

WOMBAT WHISPER



Honesty Everyone matters Always do your best Respect Teamwork



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B – Kaydee – Helping others

Prep B – Molly – Displaying the HEART values all the time

1/2M – Logan C – Always doing his best

1/2M – Emily – Showing respect to her peers and teachers

1/2N – Veronika – Completing tasks to the best of her ability

1/2N – Oliver V – Always ready to learn

1/2N – Liam – Excellent focus

3/4S – Bruce – Demonstrating the value of Respect

3/4S – Whole Class – Listening and communicating respectfully

4/5S – Isla C – Demonstrating the values of Respect and Always do your best

5/6D – Arta – Demonstrating the value of Always do your best.

5/6D – Kayla – Demonstrating the HEART values

Hello families,

Thanks to the Positive Start initiative by the Victorian State Government, students participated in a basketball clinic run by Basketball Victoria. They got to enjoy learning new skills and game-based activities. Our 4/5S and 5/6D students are lucky enough to participate in another session next week.

It's great to see students enjoying the new volleyball nets out in the yard. We might have some budding volleyballers in the mix.

SRC are got off to a great start and have done a wonderful job organising icy pole days and potential events for the remainder of the year. Keep an eye out for more information on their plans for the future!

Thank you to Miss Sullivan, Miss Dunlop and Miss Schulz for working with the student leaders.

Dates for your Diary

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

From 1pm (Weather Permitting)*

Thursday 6th April

Easter Bonnet Parade (made in Art class) @1:30pm

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 begin Term 2

SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

On Tuesday, February 28th, we attended the Youth Leadership Conference. We learned how to be a better leader by showing kindness and respect to our peers and to dive in to the deep end when things are difficult. We learned different ways to communicate with others and that whoever you surround yourself with, you become. We are going to use the skills we learned to help improve the school by teaching others the tools we learnt and by encouraging students to recognise that their differences are their strengths.

We noticed that our school already does show respect and leadership because we were listening to the presenters and taking what they said on board. We had a great day out in the city and learnt a lot about leadership.

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

SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS REPORT

We are currently designing and planning our Outdoor, Indigenous, Sensory Classroom. We are writing grant proposals to receive donations to help bring our vision of this garden to life. We are researching different plants, water feature and designs ideas.

We also have a lot of students volunteering in the yard. 5/6D helped out in the yard by mulching, weeding and tidying up the chicken coup. A big thank you to Yvonne Waugh (Oma to the students) for teaching us about gardening and helping us make our garden pretty.

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)

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**

OSHC

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

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.

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

Thank you for your feedback regarding the uniform policy. School council have reviewed and discussed the feedback and made adjustments accordingly. You can find the uniform policy on our school website under the school policies tab.

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.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Courtney Smith
Acting Principal

WELLBEING AT WEST

The students have continued with their work on 'The Resilience Project'...

Years 1 and 2 have focused on Mindfulness and strategies they can use to calm a busy or overwhelmed mind.

Grade 3/4S focused on Emotional Literacy by recognising a selection of emotions and how you may identify these in others.

Grade 4/5S focused on Mindfulness and the skill of being calm and present in the moment

Grade 5/6D focused on Emotional Literacy by identifying positive character traits

Prep students will begin this program in the next week or two.

The resilience Project offers information for parents and caregivers via their parent/caregiver hub. <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/> This site offers supports for students and families as well as links to research that provides the basis of their Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy curriculum.

At KWPS we have introduced Morning and Afternoon circle time for each class. Morning circle time focuses on setting a tone for the day ahead. Students have the opportunity to share any important announcements, there is a brief chat about a school value that is a current focus as well as a short fun activity (Positive Primer) that relaxes the students and sets them up ready to learn. Afternoon circle time provides the class with the chance to reflect and share WWW (what went well) for them during the day.



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

Don't forget to order your spring colour now! All monies raised will go towards replacing the basketball backboards.
Thank you -your support is appreciated.

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/KINGLAKEWP>

KINGLAKE WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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.

