As I write the final newsletter for term 1, I struggle to comprehend that it seems just yesterday that we were welcoming back students for the new year. We have packed a huge amount of activity into the 7 weeks that have passed and we still have school photos, interschool swimming, Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness and a variety of Easter activities to finish the term.

**Holiday Dates**

Term 1 officially finishes at 3.00pm on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April as Good Friday is the following day and signifies the start of the school holidays. Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April is the day that teachers return for school planning and students return on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} April.

**ANZAC Day**

Kingston Primary School has a tradition of commemorating ANZAC Day with dignity, respect and a sense of community. The P&C come together with the school to organise a dawn service followed by a free community breakfast. The service this year will be held on Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} April. Please mark it in your diary and make the 100\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of the Gallipoli landing an historical event in Kingston.

**Maths in Motion**

Since November last year, a group of mathematics extension students in years 5 and 6, have been working on a program called Cars, Maths in Motion. They have been learning and applying concepts from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to tune formula 1 race cars to race around exact replicas of the world’s tracks. Students have adjusted aerodynamic downforce, gear ratios, suspension and engine tuning based on the attributes of the tracks, calculated fuel consumption, safe speeds and raced against each other. In practice they raced at Albert Park, Melbourne and Monaco. Last week, we raced off on the Valencian track to see which team of 4 students would enter their car into the international race against schools from all over the world. The knockout rounds were held last Friday night and I am proud to announce that team Kingston, representing Australia finished second after leading for most of the race. This podium finish qualifies us for the semi-final to be held in May. All 19 students who have worked so hard over the past 5 months need to be congratulated. A special congratulations to the victorious team of 4, Josh Edwards, Harsh Patel, Morgan Anderton and Kieran Belfield. Let’s get behind them as they compete for a spot in the world final, held in England.

**School Photos**

The school photo timetable has been released, but please note that it will be subject to change depending on weather, speed of getting through the classes, people being on time etc. There are huge complexities in getting classes and individuals through this process, so please, work with us. Please ensure that all students have school uniform on and have given their pearly whites an extra brush in the morning.

**Harmony Day**

Kingston Primary School once again made a strong statement that it promotes a free, tolerant and multicultural society, free of discrimination and bullying by celebrating Harmony Day last Friday. Students wore orange to promote harmony or cultural dress to promote their heritage. Another great day that defines what we stand for.
Budgets
There has been plenty of media, discussion and conjecture about school budgets over the past 6 months. The school admin and school board have worked hard to gain an understanding of the new student centred funding model and plan to ensure that we can deliver the services that we believe provide the best education for students. Budgets were released to schools last week and the funding amount matched our planning and we will be able to move forward with confidence.

Community Watch
The cornerstone of a safe and proactive community is how we support each other, how we communicate and how we react to various situations. Parents, schools, police and all of the services that are involved in a community have a responsibility. Information was received over the weekend that a student who was playing on the school oval was approached by a man in a white van with a view of trying to coerce them into the van. The student and her friends acted with appropriate caution and ran to the closest safe-house and the man drove off. While a little traumatized, the students acted sensibly and appropriately as they have learnt from home and at school. The police were informed.

The school has reacted immediately by placing additional staff around the school in the mornings and afternoons as a “show of force” to send the message that undesirables are not welcome in Kingston and as a community, we stand united.

Please use this as an opportunity to speak to your children about stranger danger, safe routes to school, identifying safe houses and monitoring their whereabouts when out playing with friends.

Alan Kidd

Virtue of the Fortnight

HONESTY

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don’t pretend to be something you are not. With honesty, you can trust things to be as they appear.

I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word. I admit my mistakes. I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully. I have no need to impress others. I accept myself as I am.

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:

Katelyn Wickham, Tia Murphy, Kate Bernaldo, Kyra Culloton, Teaghan Billot, Sianna Hall, Lily Pritchard, Shariff Manning.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Over the past few weeks, I have had an increase of students either not owning a hat or leaving their hat at home. It is a school requirement that students wear hats out in the sun during times of play. I have a few spare hats that I lend students during my sports sessions if they do not have one. The school policy is that all students wear a broad brim hat, no baseball caps.

There are often several hats left in lost property with no name. Please ensure that you write your child's name in an area that cannot be easily removed or individualize it with either a ribbon or an iron-on patch.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Matt Campbell – Phys Ed Teacher

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER
Harmony Day 2015
Wow! What a lot of orange! This year’s Harmony Day event on Thursday 19th March, was a fantastic showcase of our school community's virtues of peace, tolerance and curiosity of different cultures and traditions that make up our beautiful country and the world around us. The sense of cooperation and helpfulness from the senior classes with their junior class buddies was fantastic. The work created with their balloons was fantastic, which was set up in the undercover area on Friday. This represented the different cultures and the expanding knowledge that students have of different cultures.

Waste Wise Message- Battery World Battery Recycling Programme
If you have flat domestic batteries do not throw them out. Bring them to school and place in your classroom’s small purple bin or the larger purple bin the Passive Play area near the office. These will be taken away and the chemicals will be recycled, reused or made environmentally safe. Leaking chemicals can enter the water ways and the local ecology with disastrous long term consequences. Please ensure no liquid batteries such as Emergency Beacons, car or petrol driven remote control car batteries are placed in these bins. They can be disposed of at your local shire waste management site.

Awesome Sustainability Team - AST
Congratulations to the new senior student sustainability team. This year, they will be called the Awesome Sustainability Team or AST. They will monitor and judge the Litter Patrol Class Competition, manage our Kingston Compost Challenge, help out with the school gardens and recycling programmes as well as many other tasks throughout the year. Our AST members are: Kyle Brenssell, Chevy Briggs, Cassandra Strauss, Shelby Kelly, Emily Grinter, Stephanie O’Byrne, Dominic Bragg, Mariah Fitzpatrick, Tiana Benson, Felicity Webb, Paris Kaitu’u, Lilly Sauberer, Leilani Horton. They will be receiving their badges at an assembly next term.

Water Wise Message
Water once per watering day and reduce your retic run time. The biggest water savings come from the garden - only water once per rostered watering day either before 9am or after 6pm, but not both times. Before 9am is best as it allows the water to soak to the roots and be available to the plant throughout the day when they need it most. Reduce your reticulation or irrigation system run time by just 2 minutes per station to save big and still maintain a healthy garden. Aim for watering runs of 10 minutes per station - even less in cooler months and if you have waterwise plantings. For more tips about water efficiency visit: http://www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water/water-saving-tips?pid=res-sw-np-wst

Ross Millington – Sustainability Tem

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
A reminder that the school contributions 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 a gold coin donation must be provided.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The school photos will be taking place this week (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.

**P&C UPDATE**

**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.

*Term 1 WHAM Proudly Sponsored by:*

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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!

**UNIFORM NEWS**

Our uniform shop is fully stocked.

We are open Mon-Thurs from 8.30-9.00am. Alternatively you can order online using Our Online Canteen.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**New Manager:** “Hello, my name is Nicki Briggs and I am the new Canteen Manager. I have previously been a part of the volunteer team in both the Uniform Shop and canteen. My face may also be familiar to some of you as I have been employed by the school as an Education Assistant over the past few years. I am looking forward to the future and welcome feedback and ideas which may assist us and our Kingston families. Please feel free to call into the canteen anytime, our door is always open and the kettle is always hot.”

**On-line Ordering:** Please ensure you have updated your child’s class number and teacher names with the new school year.

**Canteen Closed:** The canteen will be closed for cleaning on the last day of school – **Thursday 2nd April**. The canteen will re-open on the first day back in term 2, with the new winter menu.

**Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!:** The Team and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fabulous volunteers who have helped out so far this year. I would especially like to mention Jennine, Ariana, Mel, Donna, Michelle, Megan, Bronwyn and Janine. Your help has been invaluable! We look forward to meeting more of our wonderful Kingston families over the next three terms.

*The Canteen Team*
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns:
Orders need to be in by 9.00am on Wed 25th at the very latest, and will arrive at school by Fri 27th.

Easter Raffle: More tickets available from the front office. Thank you for all donations sent in so far. There is still time to bring in your donations. The raffle will be drawn on Mon 30th March.

Thank you to all the KPS families who have supported our Term 1 Fundraisers.

Megan Schneiker Fundraiser Co-ordinator
0431 583 583

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ASSOCIATES HOCKEY CLUB 2015
Associates Hockey Club is a friendly sporting club with a proud tradition of on and off field success. We have some Junior teams looking for new players to come and join in the fun. Are you interested? Teams in these competitions:

- Year 1&2
- Year 3&4
- Year 5&6

Training is Friday afternoon at the stadium. All junior games are played on Saturday mornings. Beginning Term 2.

If you would like more information contact Karen on 0408 250 929, or visit http://associates.mysouthwest.com.au
Facebook – Search Soaks Hockey Club

LESCHENAULT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Online registrations are now open.
Information Day Weds 25th March from 5.30-7.30pm.
Registration Forms and information can be found at leschenaultnetballassociation.wa.netball.com.au.

Association Championship Trials:
Sunday 29th March 2014 – further information available on the website.

SAFARI SOCCER
Pitch 6 at Leschenault Leisure Centre.
Term 2: Sat 25th April - 30th May
Term 3: Sat 25th July – 29th August
Term 4: Sat 17th Oct – 21st Nov
8.30-9.30am – age 3-6 years.
$100 for 6 consecutive sessions.
Email safarisoccer@hotmail.com or phone 0451 026 769 for more information.

OSHCLUB
Its nearly school holidays, don’t forget to book your child into VAC care with OSHClub! This holidays we are seeing the latest children’s movie and going to the Dardanup heritage park! We also have great incursions weekly at the centre and cooking activities daily. For more information call 0411 038 413 or enrol online at www.oshclub.com.au

NEW FAMILY DENTIST
1/12 Leisure Drive, Australind, WA 6233
Australind Denture Clinic and Bulldog Mouthguards would like to announce that we NOW have a Dentist in our clinic.
Come and feel the difference of having a professional team and Brand New state of the art clinic where we take the time to listen to all your children’s needs and provide them with the best treatment possible.

We are Covered by hbf who are now offering FREE or “NO GAP” on services such as: Consultations, Scale and Cleans, Simple Fillings, Xrays, Fluoride Treatments and of course BULLDOG MOUTHGUARDS.
We also accept the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) which entitles eligible children between the ages of 2 and 17 for $1000 in dental benefits to use on selected dental services every 2 calendar years.
Call us now to make your appointment on: 9725 8005.
GIVE A DAMN, GIVE A CAN 2014
We have started collecting donations for Rotary’s Give a Damn, Give a Can in classrooms across the school. Last year Kingston was recognised as the school with the highest number of donations across the Bunbury district. This year it would be great if we could match that total, or even beat it by collecting more items. Rotary will accept any non-perishable packaged food (cans, packets, boxes) as well as toiletries and baby products. Please help us to help others!

Hannah Dalton – Year 3 Teacher

Check Out This App:  Showbie for iPad by Showbie Inc.

Description
Go paperless in your classroom! With Showbie, you can quickly and easily assign, collect and review student work on your iPad, then provide rich feedback to your students by adding annotations, text notes and voice notes directly onto their documents. Students can show their learning creatively by submitting to Showbie from thousands of compatible iPad apps, or by completing assignments with Showbie’s built in tools. Showbie keeps everyone organized with individual student assignment folders, email and push notifications.

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Auslan Sign of the Fortnight

School: How to sign it: Hold hand flat, palm towards face, finger pointing upwards. Starting in front of face at one side move hand across all of face twice.

Teacher: How to sign it: Start with pointer finger and thumb extended in an L shape, pointer finger pointing up near ear. Move hand so that pointer finger points backwards, back up and backwards again.
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.

Choose Respect
Respect is to treat with care and consideration

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