



KINGSWOOD SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
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# Newsletter

DATE: Friday 7th February 2025  
 TERM 1 WEEK 2

Our school celebrates learning every day and our mission statement is,

**“A school dedicated to providing inclusive quality learning environments, and a school culture that promotes high expectation and success for all.”**

## Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to 2025. Our students have all returned very settled into their new classes, and wow what a great start our new Kindergarten students have made starting school and learning very quickly the routines of school life.

We have our first school Assembly on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> February and I look forward to celebrating our student success and watching our new student leaders for 2025 take the stage. We have our term calendar in our newsletter for our first 8 weeks of the term. Please note this could be updated through the term, due to changes that may have to be made due to weather conditions.

Our teachers value positive relationships with our community members. If you would like to communicate with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment or speak with them at a mutually convenient time before or after school. From 8:30am until 2:45pm, teachers are committed to working with their students. You can ring the office and leave a message, email the school or contact the teacher through the parent portal and the teacher will get back to you with a suitable time.

Our hard-working Kingswood South P&C will have their AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This is a great opportunity to be involved with school events and have your say on school fundraising.

Welcome back and I am looking forward to a wonderful 2025, watching our students learn and grow here at Kingswood South Public School.

Regards  
 Ms Martin



### BELL TIMES

8:53AM - SCHOOL STARTS  
 11:00AM - LUNCH  
 1:25PM - RECESS  
 2:45PM - SCHOOL ENDS

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Term 1

##### Week 3

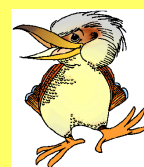
*Monday-Friday  
 Kindergarten  
 Best Start Assessment*

##### Week 4

*Monday-Thursday  
 Kindergarten  
 Best Start Assessment*

##### Friday

*-Competitors Only  
 Swimming Carnival*



## Swimming Carnival

Our Annual **Competitors Only Swimming Carnival** will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Thank you to Ms Quinlan and Mrs Tye for coordinating the event; giving our students the chance to qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival to be held in a few weeks. Information has gone to families.

## Student Attendance Matters

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW Public Schools work in partnership with parents and carers to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn

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Make friends



Build skills through fun



## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per **fortnight**  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

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**4** weeks



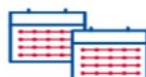
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per **week**  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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Research shows that to develop the habit of regularly going to school, a routine starts in the first years of school. By regularly attending school your child and family gets to know the teacher, other children and families. The more you are involved in your child's learning, the more we can work together to support your child and make sure they get the best start to school. Attending regularly helps your child develop a sense of belonging and connection to school.

## School Uniform

Our hard working P&C will have the uniform shop open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm – 2.30pm. Please make your way to the Uniform Shop and wait to be served. Once you have made your purchase, could you please make your way to the designated pick-up areas and not wait in the playground. I would like to thank all our families for your continued cooperation.

## School Chaplain

Our School Chaplain Mr Steve Dixon is with us again in 2025. He will be at the school gate with Ms Martin to meet the school community. We are very fortunate to have a School Chaplain to support our students and families. The Chaplain's role in the school is to support the wellbeing of school students through the provision of pastoral care services and strategies to support the wellbeing of the broader school community.

## Term 1 NAPLAN

Every year our Year 3 and Year 5 students sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing. This year the testing has been moved to Term One and will take place from the 12<sup>th</sup> March to the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

NAPLAN assesses the Literacy and Numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please contact the school on 4736 2408. More information will be going home in the next few weeks.

## Family Connect and Support

Family Connect and Support will be starting here on site every Thursday from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025. We are very fortunate to have this service to be onsite to support our families. Family Connect and Support is a free service for children, young people and families of any cultural background. The program is supported through Barnardos Australia, which is a leading non-government denominational child protection charity in Australia.

Tiana Mousley will be the coordinator here at the school for the program. She will be here next Thursday morning with Ms Martin at the school front gate to meet families and students.

## Breakfast Club

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning we hold a breakfast Club which is free for every child. Our dedicated staff volunteer to support our students. If any parents have availability to come and help with breakfast club from 8.25am to 8.50am on any of these days, please contact the school office and let us know. We gratefully accept volunteers for this program.



## Let us Introduce our 2025 Teaching Staff

Class Name	Teacher Name	Class Name	Teacher Name
KJ	Mrs Juchnewicz	5/6T	Mrs Tye
KP	Mrs Papsdorf	Mariyang	Mrs Winch
K/10	Miss Osborne	Buru	Mrs Farrell
1/2B	Mrs Brennan	Bugari	Mr Burke
1/2C	Miss Crompton	Wirriga	Mrs Hardie-Grant
2/3S	Mrs Sharkey	Early Intervention	Ms Pearson and Mrs Gibson
3/4H	Mrs Hemingway	Library	Mrs Ishak
3/4F	Miss Fisher	Learning Support	Mrs Looker and Mrs Lewis
4/5Q	Mrs Quinlan	Preschool	Miss Sam and Miss Michele
5/6G	Mr Garnett	RFF	Mrs Buhn

# Term 1 Events Calendar

(Please be aware that some events may be changed or added. It will be updated every newsletter.)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3 Feb</b>	<sup>10th</sup> Best Start	<sup>11th</sup> Best Start	<sup>12th</sup> Best Start	<sup>13th</sup> Best Start	<sup>14th</sup> Best Start
<b>4 Feb</b>	<sup>17th</sup> Best Start	<sup>18th</sup> Best Start	<sup>19th</sup> Best Start	<sup>20th</sup> Best Start	<sup>21st</sup> Swimming Carnival - competitors only Best Start
<b>5 Feb/Mar</b>	<sup>24th</sup> Best Start	<sup>25th</sup> Best Start	<sup>26th</sup> Best Start Whole School Assembly	<sup>27th</sup> Best Start	<sup>28th</sup>
<b>6 Feb/Mar</b>	<sup>3rd</sup>	<sup>4th</sup>	<sup>5th</sup> P&C AGM Meeting	<sup>6th</sup>	<sup>7th</sup>
<b>7 Mar</b>	<sup>10th</sup>	<sup>11th</sup>	<sup>12th</sup> NAPLAN Whole School Assembly	<sup>13th</sup> NAPLAN	<sup>14th</sup> NAPLAN
<b>8 Mar</b>	<sup>17th</sup> NAPLAN	<sup>18th</sup> NAPLAN	<sup>19th</sup> NAPLAN	<sup>20th</sup> NAPLAN	<sup>21st</sup> NAPLAN