

***We are a Child Safe School.***  
***All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.***  
***We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.***

***From the Principal,***

***Extended family holidays/student absences***

As per the changes made late last year, I ask that all parents notify me in writing, prior to taking their children out of school on long or short term holidays. You may do this via email or by bringing a printed request to the office. This is a legal requirement of the Department of Education that all absences, long or short term are explained. Unexplained absences are documented as unauthorised.

***Junior School Council (JSC)***

Students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to apply for a position on the JSC. These roles are highly sort after and students are required to demonstrate their capacity to organise events, speak in public, run assemblies and events as well as demonstrate and display our school values at all times.

Students will be preparing their speeches and presenting them to the student cohort in the coming days. Selected students will be presented to the school community at a special assembly on Monday 20th February, beginning at 2.30pm. More information will follow shortly.

***Parent Payments***

Parent payments for **2017 Essential Education Items** are now due and payable. These should be finalised by 28<sup>th</sup> February (this will ensure you obtain the \$25 discount and can enter into a prize draw for the \$100 credit to be used for excursions, camp and other school events. This credit cannot be used for school uniforms. The prize draw will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at assembly. If you are unable to make full payment by this date you may discuss a payment plan with Toulia or myself.

***New programs***

Three new programs for 2017 have begun at our school.

***The Berry Street Education Model*** is part of our Learning to Learn program. Here students are assisted to set themselves up positively for the start of the year. You may have already heard your child talking about Brain Breaks, Circle Time and other activities they are using in their classroom.

***The Song Room*** is a music based program in which Years Prep—Grade 4 participate. The facilitators believe that music improves literacy education and supports student engagement. Please ask your children about these programs.

We have also introduced formal ICT lessons this year. All Victorian students are required to learn technology including coding and other advanced skills.

We are excited by all of these opportunities. I look forward to catching up with all parents throughout the term.

***Christine Campbell***  
***Principal***

<b>Monday 13th February</b>	<i>Assembly, 3.10pm @ Sensory Garden (weather permitting)</i>
<b>Tuesday 14th February</b>	<i>School Banking Day</i>
<b>Wednesday 15th February</b>	<i>No school for Prep students Playgroup, 9.00am—10.50am</i>
<b>Thursday 16th February</b>	<i>Grade 3-6 AFL Sporting Clinic School Council Meeting, 6.30pm</i>
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	<i>JSC Investiture &amp; Assembly, 2.30pm @ Sensory Garden (weather permitting)</i>
<b>Tuesday 21st February</b>	<i>School Banking Day</i>
<b>Wednesday 22nd February</b>	<i>No school for Prep students Playgroup, 9.00am—10.50am</i>
<b>Friday 24th February</b>	<i>Carlton Football Club visit for Grade 5/6 Football Program, 11.30am—1.30pm</i>
<b>Monday 27th February</b>	<i>Assembly, 3.10pm @ Sensory Garden (weather permitting)</i>
<b>Tuesday 28th February</b>	<i>School Banking Day</i>

### **Student School Banking**

Student banking is handled by a volunteer parent once a week on Tuesdays. Students have the opportunity of banking with the Commonwealth Bank. Deposits can be processed through the student banking scheme. All other transactions and queries must be attended to by the parents directly through the bank. Application forms are available from the school office.



### **School Speed Limits**

Speed limits around schools drop to as low as **40km/h** and are enforced from Monday to Friday. Parents, please also be aware that you can be fined for parking in the disabled zone, over driveways, on the crossing area or too close to a corner. Be aware that Police have increased their presence. To manage student traffic before and after school, please walk your child through the front gate, NOT the staff car park.

### **Uniform**

A reminder that our school uniform is compulsory. This has been set by our School Council and is shown in our Uniform Policy. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the appropriate school uniform and that each item is clearly named. Uniform Shop is open for sales on Friday mornings, between 9.00am—10.00am, however, orders can be left at the school office. Suitable footwear is also required, as per our Policy, and for obvious safety reasons, runners or school shoes only.



### **Dental Check Ups**

Coming home with today's newsletter is a letter, flyer and permission form for your child to participate in our upcoming free dental check up & treatment plan for eligible students. Permission forms must be returned to the school office no later than Thursday 23rd February.

### **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund**

CSEF—Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A payment of \$125 for eligible primary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camp, sports and excursions for the benefit of the student. Application forms are available from the office and we also need to take a copy of your concession card with the completed form.



The Canteen Menu Price List has been sent home, please check your child's school bag.



A big warm welcome to Cindy Hodgson, Renee Smith, Emma Bailey, Rawinia Carroll, Sally Tekin and Effie Blakis for joining the Canteen team. Also, a big thank you to Anna Torbett for filling in on short notice.

**Rosters:**

Rosters are ready for pick up. The Canteen still need volunteers, please come and see me or leave your contact details at the school office.

**Wednesday 15th February** Renee Smith & Emma Bailey  
**Thursday 16th February** Mandy Watson  
**Friday 17th February** Anna Torbett & Ainsley Pritchard



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**Special Lunch Day**

Our first Canteen Special Lunch Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Order forms will be sent home soon. Koshi Sushi is our supplier. If you do not wish to purchase Sushi, you can still order from the normal canteen menu. Parent helpers are required on the day, if you can spare an hour or so please come and see me.

**Almost fully stocked**

The Canteen is almost fully stocked, just waiting on "Fried Rice" and "Vanilla Ice Cream Cups". I will advise you when these become available.

*Christine Mountney*

**Computers for Seniors ( age 55+)**

*Not confident in using a computer?*

*This supportive beginners' course will teach you all the basics so that you can start using computers to meet your everyday needs.*

Class starts 21 February, 10 sessions, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 12.30pm—3.00pm

Cost: Concession & Full: \$34, Fee for Service: \$297 +

Service & Amenities Fee

For more details please ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au) Our 2017 course guide is now available.

**TERM DATES 2017**

Term 1 31st January to 31st March

Term 2 18th April to 30th June

Term 3 17th July to 22nd September

Term 4 9th October to 22nd December



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**John Milton**

Drummer|Composer|Tutor

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**Drum Lessons 2017**  
**Expression of Interest Form**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

New enrolments are now being accepted! Lessons are held once a week and typically run for 30 minutes; charged per term. If you are interested in your child starting drum lessons at Kingsbury Primary School, simply fill in this form and hand into the office.

Alternatively, if you would like lessons for your child to start immediately please contact John directly on 0437 873 488 or [john.milton@gmail.com](mailto:john.milton@gmail.com).

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Further information regarding the lessons (including pricing) is available on request. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Best Regards,  
John Milton BMus