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Newsletter

DATE: Friday 7th March 2025
TERM 1 WEEK 6

Our school celebrates learning every day and our mission statement is,

“A school dedicated to providing inclusive quality learning environments, and a school culture that promotes high expectation and success for all.”

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to welcome you to our latest edition of the School Newsletter. This is my opportunity to keep you informed each fortnight about events, programs and achievements in our school and what's happening in the NSW Department of Education.

We continue to update our Term Planner each fortnight so please make sure you check what's happening in the school. We appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

I urge all drivers to exercise extreme caution when driving near the school. There have been multiple instances of parents performing U-turns across the road, creating a serious safety hazard for both pedestrians and oncoming traffic.

These sudden manoeuvres put children, other drivers, and pedestrians at risk. Not only is this dangerous, but it also violates traffic laws that are designed to protect everyone. We understand that school drop-off and pick-up can be hectic, but it's crucial to always follow safe driving practices.

Please:

- Avoid U-turns** in the middle of the road.
- Use designated areas for dropping off and picking up your child.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and the safety of others on the road.

Your cooperation is essential in ensuring a safe environment for everyone in and around our school.

Thank you for your understanding and for making safety a priority.

Regards
Ms Martin

BELL TIMES

8:53AM - SCHOOL STARTS
11:00AM - LUNCH
1:25PM - RECESS
2:45PM - SCHOOL ENDS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1

Week 7

**Wednesday - Friday
NAPLAN**

Wednesday
-School Assembly

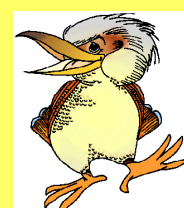
Thursday
-K-2 Soccer & 2/3S

Week 8

**Monday - Friday
NAPLAN**

Thursday
-K-2 Soccer & 2/3S

Friday
-Harmony Day



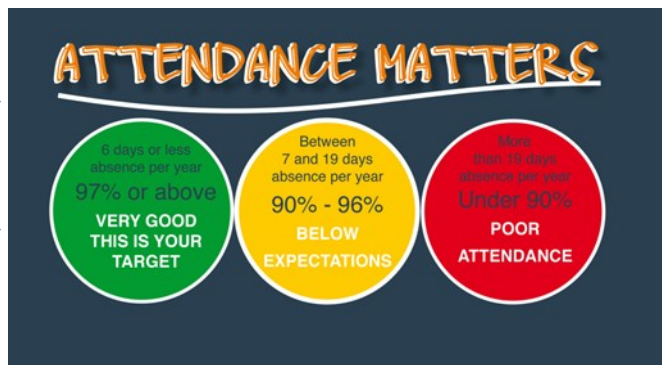
STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Brighter Beginnings

We are very fortunate to be supported through another program from Barnardos. The Brighter Beginnings Program is part of our Early Intervention Family Connect and Support Program; supporting children and families with access to services. More information is included in this newsletter and if you wish to access this service, please let us know.

Student Attendance Matters

Thank you to the families who are already contacting the school when their child/children are absent. We have many families currently going overseas for holidays. Please make sure you fill in an Application for Extended Leave. All absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the class roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year. The NSW Department of Education would ask families where possible to take overseas holidays in the school holidays, so that your child is not missing school days.



Term 1 NAPLAN

Every year our Year 3 and Year 5 students sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing. This year the testing has been moved to Term One and will take place from the 12th March to the 24th March 2025.

NAPLAN assesses the Literacy and Numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please contact the school on 4736 2408. More information will be going home in the next few weeks.

Sporting Schools

We have been accepted in the Sporting Schools Program for Term One. Our K-2 students will be participating in a soccer program for 6 weeks every Thursday. Could parents and carers please ensure the students have appropriate footwear on Thursdays for this program. A big thank you to Mrs Farrell who secured this funding for the program.

Kimberwalli

We are excited that our Stage 2 Aboriginal students will be participating in a Cultural Immersion Excursion to Kimberwalli, the Aboriginal Centre for Excellence. As part of their Academy for Excellence, Kimberwalli collaborates with local Aboriginal facilitators to provide engaging cultural education activities.

This excursion offers students the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in a culturally safe environment. It aims to deepen their understanding of the Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), History, and Geography outcomes. It also teaches the themes of Difference and Diversity, and the Sustainability Cross-Curriculum Priorities. Additionally, it fosters Intercultural Understanding.



The excursion will be on the 25th March 2025. Students will need to be in full school uniform including their school hat.

Yanma Budyari Muruwa Youth Program

The Yanma Budyari Muruwa Youth Program is based in the Nepean catchment and has been developed in partnership with NSW Police, Youth Justice and A Place to Go (DCJ). Yanma Budyari Muruwa translates to 'Walk the good path' in Darug language. We want all Indigenous young people in the Nepean area to be supported to engage and be proud of their Indigenous culture, and to have a greater connection to the land they are living on. We have 7 students who are participating in the program. Thank you to Mrs Wrona who is working with the team to support our students in this program.

Harmony Day

At Kingswood South PS we will be inviting our students to wear **orange** for **Harmony Day** on **Friday the 21st of March 2025**, to celebrate Harmony Week. Students are encouraged to wear orange mufti. However, students will need to wear enclosed shoes, sun safe shirts which include sleeves and school hats. No donations will be required for this celebration. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



Young Leaders Day

On Tuesday the 25th March our Student Leaders will be participating in the Young Leaders Conference at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. The school covers the cost for our students to attend. Thank you to Ms Quinlan who will be travelling with the students on the train to the event. It is hoped that the students will gain insight into what it is to be a leader, from the many guest speakers on the day.

Blue Week

Notes will go home soon about our Blue Week celebrations. This is part of our Autism Awareness Program. We also are very excited to announce Noemie Fox the Gold Medallist from the Paris Olympics will be visiting the school on Monday the 31st March 2025, to speak to Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

Term 1 Events Calendar

(Please be aware that some events may be changed or added. It will be updated every newsletter.)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Mar	^{10th}	^{11th}	^{12th} NAPLAN Whole School Assembly	^{13th} NAPLAN K-2 Soccer & 2/3S	^{14th} NAPLAN
8 Mar	^{17th} NAPLAN	^{18th} NAPLAN	^{19th} NAPLAN	^{20th} NAPLAN K-2 Soccer & 2/3S	^{21st} NAPLAN Harmony Day
9 Mar	^{24th} NAPLAN	^{25th} Student Leaders Day Kimberwalli Cultural Immersion Excursion Inclusive Athletics	^{26th} Whole School Assembly	^{27th} K-2 Soccer & 2/3S	^{28th} Nepean Shield
10 April	^{31st} Olympian Visit Yrs 4-6 11:45 - 12:45 Blue Week	^{1st}	^{2nd} Blue Day P&C Meeting	^{3rd} K-2 Soccer & 2/3S	^{4th} School Cross Country
11 April	^{7th}	^{8th} ANZAC Ceremony Penrith Paceway Parent Teacher Interviews	^{9th} Parent Teacher Interviews School Assembly	^{10th} K-2 Soccer & 2/3S	^{11th} Last Day of School Easter Hat Parade

Family Connect and Support



Barnardos Australia - Brighter Beginnings

Information for Families



What is Brighter Beginnings?

- The Brighter Beginnings initiative at Barnardos Australia is a part of our Early Intervention Family Connect and Support (FCS) program, to support children and families access to services.
- Brighter Beginnings is an entirely free, confidential and voluntary program.

Who is eligible?

- We work with families who have children aged 0-5. If you have older children as well, we can help you with finding the right support for them too.

What type of support will Barnardos offer?

- We can provide you with information and resources on any worries you might have about your child, your family or even for yourself.
- We can support with any challenges you may be experiencing, such as your child's health and wellbeing, financial concerns, mental health, domestic and family violence.
- Barnardos can complete referrals and provide practical assistance to you and your family to access appropriate supports in your local area.

How do I make a referral?

- The referral process is simple and can be completed over the phone or face to face.
- You can refer yourself directly, by contacting your Barnardos worker (at the preschool) or contacting the **Family Connect and Support Intake Line on 1800 666 757**. All you need to say, is that you would like to be referred to Brighter Beginnings and you will be connected to the right support.
- You can speak to your child's preschool staff and they can complete a referral for you.





Parent Line NSW

Parent Line counsellors are available to help with any of your parenting issues.

Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children aged 0 to 18 years who live in New South Wales. We can also provide support and information for professionals working with families.

Our counsellors can help with problems relating to young babies and children:

- Settling and feeding newborns and babies
- Toddler taming
- Managing child care and school transitions
- Support during family separation
- Managing stress and anxiety

Through to issues relating to teenagers:

- Teen mental health
- School and study issues
- Managing technology use
- Alcohol and drug use
- Strategies to build positive relationships

Help when you need it.

Monday - Friday, 9am - 9pm
Saturday - Sunday, 4pm - 9pm

 **Parent Line NSW**
1300 1300 52
Parentline.org.au



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P&C NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING P&C FUNDRAISERS



UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

MARCH

12th Whole School Assembly
12th—24th - Naplan for Year 3 and Year 5 Students
13th K-2 Soccer
20th K-2 Soccer
25th Student Leaders Day
25th Kimberwali Excursion
25th Whole School Assembly
27th K-2 Soccer

APRIL

2nd Blue Day
4th Yr 2—6 Cross Country
8th Yr 5 & 6 Anzac Service
11th Easter Hat Parade
11th Last Day Term 1

SCHOOL CANTEN

**NOW OPEN
WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY &
FRIDAY ONLY**

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
TUESDAY &
THURSDAY
2:00PM—2:30PM**

*Alternately you can make
An order through the office.*

P&C COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: NATALIE KINGDOM
VICE PRESIDENT: LISA DEKOSTER
VICE PRESIDENT: GEMMA RHOOK
TRESURER: WHITNEY WILLCOCKS
SECRETARY: RENEE COOPER

A NOTE FROM THE

P&C PRESIDENT

On Wednesday 5th March we held our AGM (Annual General Meeting).

Here is your new P&C Executive Committee:

President—Natalie Kingdom

Vice President—Lisa DeKoster

Vice President—Gemma Rhook

Treasurer—Whitney Willcocks

Secretary—Renee Cooper

Congratulations to everyone and I look forward to working with you in 2025!

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 6.30pm in the school library. This is your chance to come and meet and talk to other Parents/Carers/Staff and learn about important events happening at our school. I hope to see you there!

TERM 1 FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The P&C are running a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser for Easter this year, giving everyone the opportunity to purchase a box of 12 original glazed donuts for \$22.00 (Pre-Order only). Forms needs to be returned by 2.45pm on Friday 28th March.

We will also be selling a limited amount of individual original glazed donuts for \$2 each after the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April.

UNIFORM UPDATE

The Uniform Shop will continue to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm—2.30pm this year.

Thankyou so much to all those that have donated uniform items that you no longer need, we really appreciate it. All second hand items are free and available to collect from the Uniform Shop.

All students now need to be wearing the Blue Polo Shirts.

The Gold Polo Shirts have now been phased out for 2 years and need to be completely removed.

NEXT MEETING : WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025 AT 6:30PM

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Term 1, Week 5 - K-6 Merit Awards

KP	Ariana V Zander H	KJ	Tynisha M Braxton O
K/10	Atiliu MB Antonio G	1/2B	Shaymus O Laylah R
1/2C	Vincent M Tevita L	2/3S	Eli N Scarlet L
3/4H	Chanelle D Jaxton F	3/4F	Braxton G Nevaeh R
4/5Q	Ibrahim S Suyana D	5/6T	Ariah K Emily F
5/6G	Olivia M Sarah M	Buru	Melina T
Bugari	Archer G	Wirriga	Ava G
Mariyang	Karen W		

Term 1, Week 5 - K-6 Maths Giant Awards

KP	Harrison M	KJ	Hudson B
K/10	Ali AH	1/2B	Neevaan D
1/2C	Bardan S	2/3S	Adhvik AS
3/4H	Lachlan H	3/4F	Amelia K
4/5Q	Arielle D	5/6T	Levi F
5/6G	Isaac T	Buru	-
Bugari	Emmet SC	Wirriga	Eli P
Mariyang	Hunter M		



Term 1, Week 5 - K-6 Bronze Awards

KP	Matthew B Riyana P	KJ	Wyatt W Daisy M
K/1O	Brooklyn W Mason F Ariyah S Amelia M Laken F	1/2B	Suyad D Kenzie M Lexi M Zara RM Charlee B
1/2C	Althea W Anastasia DK Koby K Kensi H Anastasia D	2/3S	Liliana G Evangeline M Keira P Charlotte M Sophia V
3/4H	Paige R Chelsea P Riona R Ryan B Meesha F	3/4F	Vincent T Parth D Kiara P Chaithra K Myra C
4/5Q	Isabella B Joyee S Matthew M Chloe M Joshua K	5/6T	Dally JB Jacob G Amelyah WO Isaac B
5/6G	Mackenzie W Mia P Noah L	Buru	Oliver T
Bugari	Nakiah S	Wirriga	Leo D
Mariyang	Miranda G		

Term 1, Week 5 – K-6 Writer of the Month Awards

1/2C	Avani D	5/6T	Deeksha P
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2025 SRC Representatives

K/1O	Brooklyn W	Mason F	1/2B	Jax H	Zara RM
1/2C	Azalia F	Ryley S	2/3S	Liliana G	Blake C
3/4H	Isabelle P	Tayler M	3/4F	Tanuja D	Kayden B
4/5Q	Braxton O	Dionne T	5/6T	Lily N	Brigh V
5/6G	Brayden H	Faith K	Support	Isaac T	Leo D



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Be Safe

Be a Learner

Be Respectful

UNIFORM ORDER REQUEST FORM

as at June 2024

Description	Size	Price	Size Required	Qty Required	Total	Office Use Only
Blue Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	4 – 2XL	30.00				
Blue Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	4 – 2XL	30.00				
Sports Shirt	4 – 2XL	30.00				
Sports Shorts	4 - L	15.00				
Microfibre Skort w Bike Shorts	4 - XL	30.00				
Culottes and Skirts	Limited	10.00				
Dress	4 – 12	50.00				
School Shorts	4 – 2XL	20.00				
Cargo Pants	4 - 16	27.00				
Cuffed Tracksuit Pants	4 - 16	25.00				
Jumper	4 – 2XL	25.00				
Bomber Jacket	4 – 2XL	35.00				
Microfibre Jacket	4 - XL	45.00				
Preschool Shirt	4 – 8	28.00				
School Hat	S M L	12.00				
School Bag		38.00				
TOTAL						

The Uniform Shop is open 2.00pm – 2.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Orders will be ready for pickup once payment is received.

Orders can be left at the office **with payment** and uniforms will be sent home with your child.

Account Name: Kingswood South Public School P & C Special Purpose
BSB: 062589 **Account No:** 00913951 **Ref No:** (child's name and class)

Please tick method of payment: Cash [] POS [] Bank Transfer []

Child's Name and Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Contact Number:** _____

Date Paid: _____ **Signed:** _____ **Receipt #:** _____

School Admin ONLY

Item removed by: _____ Date: _____