

WOMBAT WHISPER



Honesty Everyone matters Always do your best Respect Teamwork

Hello families,

It's great to see everyone back into the swing of school. Our delightful prep students have settled into school routines nicely and are loving learning and spending time with their buddies.

Our students have been busy in the gardens, weeding, watering, trimming, and generally tidying up. It's a special feeling when students show pride in their school and community.

It's great to see families using the roads safely and crossing at the school crossing if they are crossing the main road. Please continue to remind your child to cross the roads safely and be on the look out for cars. Often it is difficult to see children between or behind cars as they are smaller than the vehicle.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

Prep B – Tess – Being a kind friend to all

Prep B – Huddy – Including everyone

1/2M – Jaeger – Always trying his best

1/2M – Phoenix – Demonstrating the value of Everyone Matters

1/2N – Jessie – Always coming to school being ready to learn

1/2N – Mattea – Doing her best in writing

3/4S – Whole Class – Demonstrating the value of Teamwork

3/4S – Alice – Demonstrating the values of Everyone Matters and Always do your best

4/5S – Whole Class – Settling in great and always doing their best in all classes, including specialist

4/5S – Harry – Consistently demonstrating all the HEART values

5/6D – Whole Class – Demonstrating Teamwork and Respect

5/6D – Aiden – Demonstrating the value of Everyone Matters to his Prep buddy

SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students for being selected by their peers to represent them on the SRC:

2023 Kinglake West Primary School – Student Representative

Council Members (SRC) **Badges will be awarded at assembly on Monday 20th February.

1/2M – Lexi S, Jaegar B and Sonny F

1/2N – Ada O and Eleanor L

3/4S – Nala and Alice R

4/5S – Zoe G and Finley N

5/6D – Kailey A and Emily F

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st February

Pancake Day

Friday 3rd March

Basketball Victoria Clinic P-6

Friday 10th March

Basketball Victoria Clinic 4-6

Monday 6th March – Tuesday 7th March

Life Ed Van Visit

Monday 13th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 29th March

School Cross Country
(Weather Permitting)*

Thursday 6th April

End of Term 1

Monday 24th April

*Whole Staff Professional
Practice Day (PPD) – No
students*

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April

Students begin Term 2

COMMUNICATION

Just a reminder that XUNO is our **main** form of communication. We strongly encourage all families to download the app and make themselves familiar with the platform. Not only is it where you will receive newsletters and important updates, all family payments and excursions/incursion/camps permissions and payments are to be made via XUNO. Not everything will go on the school Facebook Page as that is generally for Teaching and Learning, community events and reminders for things like icy pole days and canteen. Just a reminder that the Facebook page is not the forum to complain or criticise staff. It is not productive at all and certainly doesn't follow our school value of respect. Please ensure any concerns are address appropriately with either the classroom teacher or myself. If you are having trouble accessing XUNO, please come and chat to me and I am happy to assist.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to Stephanie Craven, Nikki Edwards, Jade Carr, Stacie Williams and Kim Gheno who will be joining School Council this year. As the number of vacancies and the number of nominations were the same there was no need to go to an election. These councillors will join the councillors elected last year to build a great school council for this year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are encouraged to wear their sports/house tops of their class PE day and on Fridays for tabloid sports beginning shortly. These tops are NOT compulsory. If you are unsure of your child's house, please contact the classroom teacher.

POSSUMS

WOMBATS

EAGLES

KANGAROOS

A reminder to complete to Student Dress Code Policy feedback form that was posted on XUNO on Wednesday if you haven't already, please. This will remain active until 9pm Sunday 19/2. Alternatively, you are welcome to come and have a chat and offer your feedback.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgMBmKJaQieULVHdfk6IHZbLNiM510kZuS4Czl-CPcRlokW/viewform?usp=pp_url

ATTENDANCE

A huge thank you to all our families for making school attendance a priority. It's great to see fewer students arriving to school late (which we understand can be completely unavoidable at time). Starting the school day on time sets children up for a positive day. If your child is away, please pop it on XUNO or a call or email to the office would be appreciated.

8:50am - Bag Bell

9:00am – Start of Day

9:00am – 11:00am - Session 1&2

11:00am – 11:30am - Recess

11:30am – 1:20pm - Session 3&4

1:20pm – 1:30pm - Lunch eating time inside

1:30pm-2:30pm – Lunch Break

2:30pm – 3:30pm – Session 5

3:30pm – End of Day dismissal

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2023 will be held during weeks 8 & 9 of Term 1, Wednesday 15th March to Monday 27th March.

If you are wanting to discuss any concerns with NAPLAN in regards to your child, please feel free to come and speak with me as soon as possible. I am happy to discuss valid exemptions to the testing and will need to process these requests according to the NAPLAN timetable.

Monday 13 th March	Tuesday 14 th March	Wednesday 15 th March	Thursday 16 th March	Friday 17 th March
		WRITING 9:30am Year 3 – 40 mins Year 5 – 42 mins	<i>Catch up session</i>	READING 9:30am Year 3 – 45 mins Year 5 – 50 mins
Monday 20 th March	Tuesday 21 st March	Wednesday 22 nd March	Thursday 23 rd March	Friday 24 th March
<i>Catch up session</i>	CONVENTIONS of LANGUAGE 9:30am Year 3 – 45 mins Year 5 – 45 mins	NUMERACY 9:30am Year 3 – 45 mins Year 5 – 50 mins	<i>Catch up session</i>	<i>Catch up session</i>

OSHC

Our school has partnered with an independent provider called TheirCare to provide exceptional Outside School Hours Care services for our school community!

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children. During sessions, children develop life-skills, friendships, confidence, and creativity through play-based programs.

Families wishing to use this service can visit the TheirCare website to enrol and book:

www.theircare.com.au. Families are eligible for a Government Rebate called the Child Care Subsidy which can reduce the cost per session by up to 85%.

More information can be obtained by contacting TheirCare Support Team on 1300 072 410.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Courtney Smith
Acting Principal

WELLBEING AT WEST

Welcome to 'Wellbeing at West', each newsletter I will let our community know what we are doing at school to develop and support our students' wellbeing.

I'm excited to share that as a school we have been accepted into 'The Resilience Project'. This is a school-based program that offers practical wellbeing strategies with a focus on Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Social/Emotional Literacy. Every Monday morning each class will dedicate time to work through this program, Prep students will begin this program in a few weeks. This week Year 1 /2M, 1 /2N and 3/4S discussed Empathy while 4/5S and 5/6D discussed Gratitude. If you have any questions, please approach me through the usual channels, I am very happy to discuss the wellbeing initiatives we will be introducing this year.

Jane Manzoney
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader





MINI KHANA

COME & TRY DAY



The **BEST** Entry Level
Motorcycle Activity

Fun, Safe, Skills
Based Courses

Ages 4-16 years

No Licence Needed

BYO Minibikes
& Gear

Date: Sunday 26th February

Club: GoulburnValley Motorcycle Club - Undera

Venue: Next to Undera Rec Reserve & Speedway

Website: Contact Robbie 0419 142 297

FREE

ENTRY & 90-DAY RECREATIONAL LICENCE FOR 1ST TIMERS!

