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## Upcoming Events

### **Monday 12 May – Friday 16 May**

Prep – Year 2 Learn to Swim

### **Wednesday 14 May**

School Association Meeting

6:30pm - School Library

### **Wednesday 21 May**

Huon & Channel Cross Country

(selected Year 3 – 6 students only)

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## School Hours

8.55am – 2.55pm

Recess: 11.10 – 11.40am

Lunch: 1.05 – 1.35pm

### **Classrooms open at 8.30am.**

For student safety, students are not to be on the school premises before 8.30am.

### **School Office Hours 8.30am – 3.30pm**

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter and the start of Term 2.



We have had a busy start to the term with the School Cross Country, World Laughter Day, ANZAC Day Dawn Service and the upcoming Learn to Swim program for our Prep-Year 2 students. Although busy, I feel this calendar shows how lucky our students are to have such a rich and varied school experience. A school experience that enables children to thrive in their own way and shine with their individual talents. Thank you for your support of these events.

In the coming weeks, our educators will be preparing for the upcoming Mid-Year Reports. Families will receive a report and an invitation to attend a Parent-Teacher Conversation. These meetings will be scheduled for the 24 and 25 of June. This is a great opportunity for families to speak to our educators about the aspects of your child's schooling that are going well and the focus areas we are supporting them with. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to have these conversations.

Congratulations are also extended to our choir students that have participated in the recent Bunnings events. These are wonderful community events that enable us to have a real audience to share the skills we have been learning at school and to promote our wonderful music program. Well done to everyone involved.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
**Principal**

## Water Fountains are Flowing

Our students have been sharing some suggestions for ways we could improve our school. We truly value student voice at our school and there have been some great suggestions put forward.

In recent months, our students have been writing to our Principal to share some of their suggestions and one of the suggestions was to install a water fountain at school. There were many persuasive reasons for why this would be a wonderful thing at school, and we agreed. We thought this was such a good idea, we decided to install two of them! One is in the Year 3-4 courtyard which is accessible to all students at break times (and close to the courts), and the second one is in the Prep-1 playground area.



## Library Lessons

One of our favourite things to see at school is children enjoying their library books! Each week our classes visit the school library to look at the books and to borrow a few to take home. Following a recent library lesson, we could see many children looking through their library books at the following recess and lunch break around the playground. It's wonderful to see how valued reading and good books are at our school.



## World Laughter Day



World Laughter Day was certainly a bit of a *hoot* this week! We are incredibly proud of our students for demonstrating our values of Courage and Respect as they stood in front of the large audience seated in the playground and took to the microphone to share a joke or two.

We heard many “knock, knock” jokes and even a few original jokes that we think students wanted to try with a real audience.



Our SRC worked hard in the background to promote World Laughter Day, to brainstorm what was needed to make the event successful and to set up the space on the day. Our SRC also researched and recorded some of their favourite jokes that were available for anyone to use on the day.





## ANZAC Day

Attending the ANZAC Day Dawn Service is just one of the ways our school is valuing our role within the community. To stand with members of our community and to be part of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service demonstrates our values of Connection, Courage, Respect, Responsibility and Growth. We would like to thank Mrs Eddleston for supporting our students at the event and for collecting our flowers and all of



the parents and students for attending the early morning service. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## School Cross Country

The School Cross Country was a wonderful event. We had many families join us to celebrate the effort of our children doing the best they could to complete the course. Students from our upper primary classes did an outstanding job of supporting, encouraging, and running alongside students who needed extra help. Well done to all for outstanding participation.



## Canteen News

A reminder our **School Canteen will be closed in Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of Term 2.**

No lunch orders or counter sales will be available during this time.

## Together We Can

We are pleased to see so many people engaging with our *Together We Can* home reading program. Every week we are acknowledging the effort and participation of our students. Here are a few reminders about *Together We Can*:



- ✓ You can record one reading session each night in your booklet (even if you read multiple books). The aim is to capture how many days of reading your child has achieved.
- ✓ If you are reading a longer book, you can record the same title in your booklet over several reading sessions.
- ✓ It's okay to take turns with the reading. Your child is also learning when they listen to you read to them.
- ✓ Can you ask your child some questions about their reading? There are questions within the booklet as ideas to help you with this.

Thank you for helping to develop a love of reading with your child.



## Safeguarding



### SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL EVENTS

Please be aware of the below information in relation to Safeguarding at all School Events, such as sports carnivals.

**Family members and visitors:** To ensure safeguarding and duty of care requirements are met, family members and other visitors at school events are requested to remain in the designated visitor's area and to encourage students to remain in the student's area.

**Change rooms:** Visitors and parents are not permitted to be in toilets or change rooms while students are present. Adult support will be provided to those students who require assistance. In special circumstances, a principal may give prior permission for a parent or carer to assist their child. In these circumstances, the parent or carer must hold a Regular Working with Vulnerable People check (RWVP), which must be checked on the day, in line with the RWVP Policy, and assist their child in a separate space.

**Photography:** Parents may photograph and film their own child at school events, however, these should not be published or uploaded to social media without the consent of all people whose children are in the images. At swimming events, parents are only to take photos of their own child, no other students should be visible in the image.

**Volunteers:** All volunteers at school events must hold a current Working with Vulnerable People Registration and have completed the relevant DECYP online Mandatory Reporting training. Evidence of both must be provided to the school office on the day of the event. If the event is held on our school grounds, volunteers must check-in at the school office on arrival and check-out on departure.

We look forward to welcoming you in supporting our students at our school events.

### AI CHATBOTS AND COMPANIONS

The eSafety Commissioner online safety advisory committee have released information regarding the increasing risk of AI chatbots and companions to young people. Families and educators are advised to read the information in this link about how we can protect children and young people.

[AI chatbots and companions – risks to children and young people | eSafety Commissioner](#)

### KHS Open Evening

Kingston High School will be holding an Open Evening and school tours on Thursday 5 June (Week 6, Term 2). Please see below for further information. This Open Evening is for all prospective families, not just current year 6 families.

**KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING**

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FUTURE, WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY JUNE 5 2025**

There will be two sessions running during the afternoon and evening.  
**4.30-5.30**  
**6.00-7.00**

Both sessions will start with a short presentation in the auditorium, followed by school tours run by our student leaders.

**RSVP NOW**

Scan the QR code to fill out the RSVP form and book into a session

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