be aware of these new times if you are collecting children for appointments. Please inform teachers at the start of the day if children are going to be collected early from school so we can have their bags ready.

Swimming

Commences on Monday 6th for some of our Yr 3 and 5 children.

Meet the Teacher

Monday 20th Feb. 11am – 6pm. Yr 1- 6 Children are expected to attend the session with their family. This meeting is a chance for your child and you to provide the teacher with



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an insight into your child. Prep children will have a normal day of school 9am – 3:30pm on this day. Schools Out is offering care on this day please contact them to book in. Bookings will open early next week via Compass.

Curriculum Day - Tuesday 14th March

Student Free day, staff will be engaged in Professional Learning offsite. It is our 3rd day of Berry Street Training. School's Out is available on this day, make bookings now.

NAPLAN

Takes place between the 15th and 27th March for Yr 3 and 5 children. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact your child's mentor teacher. A flyer with information about NAPLAN has been sent to Year 3 & 5 families via Compass.

Volunteer Induction

This year we will be running 2 Volunteer Induction sessions for carers and parents who wish to help school or with school activities like excursions, sports days etc

Dates: Thursday 23rd March 9:15am – 10:15am or Monday 27th March 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

You will be asked in the coming weeks to register for a session if you wish to help at school.

All volunteers must obtain a current WWCC, apply via

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1> and

attend the induction session.

Enjoy getting back into the routines of the learning year,

Loren Peavey



Suggested reading for Parents and Carers

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/school-refusal-numbers-are-soaring-parents-need-to-show-tough-love-20230130-p5cgfw.html>



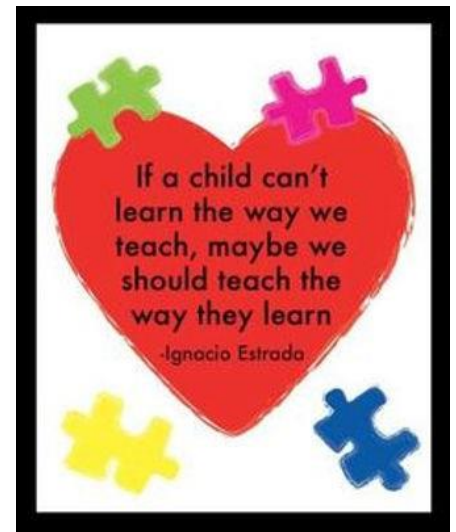
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KPS Fly High Family Kite Night

Thursday 16th March 2023
5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Prizes
to be
won for
the
Highest
Flying
Kite!!**

Welcome to 2023 and our first school fundraiser where the whole family can be involved!!

We will be holding our **annual Fly High Family Kite Night to kick off our year** – with much fun to be had. There will be:

- Sausage Sizzle
- Ice Cream sale
- Kite flying competition; with a prize for the highest flying kite!

We welcome all families to participate in a picnic dinner; either BYO or by purchasing from our sausage sizzle with prices as follows:

- Sausage in bread - \$2.50 ea
- Cans of drink - \$1.50 ea
- Zooper Doopers - \$1.00 ea

Competition in previous years has been fierce and we look forward to seeing the friendly rivalry continue this year!

Families are welcome to build their own home made kites or purchase through our kite fundraising portal (details over page)

**We look forward to
seeing you there!**



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