



KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016



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Everyone
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More

EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY to SHINE

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TERM ONE

Friday, 29th January, 2016

Monday	1 st	February	First assembly for Years 1 to 6 – Preps to assemble on Prep side
Monday	8th	February	Whole School Special Assembly - Presentation of Badges to School Leaders
Monday	8 th	February	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING at 7pm
Friday	12 th	February	Swimming PERMISSION FORM AND MONEY due no later than 12th Feb.
Monday	15 th -26 th	February	Intensive Swimming Program – Years 2 to 6 begins → 26th February

WELCOME BACK to 2016

The Kent Park leadership, teaching, office and support staff team, extend a warm welcome back to all members of the school community, to include the 2016 Preps (who started with great enthusiasm today), Vanyo Ivanov (2B), Stavros Sulakvelidze (6H), Xavier Cubian (3B), Marco Baker-Athanassiou (4C) and Serafina Baker-Athanassiou (6C), Lucas Rorke (2R), Pearl Rorke (5P), Madison Cudmore (6H), Lucy Harrison (5D), Yuqing Yang(6H) and Brodie Richardson (6H)

A special welcome is extended to our new staff to include Jane Lonsdale, Tesa Hadziomerovic, Amanda Ball, Louise Wood, Natalie Derrick, Anna Johnson, Juliette Mellon and Kellie Guardini.

The children from Years 1 to 6 have returned to school well settled, refreshed and eager and excited to meet up with friends and their 2016 teachers.

Thank you to staff for their thorough prestart preparation and for ensuring that our 2016 school year has commenced so positively and smoothly.

DAILY TEACHING SESSION TIMES for 2016

9.00 - 11.00am	Sessions 1 and 2
11.00 - 11.30am	RECESS – <u>children may require a larger play lunch</u>
11.30 - 1.30pm	Sessions 3 and 4
1.30 - 1.40pm	Children eat lunch – Eaten in Classrooms
1.40 - 2.25pm	LUNCH PLAY
2.30 - 3.30pm	Session 5

TERM DATES for 2016

TERM ONE - 28th JANUARY to 24th MARCH - Year 1 to 6 students

29th JANUARY to 24th MARCH - 2016 Preps

TERM TWO - 11th APRIL to 24th JUNE

TERM THREE - 11th JULY to 16th SEPTEMBER

TERM FOUR - 3rd OCTOBER to 20th DECEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL APPROVED CURRICULUM DAYS for 2016

27TH JANUARY 2016

4TH MARCH 2016

22ND APRIL 2016

7TH JUNE 2016



Due the fabulous response and feedback we have had from families who have already been using Tiqbiz, we would encourage all families to use this excellent whole school communication tool, including an easy way for parents to notify the school of their child's absence (*See more information overleaf*).

*****IMPORTANT*****

For families who were using Tiqbiz last year, please ensure you UPDATE YOUR “YEAR LEVEL” to your current 2016 Year Level/s (ensuring you also have ticked “Whole School”).



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED using tiqbiz – A WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION TOOL?

Using **tiqbiz** as a **school app** provides a wide range of easy to use school mobile app features at our fingertips. Developed specifically to enhance and streamline communication within the school community, **tiqbiz** delivers an effective solution to many of our school communication requirements, to include –

- Being an excellent way to communicate electronically with our families in this digital age.
 - Tiqbiz is so easy to use and a great way of notifying families immediately of any last minute requirements for school. It could be something as simple as an excursion/ incursion/sport day reminder or a camp/excursion bus is running ½ hr late.
 - A quick and easy way for parents to to notify the school of their child's absence.
- See overleaf for easy instructions to download the Tiqbiz app onto your **smartphone, tablet, computer**

INSTRUCTIONS

DOWNLOAD APP ONTO SMARTPHONE, TABLET, COMPUTER (or all 3 of them)

We have a school app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer... or all of them.

Search for: tiqbiz

Available on the **App Store** iPhone and iPad

Important: Click 'allow' notifications when asked. This is to allow your school to send you important alert notices.

ANDROID APP ON **Google play** Android smartphone and tablet.

www.tiqbiz.com Windows & Mac computers.

Once installed, follow the steps on the next page to tick on our school.

Find and tick our school

Log-in
Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

Find our school
Click the 'Find' icon and type our school name into the search bar. You will now see all of our school boxes.

Tick on
Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you're connected.

Search Results

Inbox
Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Technical Support 9am-5pm Mon-Fri

Victoria	(03) 9800 1489
New South Wales	(02) 8091 6826
Queensland	(07) 5641 4565
Email	team@tiqbiz.com

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****IMPORTANT:** Please select both your **child's year level PLUS "Whole School"** to receive all notifications.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To be eligible, you must be a holder of a current Pension Concession, Health Care Benefit Card, Veteran Affairs Card valid as at the 29th January, 2016. Please present the card as proof of eligibility. The completed claim form for 2016 C.S.E.F. must be handed in to the office no later than Friday **26th February, 2016**. Forms submitted later than 26th February will not be eligible for the first payment batch.

Forms have been handed out to the eldest child in each year level today. Additional forms may also be collected from the office.

THE
EDUCATION
STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

