Tuesday 10th March 2015

P&C

It was absolutely fantastic to see a strong turnout to the P&C AGM last Wednesday night. And it was even better to see that all executive positions were filled by enthusiastic and dedicated parents. I would like to thank and congratulate:

- President: Dani Hewton
- Vice President: Jayson Hitchens
- Treasurer: Andy Fell
- Secretary: Jacoba Webb
- School Board Rep: Megan Schneiker
- Uniform Co-ordinator: Robyn Houston
- Canteen Co-ordinator: Megan Schneiker
- Fundraising Co-ordinator: Megan Schneiker

How can you support these people? Come to a P&C meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, join a committee or volunteer to help out in the canteen, ANZAC dawn service breakfast, uniform shop or fundraising committee. It is a great way of meeting people. The P&C is very financial at present and are looking at prioritising the projects that they will spend on in 2015.

I would like to sincerely thank Julia Clasby who is the outgoing President and Mike Brenssell who has been the Treasurer for the past 5 years. Both of these dedicated parents have done an outstanding job for the school and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

ANZ Bank Support
Were you aware that the ANZ Bank support Kingston Primary School by donating an amount to the P&C if anyone mentions the school when taking out a new home mortgage or refinances a mortgage? Our first payment of over $1000 was made recently and will go to providing resources for our students. Something to keep in mind if you are in the market for a home loan.

Parent Interviews
As part of our “Reporting to Parents” policy, all parents will be afforded the opportunity of having a brief 1-1 interview with the teacher. The interviews will be scheduled between week 5 term 1 and week 5 term 2. These meetings are to keep you informed of how your child has settled in and possibly how they have fared with early assessments.

Mr Owen
Government policy dictates that teachers must utilise their long service leave within two years of it becoming due. Mr Owen will be taking some well earned long service commencing this week. He will be absent for a week and half commencing on Wednesday.

Parent Education Sessions
You will have noticed that we are trying to make a variety of parent education sessions available this term. We have already run a health and nutrition session which clarified some of the myths around lunch box nutrition and packaged foods, and on Friday we had the Protective Behaviours session. Both sessions were well attended and the feedback from parents has been very positive. So, if you didn’t attend, you missed out. Keep an eye open for more sessions that will be advertised in the newsletter and on the school app.
Cars Maths in Motion

The nineteen students who are representing Kingston Primary, and Australia in the International maths challenge, which involves tuning and racing Formula 1 racing cars, are working very hard at present. They have spent time after school and soon on weekends with Miss Uren, to determine which team of 4 students will represent us in the knock out rounds against 8 nations around the world. This Sunday, we will run our final race to determine the representatives.

I would like to thank the Lester Group who have donated funds to provide the nineteen students with a racing shirt to signify their involvement as Team Australia.

Student Attendance

A report was recently released about the attendance rates of schools in the Southwest Region of WA. Kingston Primary was rated highly in attendance rates but we were flagged as a school that had an unacceptable rate of unauthorised attendances. This means that of those students who were absent, 54% of parents did not provide a reason for absence. Let’s face it, there is no excuse. It is as easy as filling in an electronic advice on the app, ringing the front office or sending in a note. Unfortunately, there is still a mentality that it is alright to miss school for a birthday, taking dad back the airport or for company for mum. It is not alright. Students, by law, must be at school and more importantly they must be at school to learn. A student with an 80% attendance has missed on average a day a week of school, which means that we can’t do our job. Sickness is a legitimate reason for non-attendance, but please, let us know the reason via the app.

Alan Kidd

Virtue of the Fortnight

PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance is being purposeful and steadfast. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you. A good example is the story of the tortoise and the hare. Even though the tortoise was slower than the hare, he won the race because he persevered - he didn’t let anything stop him or distract him. He kept on going.

I have perseverance: I keep a steady pace in what I choose to do. I keep on keeping on. I finish what I start. I am a loyal and committed friend.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards recently:


PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the following students who were treated to Pizza with the Principal for displaying their virtues around the school recently:

Harry Browne, Tex Roberts, Jasmine Ashman, Jemma Ashman, Peyton Mann, Ella Santostefano, Stephanie O’Byrne, Mitchell Hovey.
**FEEDBACK – OUR ONLINE CANTEEN STATIONERY ORDERS**

Kingston Primary School used Our Online Canteen as our supplier for the student stationery requirements for the first time this year. We are looking for feedback from parents about the service, and would appreciate it if you could let us know what you thought, by completing the brief feedback form on the KPS Skoolbag App. Thank you.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

A reminder that the school fees can be paid by cash, cheque, and EFTPOS at the school office, or by internet banking. Please call into the school office to arrange payment. Thank you to all the families who have already paid their voluntary contributions.

**EPILEPSY FUNDRAISER**

Kingston Primary School is selling Purple Day Merchandise to help raise funds and awareness for people living with epilepsy. Call in to the front office if you would like to purchase something – items cost between $2 and $12. Thank you for your support.

We will also be holding a ‘Wear Purple Day’ on Wednesday 1st April - to raise funds for the Epilepsy Foundation. Clothing must be practical for school, and gold coin donation must be provided.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The school photos will be taking place in Week 8 (25th – 27th March) Envelopes have been sent home, and should be returned to the photographer on the day of your child’s photo, with payment. Sibling photos are also available – please call in to the front office to collect a Sibling Envelope. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on the day of their school photo.

**SURF LIFE SAVING WINNER!**

Congratulations to Ella Caddell who competed at the Surf Lifesaving Country Champions, against all country clubs from Esperence to Broome. Ella completed in the sprints, flags and board race, and came first in her heat for boards, qualifying to compete in the final for the State Championships.

**P&C UPDATE**

**NEW P&C COMMITTEE!**

We had a great turn out at our AGM last week, and filled all our Executive positions. Here is a brief introduction to your new P&C Office Bearers:

**President - Dani Hewton**

Dani moved to Kingston last year with her husband and children from their broad acre farming property in Moodiarrup. She has been involved in a variety of committees including school P&Cs, livestock, regional mental health, and toy libraries. Dani runs a computer business locally and is also employed as a relief teacher at local schools. She has 3 boys aged 14, 12 and 5.

**Vice President - Jayson Hitchens**

Jayson has two children in years 2 and 4 at Kingston. He has been actively involved within our P&C for 5 years, including being vice president for 4 years. He is enthusiastically involved in business and sport through Binningup Auskick, Surf Lifesaving and Harvey Hockey clubs.

**Secretary - Jacoba Webb**

Jacoba moved here in July last year, and has 4 children at KPS. Before having children she worked at TAFE in a variety of administration jobs, her most recent and possibly favourite was in the Trades Workshop working with the lecturers, apprentices and trainees.

**Treasurer - Andy Fell**

Andy moved here from the UK with his family in 2013. He was a School Governor and Chair of the P&C at his children’s school back in England. He works as a project supervisor at Jason Windows and enjoys playing squash. He has 2 children at Kingston Primary School, in years 3 and 6.

**Uniform Co-ordinator - Robyn Houston**

Robyn's family moved to Australind 3 years ago, after relocating from the Wheatbelt. Her daughter is in Year 5. If you would like to help out, even if it is only for 5 minutes, please do not hesitate to contact her.

**Fundraising Co-ordinator, Canteen Rep and School Board Rep - Megan Schneiker**

Megan has been actively involved in the P&C for several years, heading up our Fundraising Committee and volunteering in the canteen and uniform shops. She has two children at Kingston Primary School, in years 1 and 3.
**WHAM Co-ordinator - Julee Smith**

Julee has 2 boys at Kingston, in PP and year 3. She has been involved with the P&C since her eldest child started kindy, and was President for 3 years. In her 3rd year the WHAM initiative was born. Julee became very passionate about WHAM and it soon became her “baby”. Last year she decided to step down from the President’s role to focus on WHAM to ensure its survival. It would not be possible to run WHAM without the help from our amazing volunteers, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all the time they have put in so far.

The P&C committee is looking forward to working with our school parents to provide them with a ‘voice’ and ‘arm of action’ in our school. If you have any ideas, time available to help out, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either the school directly or a P&C executive member. All parents and school community members are welcome at meetings. Please check our newsletters and Kingston Primary School Facebook site for news and details regarding fundraising, meetings etc.

**PS:** BHP Employees have a great opportunity to support our school by logging any volunteer work completed at KPS, as we are now registered on the BHP system. Simply offer your time helping out in our school (canteen, uniform shop, fundraising event, etc), add your volunteered time details to the BHP system at work and BHP will send us an in-kind donation.

*Dani Newton – P&C President*

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**P&C MEETING**

The next P&C meeting is on **Wednesday 1st April at 7.00pm** in the Kingston Primary School staff room.

Everyone welcome!

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**WHAM WINNERS!**

Congratulations to all the students who won ice creams and Pizza with the Principal for wearing their helmets to school this week.

*Keep wearing your helmets for more chances to win!* You never know when we’ll be there!

If you are available to help out with WHAM please contact Julee Smith on 0410 334 456.

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**Term 1 WHAM Proudly Sponsored by:**

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Upcoming Fundraisers:**

**Easter Raffle:** There will be a tub at the front office from Wed 4th March, any Easter themed donations for our Raffle would be greatly appreciated. Tickets will be coming home from Wed 11th March.

**Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser:** Forms coming home soon. Monies and orders are due back at school by Tues 24th March. Orders can be collected on Fri 27th March.

**Bakers Delight Treendale Doughraiser:** Our school has an ongoing Fundraiser with Bakers Delight Treendale. We get 5% of all purchases made at Bakers Delight – simply say Kingston Primary School when paying. At the end of the year, they will give us a cheque for monies raised…in 2014 we raised $265. Thanks for your continued support!

*Megan Schneiker Fundraiser Co-ordinator 0431 583 583*

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**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked – call in, or order online.

We are open Mon-Thurs from 8.30-9.00am.
You're invited to join us at Christ the Living Vine Church on Monday 23rd March 2015, from 3.30-4.30pm at the Christ the Living Vine Church, Mardo Avenue, Australind. If you have any questions please contact Diana Ietto on 0437 903 377.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!
Check Out This App: Popplet By Notion

This app is designed for both iPhone and iPad

- $6.49
- Category: Productivity

Description

Popplet is the simplest tool to capture and organize your ideas. With Popplet you can quick jot down your ideas and sort them visually.

Popplet is great for school and for learning in the classroom and at home. Students use Popplet to think and learn visually. By capturing facts, thoughts, and images, students learn to create relationships between them and generate new ideas.

Popplet is also great for work and for generating ideas in the office or on the go. Professionals use Popplet to generate ideas and plan projects. By brainstorming visually or jotting down notes, Popplet helps professionals organize their thoughts and generate their next big idea.

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| **Dad:** How to sign it: Tap extended pointer and index fingers of both hands together twice. |

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CHOOSE RESPECT

RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION
So I'm thinking about sharing a photo on social media, that has my child in it and was taken at school, at a school event or was in the school newsletter.

What should I consider before sharing it?

Is it a good photo?

CAUTION

Is my child the student that can be identified in the picture?

CAUTION

Am I aware that anyone can share this picture?

CAUTION

I think I will hang on to it if it isn't a picture my child would be pleased with or proud to show.

STOP

How would I feel if someone posted a picture of my child without my knowledge or permission? Could I crop this picture to eliminate this concern?

STOP

Anyone can save, copy and share this image with a large invisible audience online.

STOP

I have made a considered choice to share the digital image on social media.
Rally 4 RESPECT

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015
MEET 4PM, ANZAC PARK
(Stirling Street next to Bunbury Library)

Get together for a good cause and make a difference in your community.

Bring your friends & family to this FREE event - entertainment, spot prizes, balloons and much more.

More info: Sarah-Jane Smith 0409 167 804 or bunburyrespect@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/ChooseRespectBunbury

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