Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Term 4 Week 6 11 November 2015

Dates to Remember

Term 4 Week 6 Newsletter Week
09/11/15 Public Speaking Grand Final at Glenmore Park Public School
10/11/15 Early Stage 1 2016 Orientation Session 1
11/11/15 Remembrance Day, Stage 3 Special Transition Program to Kingswood High School
12/11/15 Opportunity Class 2016 Orientation Session
13/11/15 Ethics/Scripture Classes, Whole School Assembly

Term 4 Week 7
17/11/15 Early Stage 1 2016 Orientation Session 2
18/11/15 Cyber Bullying Presentations for Stage 3 Students & all Parents
20/11/15 Ethics/Scripture Classes, Prefect Speeches – No Assembly

Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter Week
24/11/15 P&C Meeting
25/11/15 White Ribbon Day
27/11/15 Ethics/Scripture Classes, Stage Assemblies

Important Information for Parents

Students Not Returning in 2016
We are currently working on our class organisation for next year. Please inform the school in writing if your child/children are not returning to our school (except for Year 6) as soon as possible. Please also inform us in writing if your child/children will be starting late next year including the date they will be starting in 2016.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) 2016
If your child is due to commence Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) in 2016 and is not enrolled, please do so at the office immediately. We held our first orientation session this week. The next session will be held on Tuesday 17 November at 9:30 in the New Hall.

Opportunity Class 2016 Orientation Session
Our Opportunity Class Orientation Session will be held this Thursday 12 November at 9:30 in the New Hall. Parents and students who have been accepted into our Year 5 OC or are on the reserve list and welcome to attend.
Cyber Bullying Presentations
On Tuesday staff participated in a professional learning session which focussed on social media and the increasing issue of cyber bullying by St Mary’s Police. It was a very informative session and strongly highlighted the need for students to be taught how to be safe when using social media.

The point was made that students should not be accessing social media unless they are 13 years of age. If parents allow their child/children to do so, the need for parents to monitor and be aware of the sites being accessed and whom your child/children are talking to online is paramount to ensuring their safety.

Sessions for students and parents will be held next Wednesday 18 November. The parent session will be held in our Library from 9:00-10:00. All parents are encouraged to attend this session. Thank you to Mrs Fox for organising these sessions.

Breaking the Silence Schools Program
Kingswood Public School is taking part in the Breaking the Silence Schools Program for the first time this year. The focus of the program in the primary years is respectful relationships. As part of this program we will mark White Ribbon Day on Wednesday 25 November with students involved in activities on the day including a talk by a White Ribbon Ambassador. Mrs Di Giglio is coordinating this program. More information will be available about the program and this day on the website www.whiteribbon.org.au

Absence Notification Through Skoolbag App
Thank you to the many parents and carers who are promptly advising their children’s absences through the Skoolbag App. We are having some issues with the “Away Start Date” and the “Away Finish Date” notifications.

If your child is away for one day the “Away Start Date” and the “Away Finish Date” will be the same date. Some notifications are putting the finish date as the following date which means your child is recorded as being away on consecutive days. Please make sure the correct dates are entered for absence notifications.

New NSW K-10 Syllabuses
Since 2014 all NSW schools have been part of the staged implementation of the new NSW K-10 syllabuses. These syllabuses are based on the new Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

In NSW the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) has further developed the NSW syllabuses to include Australian curriculum content and more detail that clarifies learning. As a result, Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K-10 English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K-6) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6 where essential foundation skills are developed.

The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

In addition to subject based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. These include Australian curriculum cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas.
At Kingswood Public School all teachers are teaching the new NSW English, Mathematics and Science and Technology syllabuses. This year the teachers are also working with new History syllabus for full implementation next year. The new Geography syllabus will follow after the implementation of the History syllabus.

The Department of Education is currently reviewing the way we report to parents. Reports will change to reflect the requirement of the policy standards for NSW schools. You will notice changes to our Semester 2 report. Please note that these changes are ongoing and will fully reflect the reporting requirements once this has been decided by the Department of Education. Further information for parents can be found on the parent page on the BOSTES website http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents

Starting School Group
Our Starting School Group began on Wednesday 22 July (Week 2 Term 3) in the Old Hall commencing at 9:15 till 11:00 and continuing every Wednesday morning in Terms 3 and 4. This playgroup is for children starting school in 2016 and is FREE to attend. Parents stay with their child during the playgroup and younger siblings are also welcome. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

New Attendance Policy
The Department of Education and Communities has released a new Attendance Policy. This policy highlights the importance of students attending each school day. Students who are frequently absent or are late for school miss vital learning experiences that may affect their educational, social and emotional wellbeing.

All parents have a responsibility to ensure that children attend school each day and to notify the school as soon as possible if their child is away. If your child is absent parents are required to provide the school with an absence note explaining why they were away. If your child is absent for 2 days or more (without notification from parents) the school will contact you to find out why they are absent and why the school was not notified. If your child is absent due to illness the school can request a medical certificate from the doctor. Please ensure that a written letter or notification through the Skoolbag app is provided upon your child’s return to school.

Schools have a legal requirement to record student attendance. A significant change to the policy is the expectation that students who travel within Australia or overseas for a holiday do so during school holidays.

If students are going on holidays during school time an Application for Extended Leave – Travel must be completed by parents before travelling with copies of the itinerary attached. This absence will now be counted towards a student’s total absence and be recorded on your child’s Semester reports. Please consider the impact on your child’s learning before taking leave during school time. The Application for Extended Leave – Travel is available from the office. A Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel will be issued if the leave is approved. Please note that parents are responsible for supervision of children whilst on extended leave.

Letters are being issued to students who have been arriving early to school. Please note that supervision of students does not commence before 8:30am in the morning. Out of hours care is now available in our New Hall. If you require this service please contact Cubbyhouse on 1300 553 583.

Keeping Our Students Safe – Road Safety
Flashing lights have been installed at the front of the school to remind drivers to slow down to 40km in the school zone during school days. We are also very fortunate to have two Crossing ladies who assist in getting our students across the road safely.
Please take extra care when dropping off and picking up your child/children at the start and end of the day. It only takes a split second for a tragedy to occur. Please obey the traffic rules when parking and use the crossing.

Please also teach your child/children the importance of using the crossing and not walking through the staff car park which is out of bounds to all students at all times. We need to lead by example and work together to keep our students safe.

**Skoolbag App**
The app is free and is available to iPhone, iPad and Android users. Some of the key features of the Skoolbag app include push notifications, email, newsletters and GPS Directional Mapping. As the newsletter is now available on the app, we will no longer be sending hard copies home. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the office and the newsletter can also be accessed on the schools website.

There has been a recent software upgrade so please check if you have the latest version of Skoolbag App.

**Cubbyhouse Out of School Hours Care Service**
Cubbyhouse offers an out of hours school care service in the New Hall each school day. Please contact Cubbyhouse directly for more information and to enrol your child/children on 1300 553 583.

**Communicating with Staff**
If you have any issues or concerns in regards to your child’s schooling and wish to speak to your child’s class teacher or the Assistant Principals supervising the Stage or myself, please contact the office to make an appointment time. Please speak to the class teacher before speaking to the Assistant Principal or myself as we will refer you to the class teacher if you have not already spoken to them.

Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy during the school day and may be attending meetings before or after school. It is really difficult to get a class settled in the morning if there are parents trying to speak to the teacher.

**Excursion Notes**
Please note we do not accept hand written notes or verbal permission for excursion or other school events. A school permission note for each child must be completed for every excursion and or special event.

**Early Arrivals**
Please be aware the morning duty begins at 8:30am. Students are not supervised before this time. Please do not send your children to school before this time. If children need to be dropped off early, please organise before school care. Cubbyhouse OSHC can be contacted on 1300 553 583.

**Running Late?**
Please pick up your children promptly at 3pm if you collect them from school. If you are running late or have been delayed, please notify the school as soon as possible. Many children become distressed when parents are not there to pick them up at the end of the day. Children can be picked up from the office.

**Are Your Contact Details Current?**
Please let the office know in person or in writing if your contact details have changed including emergency contact details. If your child is sick or we need to contact you for any reason, it can be really difficult if the numbers are not current.
Out of Hours After School Care Services off the School Site
If your child attends an After Care Service off the school site please contact the Centre directly if your child is not attending on the day. Some parents decide to pick their children up or vary their after school arrangements without notifying the After School Care Centre or our office. Executive staff are then required to spend a lot of time trying to find these ‘missing’ students. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Property/Clothing Pool
Each term we have lots of lost property. Please label your child’s hats, bags, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Lost property is located in the brick building closest to the entrance and exit gate. Due to hygiene issues, lost lunch boxes and drink bottles without names will be disposed of.

The P&C operates the Clothing Pool each Tuesday from 8:45am until just after 9:00am in the brick building located nearest to the front entrance of the school. Items can be purchased for a gold coin donation.

Medical Conditions
If your child/children have any medical conditions that the school should be made aware of such as Anaphylaxis or Asthma please contact the school office immediately and provide them with their health care plan if you have not already done so.

Anaphylaxis
An increasing number of our students are being diagnosed with Anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (eg. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal, cardio vascular). A severe allergic reaction usually occurs within 20 minutes of exposure to the trigger and can rapidly become life threatening.

Common triggers include food such as peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, fish, crustaceans and soy are the most common food triggers, which cause 90% of allergic reactions. It is important to understand that even trace amounts of foods can cause a life-threatening reaction. Other triggers include insect stings, medication or such things as latex.

We ask for your support and request that all students do not bring to school any nut products or foods that contain traces of nuts. This includes birthday cakes, cupcakes, doughnuts and lollies.

If you would like more information about Anaphylaxis or have a child who has this condition and you have not notified the school, please contact the office immediately.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Students – Change of Clothes
If your child is in Early Stage 1 or Stage 1 could you please ensure that you have a change of underpants and track pants/shorts in your child’s bag in case of a toileting accident or wet weather. We have a very limited supply available at school and we would appreciate your support in this matter.

Voluntary Contribution
Each year families are asked to pay a voluntary contribution. The voluntary contribution is $40 per child or $70 per family. Thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution. Your support is appreciated.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices
We discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school unless they are in the Opportunity Classes and they are travelling from another area to the school.
Mobile phones must be handed in to the office each morning turned off and picked up at the end of the day. If you need to get a message to your child/children please contact the office.

Electronic devices are not to be brought to school. Please note that the school takes no responsibility if a student brings an electronic device to school and if an electronic device is lost or stolen.

**Bikes and Scooters**

Students are able to ride their bikes and scooters to school. These must be chained to the bike rack during the school day. A helmet must be worn at all times that the student is riding his or her bike or scooter to and from school. The school takes no responsibility for bikes or scooters brought to school.

**Keeping Our Students Safe**

Help us to keep our students safe by not walking your children through the car park or driving into the car park. *The car park is for staff parking and deliveries only.* The car park is out of bounds to all students at all times.

Please be aware that Traffic Rangers will be patrolling outside the school both in the mornings and afternoons issuing infringement notices for traffic violations.

**Dogs in the School Grounds**

The *Companion Animals Act 1998 – Sect 14* states that *dogs are prohibited from school grounds*. Please do not bring your dogs into the school grounds as many students are frightened of dogs and we are trying to keep all students safe.

**School Website**

The school has a fabulous website that parents can access for further information about the school including permission notes and the school newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Hall and Mrs Proud who maintains the website. The website address is [http://www.kingswood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kingswood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**P&C - Making a Vital Contribution to Our School**

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24 November 2015** at 2:00 in the staffroom. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Norma Petrocco  
Principal

**Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)**

The ARCO is appointed by the Principal to be the contact between students, staff, parents/carers and community members who wish to make a complaint regarding racism and the appropriate procedure that will be used to resolve the complaint. At Kingswood Public School there are two Anti-Racism Contact Officers. They are Mrs Sheree Parkin and Mrs Lesley Taylor. Should you have any concerns about racism please contact the school.

Mrs Taylor
Voluntary Contributions 2015
Child’s Name/Names: ____________________________________________

Class/es: ______

Enclosed (please tick):

☐ $40 per child (one child in family)

☐ $70 per family (2 or more children)

Signed: ___________________________    Date: _____________
Kingswood Public School
Starting School Group

Starts July 22nd 2015
Every Wednesday Morning
School Terms 3 and 4
9.15am—11.00am

Stories & Games
Is your child starting school next year? Come along to a FREE playgroup that provides children and their families with a gradual introduction to school life.

Group Activities
Bring a healthy snack, water and a hat!

Art & music
Parents stay with their child during the playgroup, and younger siblings are welcome too.

Visits to a classroom

Children not attending Preschool or Child Care have priority of access.

Call the school or Lisa Jackson on 0423 720 492 for more information
# Canteen Menu 2015

## Sandwiches
- Egg or Egg & Lettuce (G, V, H) — $2.00
- Ham or Devon or Chicken Salad add 80c (G, H) — $2.70
- Tuna Salad add 80c (G, H) — $2.70
- Salad (G, H) — $2.80
- Vegemite or Jam or Honey or Cheese — $1.70

## Wraps
- Cheese Rocket - Melted Cheese (G) — $2.00
- Pizza Rocket - Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Pizza Sauce (G) — $2.80
- Kids Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap (G, H) — $2.80
- Caesar Wrap - With Lettuce & Mayo Add Chicken $1 (G) — $3.20
- Salad Wrap - Add Chicken $1 (G, H) — $3.40
- Chicken Breast Schnitzel Wrap - Lettuce & Mayo (G, H) — $4.00
- Hawaiian Wrap - Chicken, Lett, P/Apple, Mayo (G, H) — $4.20
- Sweet Chilli Wrap - Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (A, H) — $4.00

## Salad Bowls
- Caesar or Garden or Greek Salad - Add Chicken $1 (G, V) — $3.50
- Salad Bowl - Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese (G, V) — $4.50

## Burgers
- Fish Fillet Burger - Lettuce, Mayo (G, H) — $3.60
- Chicken Burger - 100% Breast, Lettuce, Mayo (A, H) — $3.60
- Hamburger - Gourmet Beef, Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (G, H) — $3.60
- Veggie Burger (G, V) — $3.80
- Kids Cheeseburger - Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A) — $2.00
- Cheeseburger - Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A, H) — $3.60

## Hot Favourites
- Garlic Bread - Large Roll (G, H, V) — $2.00
- Fish Finger (G, H) — $0.70
- Corn Cob (G, H, V) — $1.00
- Cup of Noodles - Chicken Or Beef (G, H) — $2.60
- Hot Dog - With Sauce (All Chicken Meet - Not Pork) (A, H) — $2.60
- Chicken Nuggets - Premium Breast (A, H) — $0.70
- Popcorn Chicken - Premium Breast (A, H) — $3.00
- Hash Brown (A, H) — $1.00
- Potato Wedges - With Sauce (A, H, V) — $2.00
- Cheese & Bacon Roll (A) — $2.00
- Mini Spring Rolls - Vegetarian (A, H, V) — $0.70
- Nachos - Beef Sauce & Cheese (A, H, V) — $3.50
- Hot Cakes - x2 with Maple Syrup (A, H, V) — $3.00

## Pizza & Pasta
- Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian) (G, H) — $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognese (G, H) — $3.50
- Macaroni & Cheese (G, H, V) — $3.00
- Butter Chicken & Rice (G, H, V) — $3.50
- Fried Rice (G, H, V) — $3.50
- Pizza Hawaiian OR Bacon & Cheese (A) — $2.60
- Pizza Slab Margherita — $3.80

## Recess Snacks
- Over the Counter Only
  - Potato Skins - Mashed Cheese or Salsa (G, H, V) — $1.20
  - Mini Muffins - Homemade with Berries (G, H) — $1.20

## Fresh Fruits
- Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon (G, V) — $0.90
- Fruit Salad Cup (G, V) — $1.50
- Grapes in a Cup (G, V) — $1.60
- Fruit Salad Bowl - Large (G, V) — $3.00

## Snacks
- Fruit Nuggets - BB Fruit - Gluten Free (V) — $0.60
- Jelly Cup - Add Fruit $0.50 (G, H) — $1.00
- Popcorn - Fresh & Hot (G, H) — $1.00
- Yoghurt - Vanilla (G, H) — $2.00
- Bread Sticks - Pizza Flavour (A) — $0.20
- Yoghurt Filled Strawberry Bars (A) — $0.30
- Jf's Chicken Crackers (A) — $1.00
- Brownie (A, H) — $1.00
- Manee Noodles (A, H) — $1.00
- Jumps (A, H) — $1.20
- Red Rock Chips - Honey Soy (A, H) — $1.50

## Milk Drinks
- 300ml Choc / Strwbrby / Vanilla - Oak - Fresh (G, H) — $2.20
- 600ml Choc / Strwbrby / Vanilla - Oak - Fresh (G, H) — $3.50
- Up & Go Choc / Strwbrby / Vanilla - Breakfast Drink (G, H) — $2.50
- Hot Chocolate (A, H) — $1.50

## Cold Drinks
- Poppers 100% Juice - 300ml (G, H) — $1.50
- Water - 350ml (G, H) — $1.20
- Water - 600ml (G, H) — $1.60
- Orchy 350ml Fresh Juice - Apple or Orange (G, H) — $2.20

## Apple Juice 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99c (G, H) — $2.20
- Diet Lemonade - No Artificial Colours or Flavours - 300ml (A, H) — $1.50
- Quench - Flavoured Mineral Water - 350ml (A, H) — $1.50
- Slushie - 200ml (A, H) — $1.50
- Slushie - 285ml (A, H) — $2.00
- Glee 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling Juice (A) — $2.20

## Ice Blocks
- Frozen Fruit Yoghurt (G, H) — $2.50
- Jelly Sticks (A) — $0.20
- Fruity Ice (A) — $0.50
- Zooper Dooper (A, H) — $0.80
- Sour Snap Apart (A) — $1.00
- Ice Money (A) — $1.20
- Paddle pops (A, H) — $1.60

## Pie & Sausage Roll - Low Fat
- Party Pie (A, H) — $1.00
- Sausage Roll (A, H) — $1.50
- Meat Pie Traveller (A, H) — $2.60
- Potato Pie (A, H) — $3.80

## CRUNCH & SIP SPECIAL - ORDER BEFORE SCHOOL
- Apple, Orange or Banana + Bottled Water - 350ml (G, H, V) — $1.80

## Extras
- 20c Cheese Tomato Beetroot Cucumber Carrot 40c Pineapple

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**Monday**
- Steamed Dumplings Prawn (4 Per Serve) — $4.00

**Tuesday**
- Sushi Rolls
  - Tuna or Chicken or Veg - $3 Regular $5 Large

**Wednesday**
- Hokkien Noodles
  - Chicken & Carrot — $3.80

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(G) Green - (A) Amber - (V) Vegetarian - (H) Halal