

***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.***

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22nd July	Assembly, 3.00pm
Tuesday 23rd July	School Tours, 10.00am
Wednesday 24th July	Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am Semper Dental Visit #2
Monday 29th July	Foundation (Prep) Fire Ed Visit #1 Assembly, 3.00pm
Tuesday 30th July	School Tours, 10.00am
Wednesday 31st July	Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 1st August	Foundation (Prep) 100 Days of School Celebration
Monday 5th August	Foundation (Prep) Fire Ed Visit #2 Years 3-6 Camp Departs, 8.45am Assembly, 3.00pm
Tuesday 6th August	Years 3-6 Camp returns, approx. 5.00pm School Tours, 10.00am

From the Acting Principal,

A big welcome back to our students for the start of Term 3. I hope that everyone had a safe and delightful opportunity to reset and recharge. As usual, our staff have been busy ensuring that the start of term runs smooth and have prepared some exciting classroom challenges.

STAFFING

Over the break we employed Matthew O'Callaghan to replace myself in the Grade 3/4 area. Matthew has been working at Eltham East Primary School and before that had done a few weeks right here at Kingsbury Primary School. We welcome Matthew to our learning community and look forward to working with him.

NAPLAN

Student results have arrived at school and will be sent home with the students in a sealed white envelope in the coming days. Please read the whole report to gain a deeper understanding of how your child performed on the day of the test.

For further information about this report please follow the link: <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/naplan/parentpamphlet/naplan2024SR/2024NAPLANindividualstudentreportinformationforparentsandcarersEnglish.pdf>

3-WAY CONFERENCES REFLECTION

The 3-way conferences conducted in Term 2 were highly successful. We had over 90% of families attend to learn about and discuss the journey of their child/children. It is no small thing to expect students to put words to their ongoing learning in the classroom and by all reports, they were able to do this wonderfully well. Developing each student's voice and leadership is a goal for many schools including ours and it was evident on the day that we have some very confident learners indeed. A big thankyou to all the staff who supported the students through this process, because without teachers knowing each child and their capabilities then success may have eluded many.

Please keep an eye on the Community Calendar as it often details major events that impact you and your child. It will be sent again this week.

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From the Acting Principal (continued)

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

I am excited to be in this role and even more excited to spend time with a broader range of students and staff as we continue our learning journey. I started my teaching career way back in 1994 at Oak Park Primary School. I have been fortunate enough to have worked at numerous schools in a leadership position, most recently being the Assistant Principal down in Gippsland. I love what we do and will continue to serve the community with dedication and passion.

DID YOU KNOW?

The higher the hopes and expectations of parents with respect to the educational attainment of their child, the higher the student's own educational expectations and, ultimately, the greater the student's academic achievement. (Hong and Ho, 2005, Journal of Educational Psychology)

**Warm regards,
Mr. Shaun Bishop
Acting Principal**

Message from our new staff member, Matt O'Callaghan

"It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I join Kingsbury Primary School in Term 3. I had the privilege of teaching here in 2022 as a pre-service teacher in grade 1/2. What a wonderful surprise it was to return and see so many familiar faces in my classroom. I am a believer in making learning fun, through challenging and meaningful tasks that engage all students. Thank you everyone in the Kingsbury PS community who have made me feel so welcome."

ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

\$20 per session/assessment. Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:
Telephone: 03 9214 8653
Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au
OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjje5YcM>



2025 Foundation (Prep) Enrolments and School Tours

School tours are held every Tuesday morning at 10.00am, for bookings please contact the office on 9472 2711.

We encourage all families with siblings ready to start Prep in 2025 to collect an enrolment form from the office.

Enrolments forms are due by Friday 26th July 2024. After this date we will finalise our enrolments, and send confirmation letters to families early in August.

Transition dates for incoming students will be communicated in the letter.

For further information please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep>