

Kingston District News March 2017



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Kingston District Guides for 2017, and a very warm welcome to new members attending for the first time. This year is already shaping up to be a very exciting and busy time for girls and Leaders, with lots of District and Unit events and activities to keep everyone busy. We have already held our District Thinking Day canoeing day and as a District we had two teams in the Race Around Melbourne event in February. Both events were extremely well attended and all girls participated in an activity that they had not done before.

A bit of background information to new members. Girl Guides Victoria is part of Girl Guides Australia, and GGA is a Member Organisation of WAGGGS – the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Kingston District is part of Southern Region, which is made up of Units in Carrum and Mentone and all our Leaders make up the District Team. This District Team works very hard to foster Guiding within our local community by attending local school fetes and community events organised by Kingston Council and other Community organisations. Early February we manned the egg and bacon burger stand at Bonbeach Farmer's Market, and our fundraising effort made \$740.00 for the mornings work. This money is being kept in an account to help girls aged 10+ attend a Jamboree in Sydney in the September holidays in 2018. These International Jamborees occur only every three years, and as a District it is our intention to help our girls and Leaders to attend these events.

Aspendale Primary School Fete – Friday 17th March -

Kingston District is participating in the Aspendale Primary School Fete to be held on **Friday 17th March from 3.30 till 8.00 pm**. Entry is via French or Haig Avenue. This is generally a PR exercise for us and we would welcome girls to help us promote Guiding in Kingston District. We have our "Splat the Rat", Jaffa Smash, giant Jenga and other assorted activities that we use to attract attention at these events. Any girl that attends will be credited for "Service time" for certain badges. Girls to please wear correct uniform.

Rotary Club of Mordialloc, Victorian Gnome and Fairy Festival Sunday 19th March 2017 at The George Woods Reserve, Governor Road, Mordialloc 10.00am till 4.00 pm.

This is the second time we have participated in this fun local event, and welcome any girls that may be able to attend and help on the day. Once again, this is a very good PR event for us and we provide a lot of different activities for children to participate on the day. As at all of these Community events, it is the girls who help us "sell" the benefits of Guiding to the Community. Girls to please wear uniform.

Saturday 13th May Mentone Bunnings – please keep this day free to help with sausage sizzle fundraising event.

Guiding can only flourish in our Community with your help. All of our Leaders are willing and able to give up their precious spare time to help deliver Guiding to your girls, but we do need your help with fundraising and Community events which help promote and foster good relations within our local community.

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