

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



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Staff Meeting on Friday 19 June

Mr Fred McEvilly, Principal Teacher of Physical Education, is retiring at the end of the session, and several other staff have also come to the end of their time with us. There will be a special staff meeting on Friday 19 June to thank these staff and to wish them well in their new challenges.

Therefore school will close at 3.15 pm on Friday 19 June.

Please note the correction to the closing time – 3.15 pm, not 3.00 pm. The afternoon will consist of two shorter periods. If this causes a difficulty for you, please contact Mrs Barr.

Friday 26 June

School closes at 1 pm for the summer.

Thursday 13-14 August

Inservice days for staff.

Monday 17 August

Pupils return to school at 8.55 am.

Our Vision for King's Park Secondary School

Over the last few months, staff and pupils have been consulted about the values which they feel are most important. The six most commonly-held values, along with the definitions which pupils discussed, are shown below.

Parents, staff and pupils are also invited to contribute to a shared vision for our school. This is Mrs Barr's starter:

We want King's Park Secondary to thrive as an ambitious, vibrant and caring community of learners and responsible citizens, always working in partnership with others to improve and meet the needs of every learner, where resources, knowledge and skills are shared and used wisely, and achievements are shared and celebrated.

Please send your comments to Mrs Barr.



Our Aims for King's Park Secondary School

Our aims are shown on the next page. These were originally published in the Learning Community newsletter of October 2007. Do you think they should be changed?

Our Aims for King's Park Secondary School

If we were take the themes of the five National Priorities and also the purpose of Curriculum for Excellence encapsulated in the four capacities, our aims would be:

1. **ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTAINMENT.** To provide teaching and learning of a very high standard to motivate and enable all pupils to become confident individuals and achieve their full potential, in particular in literacy and numeracy.
2. **FRAMEWORK FOR LEARNING.** To ensure a positive, inclusive ethos exists within the school to support staff and pupils in their teaching and learning and foster partnerships with parents and carers.
3. **INCLUSION AND EQUALITY.** To develop a sense of equality and fairness, community spirit, understanding and tolerance enabling all pupils to feel valued and respected benefiting from the education provided.
4. **VALUES AND CITIZENSHIP.** To develop values and citizenship, in partnership with parents, to enable pupils to have respect for self and others and to interact appropriately as responsible citizens within the school environment and wider community.
5. **LEARNING FOR LIFE.** To encourage pupils to be ambitious and creative by providing opportunities to equip them with the foundation skills, attitudes and expectations necessary to function successfully in a changing society.
6. **SUMMARY.** To equip all pupils to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

New Timetable - Beginning August 2009

* A reminder to all parents that we change to a new timetable next session, in line with Council Policy.

* **Mondays and Tuesdays will be our longer days.** School will be 8.55 am until 4 pm.
Lunch will be 12.40 until 1.30 pm

* **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be our shorter days.**

* To address the potential risk to the safety of children from St Mirin's Primary and King's Park Secondary at the end of the day on our shorter days, we need to finish at 3.15 pm on Wed/Thu/Fri. So lunch will be 12.40 until 1.35 pm on those days.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Start	8.55 am	8.55 am	8.55 am	8.55 am	8.55 am	
	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg 8.55-9.05 (10 mins)
	p1	p1	p1	p1	p1	p1 9.05-9.55
	p2	p2	p2	p2	p2	p2 9.55-10.45
Int	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	
	p3	p3	p3	p3	p3	p3 11.00-11.50
	p4	p4	p4	p4	p4	p4 11.50-12.40
Lunch	12.40- 1.30 pm	12.40- 1.30 pm	12.40- 1.35 pm	12.40- 1.35 pm	12.40- 1.35 pm	
	p5	p5	p5	p5	p5	p5 Mon-Tue: 1.30-2.20 Wed-Fri: 1.35-2.25
	p6	p6	p6	p6	p6	p6 Mon-Tue: 2.20-3.10 Wed-Fri: 2.25-3.15
	p7	p7	3.15 pm	3.15 pm	3.15 pm	p7 Mon-Tue: 3.10-4.00
Close	4.00 pm	4.00 pm				

School will start at 8.55 am every day, and we value your support in making sure that pupils arrive at school in plenty of time.

We need pupils to be in the playground before the bell rings at 8.55 am, because registration is a very important part of the day, and they must not be late.

Pupils who are late or absent from school should bring a note from their parent. A phone call is helpful, but we must also have a written note which includes the date(s) of absence. Thank you.