

WOMBAT WHISPER



Honesty Everyone matters Always do your best Respect Teamwork



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B – Eadie – Demonstrating the HEART values

Prep B – Zack – Always trying his best

1/2M – Ari – Always trying his best

1/2M – Addye – Being a great classroom helper

1/2N – Ryder – Consistently displaying the HEART values

1/2N – Freddie – Displaying amazing focus towards his learning

3/4S – Nathan – Always doing his best

3/4S – Lily – Showing the HEART values

4/5S – Finley – Always doing his best

4/5S – Will M – Showing respect and always doing his best

5/6D – Emilio – Showing respect and teamwork

5/6D – Hudson – Demonstrating all the HEART values

Hello families,

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who have completed their first week of NAPLAN. They have shown such determination and a 'have a go' attitude. We are proud of all their efforts.

Thank you to those who have made Parent Payments. Payments plans can be set up on XUNO if you wish and payments can be made throughout the year until the end of Term 3.

Just a reminder to not park in the staff car park please. It is not safe for students to be walking through to get to/from your car. There is the 'kiss and drop' zone at the front of the school, or you can park around the side of the school on Recreation Rd.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29th March

School Cross Country

From 1pm (Weather Permitting)*

Thursday 6th April

Easter Bonnet Parade (made in Art class) @2pm

End of Term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal

Monday 24th April

Whole Staff Professional Practice Day (PPD) – No students

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April

Students First Day of Term 2

Thursday 27th April

School Photos

Year 5/6 Talk about it

Friday 28th April

Year 5/6 Talk about it

Newsletter 4 – 17th March, 2023

We sadly say farewell to two members of staff.

Fiona Portman has decided to retire from the Department of Education. She enjoyed a long career in education and dedicated 7 of those years to Kinglake West. We wish her the very best in the next chapter of her life.

Jodie Purchall dedicated 17 years to the Kinglake West OSHC service. Unfortunately, we were not able to continue to run this service as a school and needed to outsource it. Jodie formed many fabulous and long lasting bonds with the students and their families that used the service over the years.

We thank both Fiona and Jodie for all their dedication and commitment to KWPS and wish them both well moving forward.

FAMILY PICNIC LUNCH & EASTER BONNET PARADE

Thursday 6th of April is the last day of term and also our Easter Bonnet Parade. Students have been busy making some wonderful bonnets in Art over the last couple of weeks.

We are inviting all families to come along and enjoy a picnic lunch with their child/ren before having a play outside and then enjoying our parade.

Families are welcome to join us from 1pm - so bring along a picnic blanket, something yummy to nibble on and enjoy an afternoon together.

Our parade will comment at 2pm.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

The School Captains are starting to conduct school tours at our school. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling their kids at our beautiful school, please contact the Office.

We have also been maintaining our school grounds by looking after our Memorial Garden, cleaning our pathways, mulching and weeding.

Our School Leaders are going to Middle Kinglake Primary on March 29th for a Young Leader's Conference to develop our leadership skills. We will share our thoughts and our skills we learned after we return from the Conference.

Stay tuned for our new video series "What's Happening at West" which will be released every two weeks, alternating with the newsletter. Our videos will show you what students are learning in their classrooms and information about upcoming events and our school.

Have a nice weekend!

Kayla De Iulio, Indie Holder, Emmett O'Loughlin and Zander Ray

SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS REPORT

The Sustainability Leaders have been working on designing our outdoor sensory classroom/garden. This includes researching and designing two ideas for the garden. Once we are happy with the designs, we will present them to all of the classes to cast a vote.

We will also be collecting the compost at the end of every day, so we ask students to please place things like banana peels, apple cores, teabags, coffee grounds, shredded newspaper, eggshells, etc in the compost bin in the open areas.

Yvonne Waugh (Oma) is currently helping to maintain our garden and she has asked for eggshells for our garden to keep the snails away. If you have any eggshells, please bring them to either Juliet or Emily Galpin in 5/6D and we will add them to our veggie patch.

Emily Galpin and Juliet McArdle

STUDENT FREE DAYS

The Department of Education grants schools four student free days per school year. The first day of the year (27th January) is compulsory for all schools to take. School Council has approved the following student free days for 2023, to bring our total to four for the year. Please mark them on your calendar.

Friday 9th June

Tuesday 15th August

Monday 6th November (day before Melbourne Cup Day)

OSHC

TheirCare are offering a Holiday Program to students of Kinglake West Primary School and surrounding schools. Children must be enrolled in a primary school to attend the service. Please see the flyers on the last pages of the newsletter for more information.

OSHC is available to families from 6:30am – 6pm

A reminder that we are unable to book students in through the school office. You will need to contact TheirCare directly for bookings.

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.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who placed a bulb order. We raised over \$400 to go towards our new backboards for the basketball rings. Happy planting 😊

Last year we raised \$680 through the United Fuel UP Community fuel saving card. It is a wonderful contribution to our school and all you have to do is register using the link below. Register yourself, family and friends and make sure you nominate Kinglake West PS to start saving now!

https://www.unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-community/kinglake-west-primary-school/?fbclid=IwAR11X-JN953guFxoL3XTfQxqH2zqFoDB5mB3ylBb4wqaVv_ljGgSz69SgEA

Fuelling your community

With the Kinglake West Primary School UP Community card, you'll receive a **2 cents per litre discount** at participating United service stations and a **2 cents per litre** rebate will be provided to Kinglake West Primary School. So this means you'll enjoy great savings on your fuel, whilst supporting Kinglake West Primary School when you fill up at a participating United service station.

You now have the choice of a digital or plastic fuel discount card.



ATTENDANCE

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	Catch up session	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
Catch up session	CONVENTIONS of LANGUAGE 9:30am Year 3 – 45 mins Year 5 – 45 mins	NUMERACY 9:30am Year 3 – 45 mins Year 5 – 50 mins	Catch up session	Catch up session

****Times are subject to last minute changes**

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

Uniform can be purchased online through Spartan.

<https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/kinglake-west-primary-school>

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Courtney Smith

Acting Principal

WELLBEING AT WEST

The Resilience Project at KWPS aims to support our students to deal with challenges, changes and stressors they may face in the future.

The program at school focuses on **G.E.M...**

GratITUDE- through paying attention to the things we have. We practise this by noticing positives that exist around us...no matter how small they may be.

Empathy- putting ourselves in the 'shoes' of others. We practise this by being kind and compassionate.

Mindfulness – through being aware of our thoughts and experiences in the moment. We practise this pausing and becoming aware of our surroundings and actions through controlled breathing and calm activities.

Students in Year 3-6 were given reading diaries from The Resilience Project. Not only are these diaries a way for students to track their reading and school activities it can also provide students with a way to share and discuss aspects of TRP with their families. It has been really pleasing to hear of families who are using prompts/ questions in these diaries to begin important conversations with their students.

P-2 families may like to ask their students the 3 W question we ask in the classroom at the end of each day...What went well for you today?

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

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet and cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles



Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.



Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 8:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the **Child Care Subsidy**, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.





Kinglake West Primary School

Times 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Location 1041 - 1061 Main Road, KINGLAKE VIC 3757

Call 0483 300 018



Public Holiday!

MONDAY
10
APRIL



Tribe Vibes

Let's go on a wild adventure! Show us your wild side with the traditional indigenous game of *Ngurra*. Form a special connection with your animal totem, and appreciate our incredible Australian wilderness whilst on the hunt to identify animal tracks.

Animal Tokens

Badges, identify animal tracks, welcome to the party game, *Ngurra*. Plus, plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.75 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$36.00, Subsidy Avg \$28.20.

TUESDAY
11
APRIL



Mosaic Turtles

Turtles are unique animals that can live to over 100 years old and be found in freshwater and saltwater environments. Today we will celebrate our turtles from around the world by sculpting and decorating one-of-a-kind clay turtles, which you can proudly show to your family and friends.

Turtle Sculpture

Scratch focus paper art, trivia fun, french ball game plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$22.25, Subsidy Avg \$20.23.

WEDNESDAY
12
APRIL



Chicken Run

Life on the farm is never dull with so many cute animals to look after! *Admire On The Move* will bring some of the fun to the service today with a visit from baby farm animals.

Farm Animal Incursion

Champion crafts, paper barriers, yard and room games plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$62.24, Subsidy Avg \$23.02.

THURSDAY
13
APRIL



At the Movies

From Nintendo and Nintendo comes a new animated film based on the *World of Super Mario Bros.* A Brooklyn plumber named Mario travels through the Mushroom Kingdom with a princess named Peach to find his brother Luigi and to save the world from a ruthless fire-breathing Koopa named Bowser.

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (G)

Super Mario Bros. take craft, Disney movie character, popcorn station treat plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 2:30 pm. *Wear Rainers & socks.*

Full fee \$103.26, Subsidy Avg \$28.81.

FRIDAY
14
APRIL



Junior Explorers

Calling all Junior Explorers... It's time to gear up! Today we will decorate safari hats, make pocket-sized binoculars, observe insects and so much more, and even play with a *lilypad frog*. There are perfect for your next wild adventure.

Explorers Pack

Egg-celent frog race, gifting nature treasure hunt plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.84 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$27.26, Subsidy Avg \$20.23.

MONDAY
17
APRIL



The Great Outdoors

Today we'll be heading to the *Robyn's State Forest* where we take a step into the Victorian forest with our friends from the *Woodlark*. We start our visit at the discovery centre where we learn about native fauna then embark on a journey to see if we can find them using our senses.

Toolong! Forest Adventure

With crossable craft, crossable races plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure. Be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 4:00 pm. *Wear raincoats and socks.*

As low as \$17.74 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$38.26, Subsidy Avg \$33.11.

TUESDAY
18
APRIL



Commando Kids

Come prepared with your game face! Put your problem-solving and team skills to the test as we undertake an epic *commando* course!

Commando Kids Workshop

Pumpkin stunts craft, origami flowers, bag salad game plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$12.34 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$27.26, Subsidy Avg \$23.02.

WEDNESDAY
19
APRIL



Wacky, Weird & Wild

It's time to get wacky, weird and wild with amazing crafts and challenges. We will aim to make the *largest paper chain snake*, explore *binoculars* with fun experiments and fun wild as we fly *biplanes*.

Tornado Tubes

We'll target paper chain snake, kite, bellows game, don't pop the balloon challenge plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.75 with the Child Care Subsidy.

Full fee \$36.26, Subsidy Avg \$28.2.

THURSDAY
20
APRIL



Aussie Animal Antics

Join us as we explore the animals which call Australia home at the incredible *Hiddeville Sanctuary*. When your working shoes are there is so much to see including emus, kangaroos, Tasmanian devils, dingoes, tiddies and the unique platypus.

Hiddeville Sanctuary Excursion

Pop-up passport cards, animal pictokey, a game of animal tag plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 2:30 pm. *Wear Rainers & socks.*

Full fee \$203.26, Subsidy Avg \$28.81.

FRIDAY
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APRIL

KINGLAKE WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Easter Rabble 2023



We're calling out to the community for donations to put towards our first raffle of 2023. The theme is... 'EASTER'. Donations large or small would be greatly appreciated.

HOW EGG-CITING!!!

Donations can be put in the basket outside the office or given to your classroom teacher.

**MORE INFORMATION ON TICKET
SALES WILL BE SENT HOME IN THE
NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS**

All proceeds will go towards our grounds beautification project around the sandpit area and seating under the infamous oak tree.

