

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,
Parent Opinion Survey 2017

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of Kingsbury Primary School. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of our school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August**.

Approximately 50 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. Parent invitations to participate will be sent out next week.

The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. Kingsbury Primary School will communicate the survey results to parents through the Annual Report and the newsletter. Last year we used the survey results to plan curriculum programs and welfare initiatives that encouraged students to have greater engagement with their own learning.

For further information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school. Sticker sheets have been sent home with this newsletter. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Curriculum Day

Parents and caregivers are reminded to take note of our ***next student free day, Monday 24th July 2017***. Alternative care and supervision arrangements need to be made for children on this date. Out of School Hours Care will operate on this day, provided that we meet the minimum number of students required.

Christine Campbell

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster:

Wednesday 26th July

Thursday 27th July

Friday 28th July

Vanessa Bryan & Rawinia Carroll

Cindy Hodgson & Marjorie Hodgson

Rawinia Carroll & Vanessa Dean



Canteen Special Lunch Day

Order forms will be sent home next week for "Soup Day". If you do not wish to purchase soup, you may still order from the normal canteen menu. Parent helpers are also required on this day, please pop in and see me or leave your contact details at the school office.

Thank you

Big thank to the JSC for conducting our "lucky draw" winners last term.

The Canteen is now fully stocked.

Christine Mountney



DAREBIN JUNIOR GIANTS BASKETBALL

Darebin Junior Giants are looking for players for the Summer 2017 season.

Competition is played on Saturdays in the Whittlesea Basketball Association competition. Teams range from under 8s through to under 19s for both boys and girls.

Games commence 22 July 2017 through to finals which are played in December. For further information please contact Helen on 0433 849 728. Registration can be done online on Darebin Basketball website.

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx



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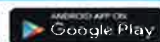
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BOOK TITLE

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3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

SCHOLASTIC





SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS 2017

Supported Playgroups operate weekly during school terms and are provided by Darebin City Council in partnership with the Department of Education and Training



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

Playgroups offer opportunities to learn, develop and connect with the local community in a fun and informal way.

The playgroups are FREE.

Families with children aged from birth to four years can attend.

Supported playgroups deliver the smalltalk program where parenting essentials will be introduced as part of the playgroup session. The topics include Tuning into Children and Listening and Talking more.

Some families may be eligible for in-home support, where the facilitator visits the family in their home fortnightly for up to five visits.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To enrol, families must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria: holder of a Health Care Card or equivalent; family member identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; families looking after children in kinship care arrangements (out of home care); families referred from Child FIRST/Child Protection.

BOOKINGS

To find out if your family is eligible, for more information, and to register:

E: early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au
T: 8470 8920

HELD EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

FROM 9.30AM – 11.00AM

AT KINGSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

“Friday Fun Days”

Friday 4th August & Friday 18th August 2017
2:45pm – 3:20pm

These “Friday Fun Days” will give parents and children a chance to see a Prep class in action.

The children will participate in fun and engaging activities where they can get to know each other.

Parents will have the opportunity to speak with school staff about any concerns or queries as they prepare for their child’s first year of primary school.

These days are open for all children who will be in Prep in 2018.

Please contact our office on **9462 2711** to make a booking.



We're Online!

Find us online

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Visit us in person

1A Maryborough Ave, Kingsbury

