



# KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017



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*EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY to SHINE*

**N° 1.**

**TERM ONE**

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February</b>	Whole School Special Assembly – Presentation of Badges to School Leaders 9am – Morning Tea with parents (after assembly)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February</b>	Inter-school Swimming Trials (selected students) *See note below.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February</b>	<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING at 7pm</b> <b>Notice of 2017 School Council election and call for nominations (Office foyer)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February</b>	Swimming PERMISSION FORM AND MONEY due no later than 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February</b>	Intensive Swimming Program – Years 2 to 6 begins → 24 <sup>th</sup> February

**WELCOME BACK to 2017**

*The Kent Park leadership, teaching, office and support staff team extend a warm welcome to all members of the school community, to include the 2017 Foundation students, Ashton Leslie (4K), Cleo Leslie (1B), Lara Lintott (4C), Caleb Inglis (2H), Grace Intharachot (2T), Beau Manu (3B) and Elia Molavi (FJ).*

*A special welcome is also extended to new staff member, Grant Cameron (6G).*

*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 2017 teachers. Thank you to the teaching, administration and cleaning staff for their thorough prestart preparation and for ensuring that our 2017 school year has commenced so positively and smoothly. The works related to the removal of the portables are near completion and we look forward to planning with the community to refurbish the newly acquired playground space.*

- *SUNSMART - please ensure that all students have their bucket hat at school to wear until April 30<sup>th</sup>*
- *PROTECTIVE CLOTHING – Art smocks are also required for each art session F to 6*

**TERM DATES for 2017**

**TERM TWO - 18<sup>th</sup> (TUESDAY) APRIL to 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**TERM THREE - 17<sup>th</sup> JULY to 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**TERM FOUR - 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER to 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL APPROVED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING and PUPIL FREE DAYS for 2017**

**30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

**8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**

**8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 (CUP EVE)**

**2017 SCHOOL LEADERS**

The **School Leaders** (announced in 2016) will be presented with their badges to the whole school community at assembly on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.**

*Please join us for this special presentation assembly for our -  
School Captains, Sport Captains, House Captains, Arts Captains, Extra-Curricular Captains,  
Environmental Captains, Library Captains and Junior School Councillors.*



**INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Dear Parents,

If your child has not been given a permission form for the School Swimming trials and you consider they have the ability to take part, please contact Mr. Johnston.

Children can select to be trialled over 50m in Freestyle, Backstroke or Breaststroke.

**CANTEEN 2017** – the canteen will be closed until further notice from School Council.



## 2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR 2017/2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Nominations will open on 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FOR 2 PARENT VACANCIES ON OUR 2017/2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL.

*If you are interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students and assist with improving our grounds and play spaces.*

*Effective school councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.*

For more information on what's involved see: [Parent Participation at School](http://www.education.vic.gov.au) on the DET website  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

Nominations will close on FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> and forms will be available from the school office from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### **IMPORTANT SCHOOL COUNCIL REMINDERS**

- As excursions, incursions and sports activities are now being organised for 2017, ***please ensure that all deadline dates are met for the return of notices and money.*** This prevents the re-issuing of notices, assists the teachers and office staff in ensuring that programs are catered for effectively and efficiently, and **most importantly, avoids disappointment for the children.**  
**Please note - All camps and excursions are to be paid in full prior to participation, unless special confidential arrangements are made with Alison Macauley. (Please don't hesitate to make an appointment if required).**  
***It is therefore critical that fortnightly newsletters and TIQBIZ updates are carefully read and important dates noted. The newsletters are posted on the website.***
- **Knox Council officers will continue to patrol schools, particularly in peak drop off and pick up times.** We urge all drivers to be safe around the school and abide by the parking and speed limit rules.  
Pedestrians (students and parents) are also reminded to use the Council crossings **before and after school.**
- Students riding ***to and from*** school on bikes and scooters are reminded to follow the road rules and wear helmets at all times.  
**PLEASE NOTE - Parents are required to complete the KPPS PERMISSION to RIDE to and from SCHOOL OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS form before a child commences riding. If this form was completed in 2016 there is no necessity to complete another in 2017. Please collect the form from the Office asap.**
- Any student arriving after the bell at 9am **is required to** report to the Office **with their parent** to sign in. The student **must** then be escorted to the classroom with their parent.
- Please ensure that the **pedestrian gates** are **closed** if you are exiting the school grounds after **9.00am.**
- **Students** (even when accompanied by a parent) **are reminded not to enter or exit** the school via **the staff car park** before and after school. ***Please note that this rule is a DET safety regulation.***
- All students P to 6 require an art smock and library bag to participate effectively in these programs.
- In line with DET regulations **dogs are not permitted** in the school grounds at any time.
- **STUDENT BANKING** will resume on Wednesday **8<sup>th</sup> February.**
- **SMOKING is STRICTLY prohibited within 4 metres of the ENTRANCE GATES.**
- **SUNSMART** - Please ensure that your child has their **bucket sunhat** at school at all times. We must abide by the Sunsmart "NO HAT, NO PLAY" rule from **September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
Students will be required to sit in the foyer during play times if not protected with the regulation school bucket hat. The application of sunscreen at the beginning of the day is also advised. Parents are reminded to provide sunscreen for re-application during the day.

## A WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION TOOL

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.

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 notify the school of their child's absence.

### 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.

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 [www.tiqbiz.com](http://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**

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Email	team@tiqbiz.com

  
[www.tiqbiz.com](http://www.tiqbiz.com)

### **IMPORTANT:**

- You must select your **child's year level** to receive **all** notifications.
- For families who were using tiqbiz last year, please ensure you **update your "Year Level"** to your current 2017 Year Lev

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Please present the card as proof of eligibility. The completed claim form for 2017 C.S.E.F. must be handed in to the office no later than Friday **24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**.

Forms submitted later than 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

