WELCOME TO TERM 1

We have had a terrific start to the year. Our new Foundation students have settled in to school incredibly well and all are keen and eager to learn. The students in the rest of the school have settled into their classes with their new teachers and we are busy implementing our Literacy and Numeracy Programs as well as introducing our Challenge Based Learning Program.

This week we are also implementing our Quality Beginning Program and tomorrow we have an exciting day of performances from different Asian countries as part of the children’s awareness of our Asian neighbours. Tomorrow morning the children will be working in mixed age groups and they will be seeing a performance of Traditional Koto, a thirteen stringed Japanese harp. This is a beautiful instrument and the children are really mesmerised by the size of the harp and its unique sound.

One of the other performances will be Toko Drums. Toko Drumming is very exciting and some of the students will have the opportunity to try the drums themselves.

Then we have two performances from India; one is an Indian classical dancer, which will be very beautiful, and we have a session of Bollywood dancing, which we will all be participating in and should be a lot of fun.

After lunch, the whole school will be in the Stadium for the Chinese Lion Dance, an art form that dates back to the 12th Century. This should be a terrific finale to the week.

HOAX BOMB THREATS

Unfortunately the beginning of this year has been marred for some schools who have received hoax bomb threats. If this occurs at Kalinda we will immediately enforce our Evacuation Plan. Once we have the children out of the school we will gather on the oval next to the Stadium. We will be notifying the school community through our text messaging system, on Facebook and via the Compass Newsfeed.

Many parents arriving all at once at the school would create traffic chaos and be more dangerous for the children! This would also hamper emergency services. If you are needed, we will contact you.

WE WILL LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN.
WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL UNLESS YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO.

Unless notified otherwise, please pick up your children from school at the regular time and regular place.

Below is a letter from the Education Department:

“Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Education Department is writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Kalinda Primary School has not received such a phone call but we want to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.
Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact the school.”

**BADGE PRESENTATIONS**

On Monday we will have the pleasure of presenting badges to our school leaders. These will include the Student Leadership Team, House Captains, House Vice Captains and LOTE Branch Out Ambassadors.

**PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore, parents are reminded to discourage children bringing valuable items to school.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Below is an excerpt from a memo from the Department of Education which I draw to the attention of all our families.

“Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, including ambulance.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.”

**SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES**

**KALINDA IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

We have some students at Kalinda who have a SEVERE allergic reaction (Anaphylaxis shock) to nuts or nut products.

This is an extremely serious condition and we must treat it with great care and concern. We also are aware that there are other children in the school who at the moment have milder reactions to nuts / nut products and eggs. **This includes Nutella!**

We do realise that labels on processed products can be very difficult to read and interpret, but we do ask you to be cautious in food preparation as this condition is very serious if children come into contact with nuts in any way.

Our school canteen will also not be selling food that contains nuts or nut products.

All children at Kalinda must be safe at school and it is the responsibility of the school and its community to make sure that happens. Even though these children may not be in your child’s grade it is still possible for playground equipment to be contaminated by residue on fingers, etc.

Please communicate this message to the rest of your family if they are making lunches for your children. **NO NUTS!**

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

GAIL POLLARD
PRINCIPAL
**Events Calendar**

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**TERM DATES 2016**

- **Term 1** – 27 January – 24 March
  (Easter – Good Friday 25th March)
- **Term 2** – 11 April – 24 June
- **Term 3** – 11 July to 16 September
- **Term 4** – 3 October to Tuesday, 20 December

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- 10th - Susanne H.
- 11th - Megumi N. & Yuko W.
- 12th - Jo H. & Megan Mc.

**PLEASE NOTE:** CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND OVER THE COUNTER SALES AGAIN NEXT WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY.

**Working Bee Dates 2016**

- Sunday 28th February
- Saturday 16th April
- Sunday 15th May
- Saturday 18th June
- Sunday 17th July
- Saturday 13th August
- Sunday 11th September
- Sunday 16th October
- Sunday 27th November

If you are able to help on at least one of these dates, please fill in the notice sent home earlier this week and return to the office by 19th February.

**Facilities Committee**

**Sports News**

Mr Steve Harvey, our Phys Ed & Sports Coordinator, is the author of the Sporting News section in the newsletter each week. However, for future news items all Sports News will be sent out via Compass and targeted towards the appropriate student levels. Stay tuned (via Compass) for the latest news from next week.
PUPIL OF THE WEEK

12B Olivia H. - For putting such great thought and effort in your letter to the teacher.
Ethan W. - For showing fantastic initiative in the classroom, helping to keep it clean and tidy.
12D Charlotte O. - For making such a wonderful start at Kalinda Primary School!
Taylan C. - For working so hard when writing his goals for the year.
12N Oscar W. - For making terrific learning choices and using his active listening skills.
Ryan Z. - For your awesome start to the year. You are a wonderful role model for our new Grade 1s.
12R Josh T. - For always being an attentive listener and for showing all our Kalinda Values.
Alana W. - For completing her work promptly and showing the Kalinda Values.
12S Maverick J. - For working so co-operatively with our grades during Mindfulness.
Riley O’C. - For being such a responsible and helpful class member.
12T Reghanne P. - For hr enthusiasm during class discussions and respectfully offering her ideas.
Isabelle W. - For returning to the classroom with a positive attitude and setting a fantastic example for her peers.
34C Bella Y. - For fitting in and adjusting to a new school so well. Welcome to Kalinda!
Harrison G. - For showing respect, care and consideration within the classroom.
34P Chris G. - For being such a kind and respectful member of our class. Welcome to Kalinda!
Karli T. - For always demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning and for being a good friend. Thank you so much, Karli.
34R Miles P. - For starting the year so positively. You are a great member of the class!
56C Ella F. - For showing such terrific initiative this week, by seeing a job that needed doing and helping to get it done. Thank you!
Michi McD. - For using your initiative to download ‘Smiling Mind’ for you and your brother to use to relax each night. How caring, Michi!

We Want You! We Want You! We Want You As A New Recruit!!
No, it’s not the YMCA, but it’s just as exciting, (well, almost!)
Wanting to volunteer, but only have 15 minutes or so to spare?
Then we’ve got the job for you!

It’s exciting, it’s worthwhile, but best of all, it’s super easy!!!

Our school sign is known far and wide. We’ve even been featured in a builder’s newsletter! Lots of passers-by have called the school to comment on our sign. So...to keep it interesting and up to date, we need volunteers on MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

The sign’s messages are prepared for you. It takes approximately 15 minutes to wind down the sign, change the letters and wind it back up again. This could be done at any time during the two allocated days. If we get lots of volunteers, you may only need to change the sign a few times a year. How easy is that?

Please fill in the form sent home today or leave your name, email address, contact number and preferred day with the office staff. Looking forward to a wonderful response!

Lyse Carlson 😊
Sign Co-ordinator
Hello and welcome back to OSHClub. We are super excited for the new year and hope you all had a fun, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

A special welcome to our new Preppies, we have some new faces and we look forward to getting to know you all better.

Congratulations to our new Grade 6 students – this is your year to shine and we are so happy to have the chance to watch you all flourish.

We have been planning lots of creative and engaging activities for 2016 and look forward to having some new equipment and lots of exciting projects happening. New portfolios are being provided to our regular children and we can’t wait to see the wonderful artwork at the end of the year.

This week we have been focusing on making new friends and settling back into the OSHClub rhythm and routines. Lots of discussions have been taking place and we have all been sharing stories about our first days at school and OSHClub.

We have been creating Puppets and holding puppet shows, playing with Lego and having Foosball competitions.

We had many delicious snacks such as fresh fruit, smoothies, cheese and crackers, dips, potato wedges with sour cream to enjoy.

We have had doubles tennis games, dodgeball and octopus when the whole group joins in.

This week we say a sad farewell to Tayla Alderson, who is leaving us for a European adventure, thank you Tayla – we will miss you.

We appreciate your feedback for our program and our team. We are available during program hours on 0439 992 434; feel free to leave a voicemail message if we are unavailable. We are also contactable at oshclub.kalinda@gmail.com. Alternatively, you are always welcome to contact our Area Manager (Kathi Rowan) on 0432 212 817 or Kathi@oshclub.com.au. We have a GOLD suggestion box on the “sign in” table and we invite everyone to leave suggestions whenever they wish! These can be anonymous 😊

We welcome everyone in OSHClub, and it would be lovely to see some new faces in our program.

Kind regards,

Michelle Dark, Tayla Alderson and Wendy Reid.

Program phone: 0439 992 434
Coordinator: Michelle Dark
Assistants: Wendy Reid, Samantha Lawrence, Tayla Alderson.
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
OFFICE NEWS

Parent Payments 2016 – The second instalment of the Parent Payments was due 27th January. For those parents on an Instalment Plan, please forward payment for this instalment as soon as possible.

Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF) – If you are eligible for the CSEF, a new form was sent home this week. Please complete and return to the office as soon as possible, with a copy of your Healthcare/Centrelink Card. Applications must be in by Monday, 22nd February. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Goldfields Camp (Grade 5/6 only): If you would like your child to go on the Grade 5/6 Goldfields Camp in May this year, the deposit of $50 must be paid now. Final numbers are now needed.

Credit Card & BPay payments – Please remember that we cannot accept payments of less than $10 for credit card and less than $30 for BPay. If you are paying by BPay, please also send in a short email or note letting us know the amount, what the payment was for and the BPay Receipt number, to kalinda.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If payments of less than $10 are received, we will be returning them home and asking for cash payment.

THERESA JARVIS
BUSINESS MANAGER

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times: The Uniform Shop is open every Monday from 3:00 – 3:45pm.

SHANNON & JO
UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS

STUDENT BANKING ON HOLD

Please note; Student Banking will not be starting at this point in time. Please wait for further notice before sending in any deposit books to school.

STAFF CAR PARK

The car park is for Staff ONLY. This has to be the case because we cannot accommodate all parents in the car park, even if it is raining. We have had some instances of parents racing into the car park, ignoring the fact that there may be parents with toddlers walking through the car park. This is a dangerous practice and threatens the safety of our children and families.

Please communicate this message to all your family members who may be coming up to the school to collect children. The only exceptions to this ruling is people who have contacted the office and explained that they have a disability or picking up sick children. Those who have a heavy delivery for the school are also allowed in the car park. In these instances a permit will be issued to place on the dashboard of the vehicles.

Please, for the safety of you and your children at drop off and pick up times, use the School Crossing to avoid any unwanted incidents.
See the Community Board in the Foyer for more events.

The Department of Education & Training (DET) and Kalinda Primary School, do not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. DET and Kalinda Primary School accept no responsibility for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.
G’day cricket fans. It’s not too late to join our club to start training for your T20 Big Bash or Test career! Join our Milo in2 Cricket

2 free sessions!!!
Starts Friday 29th January 2016
For Children 4 to 10 years.
Program will be run 5pm to 6pm at Barngeong Reserve North Croydon.
Free 2 x sessions, or,
Cricket Victoria Cost of $75 for full Milo Cricket Kit, plus 6 sessions

The Croydon Knights also has places for boys and girls of all abilities in our under 10s teams.
Start playing real games of cricket straight away with our great club coach Craig.
Guaranteed batting time (6 overs per player).
Registration includes insurance, club cap and club drink bottle

To register contact:
Peter Neumann 0400 220 032 or jharringar_fas@gmail.com
Kathrine Hartley 0403 666 362 or skiper40@optusnet.com.au

Sportmanship Above All Else.

NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
2016 TOUR DATES
Tours of Norwood Secondary College have been organised for the following dates in 2016. Bookings are necessary for tours and interested persons should telephone 9871-0400 to organise a suitable date. Tours commence at 9am from the General Office and are of approximately one hour duration.

Tuesday, 23 February
Wednesday, 2 March
Tuesday, 8 March
Tuesday, 15 March
Wednesday, 16 March
Monday, 21 March
Tuesday, 12 April
Wednesday, 13 April
Tuesday, 19 April
Wednesday, 20 April
Tuesday 26, April
Wednesday, 27 April
Tuesday, 3 May
Tuesday, 10 May
Wednesday, 11 May

Open Night will be held on
Wednesday, 4 May 2016 commencing at 7pm
TUNING INTO KIDS
EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A six session FREE parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 0 – 12 years

WHEN:
Wednesdays
17th Feb to 23rd March
9.30 – 11.30am
Bookings are essential as places are limited

WHERE:
Central Ringwood Community Centre
Bedford Park
Bedford Road,
Ringwood VIC 3134

CONTACT:
Julia at Parentzone on
9735 6190 or
0400 866 495

Would you like to learn tips and strategies to:
- Be better at talking with and understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Parentzone Eastern

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