MKPS NEWS

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK Wk 10 T 3

Focus: Addressing people by name and using eye contact



P/1 Rose

For always putting her hand up and looking at people when she speaks.



2/3 Bonnie

For always saying *good morning* and *good afternoon* to all the teachers by name each day.



4/5/6 Lucinda

For looking directly at others when engaging in conversations or asking questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 6th October	Carter & Carter song writing workshop	
Friday 7th October	2023 Prep Transition starts	
Monday 10, 17, 24 Oct	Youth Out Loud Grade 4/5/6 Resilience Program	
Tuesday 11th October	School Council 6.30pm	
Thursday 20th October	Tales from MKPS Book Launch	
Friday 28th October	World Teachers' Day	
Monday 31st October	Curriculum Day- no students required at school	
Tuesday 1st November	Melbourne Cup public holiday	
Thursday 10th November	Remembrance Day school service 10.15am	
Wednesday 16th November	No After School Care today	
Thursday 16th November	Curriculum Day- no students at school	
Thursday 8th December	Grade 6 Graduation	
Monday 12th December	Concert- Bush dance	
Thursday 15th December	Grade 6 Final Fun Day	
Friday 16th December	Final assembly etc. Dismiss 3.30pm	
Monday 19th December	Clean up day, jobs to be done, wear old clothes	
Tuesday 20th December	Curriculum Day	





Happy birthday to-Annika— 7th Sabine— 13th River— 19th



BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE,
BE RESPECTFUL



WELCOME BACK: It is great to have everyone back at school and we have had a very settled start. Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy one, and everyone is excited about what we have on offer! It will be the end before we know it! Please keep the communication lines open between home and school so we can best cater for your child/ren.

2023: Prep Transition starts tomorrow and we are excited to meet all of our new preps and families. We are currently planning classes and staffing for next year. If you are intending to enrol, please do so as soon as possible and if you know that you won't be attending MKPS in 2023 please let us know.

POLICIES: All of our policies have been updated for our Term 4 School Review. Please check them out and ask if you have any questions. <u>MKPS Policies</u>

CURRICULM DAYS: Monday 31st October is a Curriculum Day prior to Melbourne Cup Day on the Tuesday. Thursday 17th November is also Curriculum Day, staff will be participating in Mental Health First Aid training. No students are required at school on these.

OSHC: There will be no After School Care on Wednesday 16th November as Fiona and Michael will be completing their First Aid training. Sorry for the inconvenience.

MRS MITCHELL: Congratulations to Mrs Mitchell, who announced her pregnancy at the end of term. Mrs Mitchell will work up to the end of the year. A full time teaching position for 2023 has been advertised, which we will hopefully fill in the next few weeks. The new teacher will be involved with Prep transition to ensure a smooth start to school for our students and families.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: I will be on LSL from Friday 14th October to Wednesday 2nd November. I will be overseas and not checking my email. Mrs Wilkinson will be in charge while I am away. Mrs Wilkinson will still be teaching in her grade with Natasha teaching a few days to provide Mrs Wilkinson with administration time.

ICY POLE WEDNESDAYS: PFA will sell icy poles on Wednesdays. They are \$1 per week or \$11 for the entire term.

BOOK LAUNCH: Grade 4/5/6 have completed their short stories and they have been published *Tales from Middle Kinglake Primary School*, ready for purchase. Please see the invitation to the Book Launch on Thursday 20th October and the link to order a copy of the book on page 5. Please contact Mrs Wilkinson if you have any questions.

SPORTING SCHOOLS: No SS on Monday 14th November. Sorry for the inconvenience.

COVID ADVICE: Covid free! New rules re isolation periods being dropped as of 14th October, but please keep your child/ren home if they are unwell, even if they test negative. It is best for the child and also best for the rest of us to stay well. Please continue to test using the RATs. We have lots of boxes of RATs, just let us know if you need some sent home.

SCHOOL REVIEW: During our up coming school review there is an opportunity for a parent group to work with the Reviewer to discuss school data. It would be on Wednesday 23rd November from 9-11am. Please let me know if you are interested.







SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS with Charn, each Tuesday





https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/sugarloafstemblog/home

We started the term off shockingly well! By working with electricity! Students learned about how electrical circuits operate and the underlying theory behind how they work. Prep/1 students had a look at making a light bulb work using electronic components and attempting to problem solve issues as they created them. Students in 2/3 used wires and bulbs to create a functional circuit and had a go at identifying how the electricity flows around a circuit and what causes light bulbs to turn on and off. Students in Grade 4/5/6 had a crack at understanding what exactly an electron is and how these operate in a circuit as well in our bodies. There were plenty of light bulbs moments this week and we loved experimenting and manipulating the electrical circuits.

Congratulations to the students who received STEM awards this week-

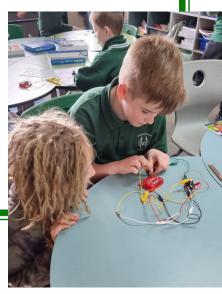
Elliott— for his excellent focus and dedication in our circuits session.

William

for his brilliant resilience and excellent efforts today.







M.K.P.S. + LAUNCH PAD



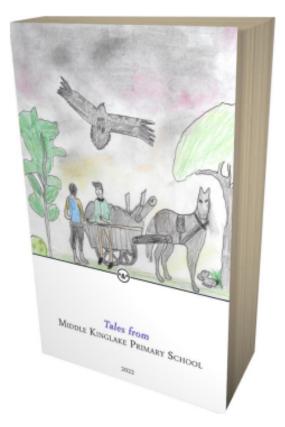
We made another short story anthology, and you're invited to the Book Launch Party!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Let me start with the GREAT news! The senior students at MKPS have written another brilliant book.

Book Launch Party: YOU ARE INVITED!!! Thursday, October 20th, 9:00 AM at M.K.P.S.

And now, some other news... As the host of Launch Pad, I must announce the end of Launch Pad anthologies. I have loved making short stories with thousands of Aussie kids, but with a growing family of my own (my first born is due any day now!) (it's a boy!), my priorities must shift accordingly. Launch Pad will continue as some kind of creative writing education thingy, but at this point I am not entirely sure what that thingy will be.



To thank Middle Kinglake PS for helping create Launch Pad in the first place (eight anthologies ago!), and sticking with it for eight years - it is my pleasure to announce that every participant this year will receive a free copy of the book.

If you would like to purchase additional copies of the book, please visit: www.launchpad.vic.edu.au/bookstore

We hope to see you at the launch to celebrate the release of this fantastic book.

Kind regards,

Ander Louis Launch Pad Writers Club www.launchpad.vic.edu.au



2023 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

Great news Transition is back!!

Welcome to MKPS. We are excited to welcome your child and your family to our school. To assist with the transition to school, we offer an eight week transition program where students can experience school life, become familiar with the classroom learning spaces, get to know their teacher and meet their 'Big Buddy'.

We have designed this year's transition program to fit in with the current Kinder times at KRCC Centre. We value the Kinder program and don't want children to miss their allocated time every week. If students are attending Kinder on the allocated transition day, KRCC staff will bring them over to school and return them to Kinder.

Days and times of the Transition Program are as follows-

Day	Time	What to bring
Friday 7 th October	2-3.30pm	Drink bottle
Thursday 13th October		SunSmart hat
Friday 21st October		
Thursday 27 th October		
Friday 4 th November	9.30-11.30am	Snack
Thursday 10 th November		Drink bottle
Friday 18th November**		SunSmart hat
Thursday 24th November		
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On Friday 18th November at 9:30am, we welcome parents to attend a morning tea and information session while students are in the classroom.

The first year of school is an exciting time for all involved but can also be a time of anxiety and concern. We understand this and are willing to do everything we can to assist in making the transition a smooth and happy one. If you require any additional information, please contact the school on 57861295.



Ms Meagan Callander

Mrs Olivia Mitchell

Principal

Prep teacher



SPORTING SCHOOLS IS BACK FOR TERM 4!

AND IT IS FREE!

Monday & Thursday afternoons
3.30-4.30pm
Starts Monday 10th October and concludes
Thursday 15th Sept

Come along and join in the fun!
Afternoon tea provided.
Michael is running fun based game play & skill development:
including bike riding, Auskick, basketball, badminton, cricket and much more.
Contact Meagan or Michael for more details.



HOW TO ORDER BOOK CLUB. PLEASE CONTACT MRS WILKINSON IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

than handling cash at school. Middle Kinglake will now run the Scholastic Book Club through online ordering rather Scholastic Book Club LOOP

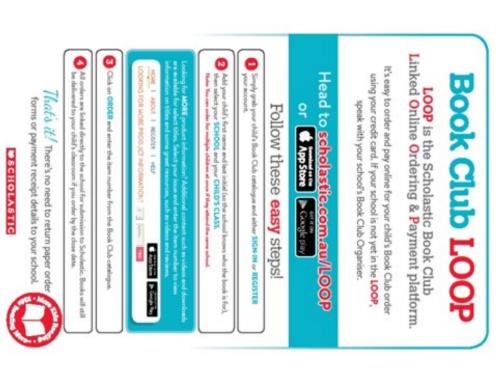
This is the easiest way for you to order and pay for your child's Book Club order

throughout the school year. Parents who register for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peaks, downloads and offers

Book Club leaflets will still be distributed at school. You just need to follow the steps

below to register online and place your order

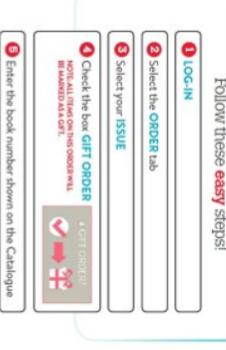
Orders will be sent to school and distributed home with your child



Book Club

The Gift Function enables you to tag Book Club orders on LOOP that are intended as a surprise gift. This feature can be used throughout gift function for your school. LOOP orders tagged as a gift will be the year, providing your Book Club Organiser has enabled the delivered to school and marked accordingly, for the Book Club Organiser to set aside at the school office for you to collect.

How to use the Gift Function on Book Club LOOP scholastic.co.nz/LOOP



Select NEXT to finalise your order

PLEASE NOTE, THE ITEMS DO NOT COME GET WRAPPED

or books that can be delivered directly to your child

please submit a separate order. #SCHOLASTIC

TENNIS COACHING - FREE TRIAL

@ Kinglake Ranges Tennis Club MONDAYS from 2.00pm onwards



BOOK via the contacts below - all ages abilities welcome - Kids to Adult groups -

WAYNE BROOM - ph - 0437008788 www.classictennis.com.au

Tennis Australia/USPTA Club Professional Coach healesvilletennis@live.com.au