



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 4– being a valuable team member



P/1- Tommy

For being a fantastic team member during reading groups, always showing initiative and willingly helping friends with their learning.



1/2- Harrison

For being a valuable team member by always working collaboratively and showing patience and kindness while guiding our Prep students during



3/4- Travis

For making sure everyone has a fair go and he tries to show team inclusiveness.



5/6- Ben

For being a part of the District Cross Country team and for the positive support and encouragement for his team mates.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

21st, 28th May	Grade 6 Arts Centre Workshops 9-11am
Tuesday 26th May	School Council 6.30pm
Friday 29th May	Curriculum Day
Monday 1st June	PFA Coffee catch up 9am
Thursday 4th June	Division Cross Country- Good luck Ben, Noah & Carter
Friday 5th June	Grade 5/6 Big Ideas
Monday 8th June	King's birthday public holiday
Friday 12th June	School photos, 9am



MILO WEDNESDAYS

Middle Mate's focus Wk 6 is
Asking for assistance when needed



TERM 2 MILO ROSTER

Date 10.45-11.30am	Helper 1	Helper 2
22 April	Juliet Cornish	Debbie King
29 April	Kim Cusworth	Lis Kiss
6 May	Jess & Rick Roney	Heather Ryland
13 May	Bec Cassar	Robyn Richards
20 May	Bec Cassar	Robyn Richards
27 May	Bec Cassar	Robyn Richards
3 June	Sandro Capocchi	Lis Kiss
10 June	Sandro Capocchi	Lis Kiss
17 June	Juliet Cornish	Debbie King
24 June		

Can you spare
45 minutes to
assist with hot
Milo in the last
week?



Happy birthday
Olivia & Jett- 30th
Chase- 3rd



**BE SAFE,
BE RESPONSIBLE,
BE RESPECTFUL**

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

Middle Kinglake PS Acc
BSB: 063 855
Acc # 1002 8919

Please use your family name and reason for payment as a reference

For example: Jones Swimming

PFA: Are you aware of what MKPS's Parents' and Friends' Association does and what they fund? We are so lucky to have families who can chip in and help out. The funds raised always go towards making our school better for your child. Please have a look at the flyer on page 7 that outlines a bit about PFA and mark Monday 1st June at 9am in your diary to come along and catch up.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Please note the change of date for school photos– they will now be held on Friday 12th June, starting at 9am.

WEARING RED: Staff have been wearing red on Fridays in support of the AEU industrial action. Hopefully there will be a resolution soon.

REPORTS: Our mid year report format has been altered to align with the AEU industrial actions and new Department guidelines. They will contain progression points for each subject and one overall written comment. Reports will be distributed on Friday 19th June and Parent Teacher Meetings will still be held in the last week of term.

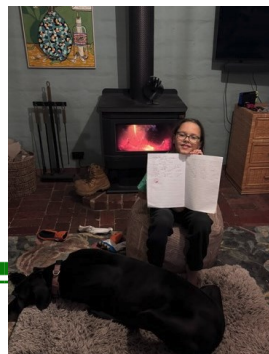
WINTER BEANIES: Students have designed a MKPS Winter beanie. They have been ordered and will be available for sale hopefully by the end of term. \$25 each.

SEIL VISIT: On Monday we welcomed our Network's Senior Education Improvement Leader Rhonda Cole to MKPS. Rhonda observed in classrooms and spoke with students and staff. She was very impressed with what she saw in classrooms– settled, focused, happy students, explicit and clear teaching and targeted support from classroom teachers and Education Support staff. Rhonda also worked with staff on our preparation for our Review, which is scheduled for the last week of term.

CONGRATULATIONS: A huge *CONGRATULATIONS* to Maddisyn and Eliza for their part in the Matilda musical. It was an amazing show and we were so proud of both girls. A big shout out to Maddi and Eliza's families for their commitment to encourage the girls to follow their dreams.

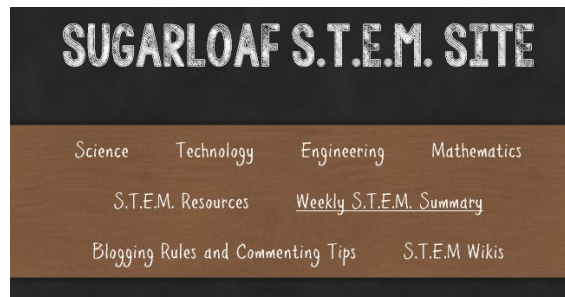
NEXT WEEK: Mrs Lang will be away in sunny Qld next week. Miss Delbridge will teach in P/1 for the week under the guidance of Mrs Mitchel and Miss Gao. We welcome Miss Gao as a replacement teacher to MKPS.

Below are some great photos sent in, showing the different ideas for homework completion. We've shown them at assembly each week and would love more! If you've got a special way or place for doing your homework, let us know!





SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS *with Chan, each Monday*



Sugarloaf STEM Blog

This week we continued on our testing phase of our work. We learned about how to create designs that we could actually test. From testing hats in the rain and planes that we could fly, we learned that testing and improving is crucial to our designs. We learn to pay specific attention to different design features such as the wings of the plane and then see how they work. In the senior grades we further worked on our designs for items that work in real life to see if we could create design solutions that are functional and work to solve a direct problem we have.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEM AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK-

- P/1– Amelia
- 1/2– Asha
- 3/4– Darcy
- 5/6– Jett



Some great strategies to develop independence in students. We understand mornings can be tricky. What we are all aiming for is happy, independent students who can walk down to the classrooms, carrying their own school bag and can unpack and get ready for learning without assistance. Teachers are always in classrooms ready to greet students and prepare them for the day ahead. Please let us know if you require additional assistance with this.

THE GOODBYE PLAN: HELPING MORNINGS FEEL SAFER

WHAT A GOODBYE PLAN IS

A goodbye plan is a predictable, calm way to separate in the morning. It helps children know exactly what will happen, reducing anxiety and emotional overload at the school door.

WHAT MAKES A GOODBYE PLAN WORK

Short, consistent goodbyes help the nervous system settle more quickly. When separation feels hard, staying longer can sometimes increase distress rather than reduce it. This isn't because children need less comfort — it's because their bodies are finding it hard to let go while the attachment figure is still there.

HOW TO SUPPORT BIG FEELINGS

You can acknowledge feelings without extending the goodbye. Calm confidence, gentle validation, and a clear plan help children borrow regulation. Tears can happen alongside a safe goodbye — they don't mean you've caused harm or that the plan isn't working.

WHY GOODBYES CAN FEEL HARD

Goodbyes activate the attachment system. For some children, especially those experiencing separation anxiety, the presence of a parent can intensify big feelings — not because the parent is doing anything wrong, but because attachment makes the separation feel more real.

A SIMPLE GOODBYE PLAN MIGHT SOUND LIKE

"We walk to the gate together. We have one hug. I tell you I love you and that I'll be back after school. You go in with your teacher. I'll be thinking of you".


WHAT CHILDREN NEED MOST

Children need to feel believed, supported, and confident in your return. A clear goodbye plan sends a powerful message: "You are safe. You can cope. And I will always come back".



FREE DOWNLOAD - an extended THE GOODBYE PLAN- FOLLOW the page, LIKE the posts and comment GOODBYE below. Be sure to follow all the steps to receive the link.

 **Funky** 

Hair  **Day**

and Silly Socks Day



Thursday
4th June

Gold coin
donation



HOW THE CURRENT INDUSTRIAL ACTION AFFECTS MIDDLE KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF



Supporting Our Students. Supporting Our Schools.

The Australian Education Union (AEU) is taking industrial action to stand up for every student and every school. Here's why this matters for Middle Kinglake Primary School families.

THE FACTS



Victoria is consistently one of the **lowest funded** states for public schools.



Victorian public schools receive about **\$2,300 less per student** than the Australian average.



The gap isn't just teachers, it applies to **Education Support staff, Business Managers & Principals.**



Victorian school staff are **paid less** than all other Australian states.



There is **significantly less money** coming into Victorian public schools to put towards your child's education compared to similar schools in other states.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR VICTORIAN STUDENTS



The AEU is rallying for the **funding** and **support** Victorian students need to thrive and reach their full potential.

- ✔ **Smaller class sizes** so every student gets the attention they deserve.
- ✔ **Increased funding per student** to better resource classrooms and programs.
- ✔ **More support staff** to assist student learning and wellbeing.
- ✔ **Greater capacity for individualised planning** to meet each child's learning needs and goals.

These improvements will help create **stronger schools, better learning outcomes and brighter futures** for all Victorian students.



The AEU is rallying for **fair funding, respect and real support** so every Victorian student can get the education they deserve.



Stronger Schools. Fairer Funding. Better Futures.

Find out more at aeu.vic.asn.au



MKPS

Parents' & Friends' Association (PFA)

Dear Families,

Middle Kinglake Primary School's Parents' & Friends' Association (PFA) plays an important role in supporting opportunities and experiences for all students. Through fundraising efforts and parent involvement, the PFA is able to provide valuable extras that directly benefit our children and school community.

What Does the PFA Support?

The PFA funds many school activities that our parents and students love! Just a few of these things are:

- Buses for students to travel to and from swimming programs, sporting events, camp and excursions
- Consumables for events like the Ride2School day breakfast, the ANZAC Day ceremony morning tea and Mother's/Father's/Special Person Day events
- Catering and gifts for appreciation events such as World Teacher's and Education Support Staff Day
- Grade 6 end-of-year celebration activities as well as the Graduation ceremony & Grade 6/Year 7 reunion
- Additional student experiences and special visitors, including last year's inflatable incursion
- Various school ground items such as the garden beds/mulch and the ANZAC memorial

Historically the PFA has contributed funds toward larger purchases for the school, such as the stage used for the end of year Christmas Concert, outdoor picnic mats and upgraded student computers.

These contributions help ease costs for families and ensure students can participate in memorable school experiences.

Please come along to our
next PFA coffee & catch up
Monday 1st June, 9am

We Need Your Help

To continue supporting our students, we are seeking: **Volunteers** Whether you can help regularly or just occasionally, every bit of support makes a difference.

Ideas & Suggestions

We would love to hear your thoughts on:

- Fundraising ideas and suggestions on ways to improve current fundraising efforts
- Any events, experiences or resources for our school that you'd like to see that the PFA raise funds for

**Joining the PFA is
a great way to:**

Support your child's school
community

Meet other families

Contribute ideas and skills

Help create positive opportunities
for students

Make a real difference!
(Even with
limited time)

Interested?

If you would like to volunteer, share ideas, ask questions or learn more about joining the PFA, please contact Felicity. Together, we can continue creating wonderful opportunities for our students.

Warm regards,
MKPS Parents' & Friends' Association



MIDDLE KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gumnuts Storytime



*For 3 & 4 year olds, 9.30-10:00am
in the P/1 Room at MKPS.*

Thursdays- 7th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June



*Come along for a story and activity
in the P/1 room, with Mrs Lang.*

Contact the school for information
on 5786 1295, or just turn up.



MIDDLE KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child starting school
in 2027?

It's time to book a tour!

Call 5786 1295 to book a time.

We would love to show you what we
have to offer our future Prep
students!

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

Apply online via VicStudents
students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/

ONLINE ENROLMENTS OPEN FROM 20TH APRIL 2026.





MKPS BOOK CLUB

If you are having trouble placing a Scholastic Book Club Order via LOOP online, you need to edit & save your child's details again for the new year.

It should prompt you when you log in, otherwise go to the **PROFILE** tab, then **CHILDREN** then **EDIT** your child/ren
There is only one class to choose from
- Mrs Wilkinson-Hill.

Please **SAVE** and then you should be able to order.

If you need any assistance, please come and see Felicity in the office.

Book Club LOOP

A screenshot of the Scholastic Book Club LOOP website. At the top, it says "Book Club LOOP" in blue and red. Below that is a teal banner with "CHILDREN" in white. To the right of the banner is a search bar with "Issue" and "Item No." dropdowns, a search input field containing "1", and a red "FIND" button. Below the banner is a navigation menu with "HOME", "PROFILE" (highlighted with a red underline), "ORDER", "ABOUT", and "HELP". Under "PROFILE", there are tabs for "My Profile", "Children" (selected), and "Order History". Below the tabs is a "CHILDREN" section with an "ADD NEW CHILD" button. At the bottom of this section, there is a "Show All" dropdown menu and a "Filter Results by Keywords" search box.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT. Helping everyone to be mentally healthy.

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FAMILY HUB

When schools and families speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.

Our **Family Hub** is designed to keep you in the loop, inspire everyday **wellbeing practices at home**, and help strengthen the connection between what your child is learning in the classroom and how you support them in life.

[Click here or scan this QR code to learn more about our Family Hub.](#)

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IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR REFERENCE

SCHOOL PHOTOS– Friday 12th June

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL– P/1– Tuesday 21st July

BOITE SCHOOLS' CHOIR– Tuesday 11th August

P-2 CAMP ACTIVITY DAY & GR 2 SLEEP OVER–
Thursday 17th September

GRADE 6 GRADUATION– Thursday 3rd December

GRADES 3-6 CAMP– 7th-9th December

END OF YEAR CONCERT– Monday 14th December 6pm



Sporting Schools is back for term 2!

AND it is free!

Monday & Thursday afternoons
3.30-4.30pm

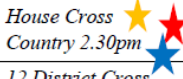









*Starts Monday 27th April and concludes
Thursday 18th June*

Come along and join in the fun with
Michael & Bec!











-fun based game play & skill development:
including bike riding, Auskick, basketball,
badminton, cricket and much more.
Contact Meagan or Michael for more details.



May 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2	3
Wk 3	4	5 House Cross Country 2.30pm 	6 	7 Gr 5/6 Arts Centre workshop 9-11am	8 Mothers' Day High Tea 2-3pm 	9	10 
Wk 4	11	12 District Cross Country 	13 Gr 5/6 Arts Centre workshop 9-11am 	14 Gr 5/6 Arts Centre workshop 9-11am	15 Education Support Staff day! 	16	17
Wk 5	18	19 Gr 5/6 Ander Louis 	20 	21 Gr 5/6 Arts Centre workshop 9-11am	22	23	24
Wk 6	25	26 6.30 School Council	27 	28 Gr 5/6 Arts Centre recordings 9-3pm	29 Curriculum day Report moderation	30	31

June 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 7	1	2	3 	4 Division Cross Country Crazy Hair & Silly Socks Day! 	5 Gr 5/6 Big Ideas	6	7
Wk 8	8 King's Birthday holiday 	9	10 Gr 3/4 to WHS musical 	11	12 School photos 	13	14
Wk 9	15	16 Gr 5/6 Ander Louis  Sour Grapes Performance whole school 12.30pm	17 	18 Last Sporting Schools for term 2 	19 Reports distributed 	20	21
Wk 10	22 School Review	23 6.30 School Council	24  EOT Lunch P/T Meetings	25 P/T Meetings	26 EOT 2.15pm Assembly 2.30pm dismiss No ASC	27	28
	29	30					



**Kinglake's first
Round Robin Tennis Tournament
Friday 22nd May 9:30 -12:30 approx.**

**Entry \$15, Maximum 16 people
RSVP Orathai 0403 785 368
or Sarah 0414 894 159**

**Sutherland Rd, Kinglake Central
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea**