MKPS NEWS

Middle Kinglake Primary School
Thursday 22nd Oct 2026
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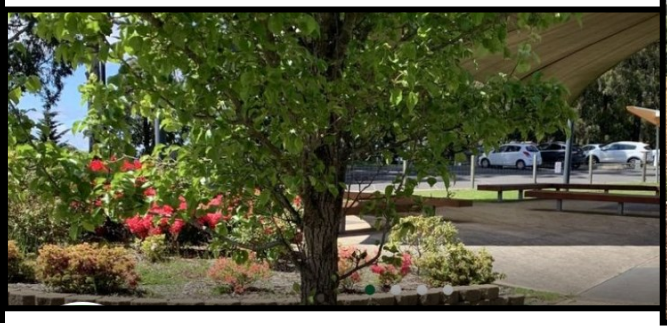




STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2– helping others



P/1- Tommy

For always helping around the classroom without being asked and also being a great help to our new student.



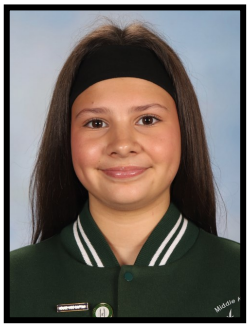
1/2- Asha

For showing kindness and initiative by helping classmates once she has finished her own work.



3/4- Sebastian

For being one of the first people to offer help to others constantly.



5/6- Olivia

For showing great initiative helping others and gladly helping whenever she is asked.

Dates to Remember:

Monday 26th October	Dental van
Friday 30th October	World Teacher's Day!
Monday 2nd Nov	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3rd Nov	Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
Thursday 5th Nov	Prep Transition 9.30-11.30am
Friday 6th Nov	Gr 5/6 Excursion to Melb- Road to Zero
Thursday 12th Nov	Prep Transition 9.30-11.30am
Monday 16th Nov	No Sporting Schools this afternoon!
Thursday 19th Nov	Classroom Observation Walk 9am
Monday 30th Nov	Woodleigh Week!!

Middle Mate's focus Wk 4 is-
Quickly returning to the classroom after breaks & lining up appropriately



ICY POLE WEDNESDAYS
$1 each week or
$10 for the term



Happy birthday!
Ms Callander– 5th
Liia– 7th
Charlie W– 12th

Middle Kinglake Primary School

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

OSHC PHONE NUMBER: 0422 567 312

DENTAL VAN: The Dental Van is returning to MKPS next week! The van came last year and was very popular. A good opportunity for free dental care without having a day away from school. See the details on page 5 and complete the consent form if you'd like your child to visit the dental van while it is on site at MKPS.

CLASSROOM OBSERVATION WALK: Earlier in the year we provided an opportunity for parents to come and take part in a Classroom Observation Walk. This is a process we used regularly between staff to observe practice in other classrooms, provide feedback and implement professional learning. We often take for granted that parents know what happens in classrooms and have to remind ourselves that that often isn't the case. A Classroom Observation Walk is a great way to see the classrooms in action! The next Classroom Observation Walk is planned for Thursday 19th November at 9am, everyone is welcome. We'll meet in the foyer and then make our way to classrooms. Please ask if you have any questions.

CURRICULUM DAY: Just a reminder that Monday 2nd November is a curriculum day and students are not required at school. Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. That makes week 5 a short 3 day week!! There will be no newsletter or assembly in week 5.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: I will be on LSL from tomorrow for a week. Returning on Wednesday 4th November. I will be overseas and won't be checking my email during this time. Mrs Wilkinson will be in charge while I am gone.



BIKE RIDING: It is great to see students starting to ride to and from school again, now that the weather is improving! It is terrific to hear students being safe and looking out for each other. Well done!





WELCOME ROSE: On Tuesday we welcomed Rose Halse to do a CRT day in P/1. It was lovely to see how well the students responded to Rose and helped her in the classroom. I am very proud of our students when they demonstrate our school rules when visitors come to our school.

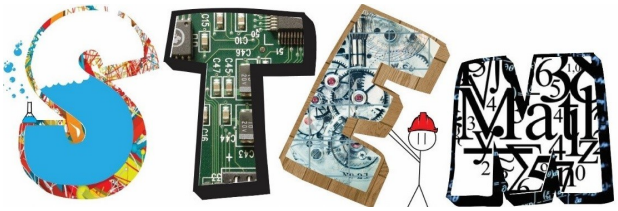
BOOK LAUNCH: Congratulations to the students in Grade 5/6 who had their *Tales from Middle Kinglake Primary 2026* officially launched on Wednesday morning. We thank Andre Louis for his time and expertise, we really love being a part of his Launch Pad program. Special congratulations to Ben for having his illustration selected by Andrew for the front cover. All the covers are on display in the foyer– please drop in and have a look– they are all quality pieces.







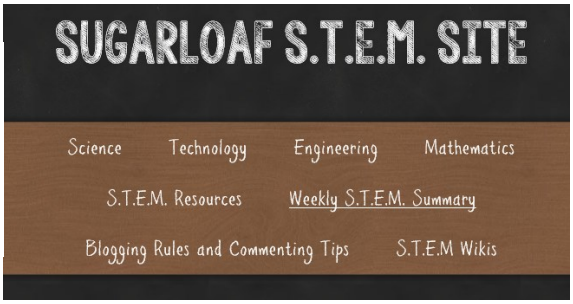




SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS

with Chan, each Monday



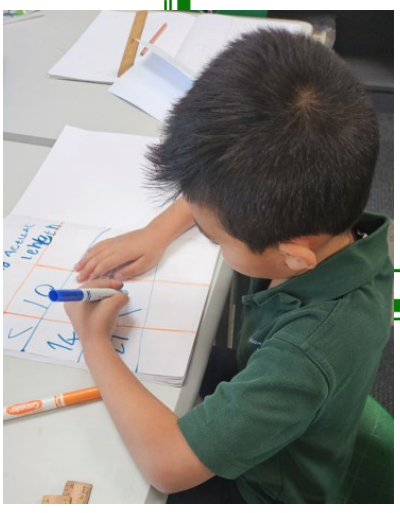


Sugarloaf STEM Blog

This week we started our seedling experiments! We designed questions and a hypothesis around different experiments we could do for our plants. We learned how to set up an experiment including thinking about meaningful questions and a hypothesis for each experiment we're doing. In the juniors this meant comparing whether different plant species grow faster or slower, in the senior grades we compared things like brand of carrot or whether the amount of light affected plant growth. Let's see how they turn out in a few weeks!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S STEM AWARD RECIPIENTS:
P/1– Winter
1/2– George
3/4– Rose
5/6– Liam













https://www.australiansmilegroup.com.au/form?googlePlaceId=ChIJjWHH6y_b12oRf_feD13bi_g

DESIGN A BRICK!

Olivia and Carmen are putting their Change Maker Project into action and are excited to organise a **Brick Fundraiser for MKPS**!



Each MKPS family will have the opportunity to purchase a **personalised brick**, which will be used to create a beautiful pathway around the OSHC garden area at the front of the school.

This is a wonderful opportunity to leave your own special mark on MKPS. Your brick could feature your **family name, children's names, dates of attendance** or another meaningful message to commemorate your connection with our school.

We will also be opening the fundraiser to the **wider local community**, providing an opportunity for past families, former students, community members and anyone who would like to support MKPS to purchase a brick and become part of this lasting project.

The completed pathway will not only enhance our OSHC garden area but will also create a lasting reminder of the families and community members who have been part of the MKPS journey.

Help us build something special – one brick at a time!



*an image of what we hope to achieve

MIDDLE KINGLAKE PS

FUNDRAISING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

We'd like to beautify the front gardens that have been set up by OSHC, using the personalised bricks to form a path and border around the raised garden beds.





DONATION OF $45 PROVIDES YOU WITH A PERSONALISED ENGRAVED PAVER TO BE PLACED IN THE FRONT OSHC GARDEN IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT.

OFFER CLOSES 9TH NOVEMBER 2026

ENGRAVING DETAILS – MAX 17 CHARACTERS PER LINE

Please print clearly using ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. Max 3 lines per paver.
Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). No hand drawings.

L 1

L 2

L 3

CONTACT DETAILS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS :

Name	Phone	Donation Amount
		$

Payment Options (please circle) **: CASH CHEQUE CARD**

Cheques to be made out to : {Account Details}

Credit Card Payments Option : Credit Card Type (please circle) Visa / Master Card

Name on Credit Card :

Credit Card Number Expiry Date CRC Number

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MIDDLE KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2027 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

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'.

If students are attending Kinder on the allocated transition day, KRCC staff will bring them over to school and return them to Kinder. Please note students must be enrolled at MKPS to participate in the transition program.

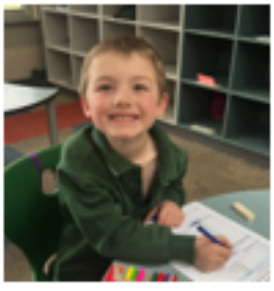
Days and times of the Transition Program are as follows-

Day	Time	What to bring
Thursdays in October 8th, 22nd, 29th	2-3.30pm	Snack Drink bottle SunSmart hat
Thursdays in November 5th, 12th, 19th, **26th	9.30-11.30am	Snack Drink bottle SunSmart hat
Thursdays in December 3rd	9.30-11.30am	Snack Drink bottle SunSmart hat

**On Thursday 26th 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

Principal

Mrs Olivia Mitchell

Prep teacher

Paper Towel $3

Middle Kinglake Primary School

Available from the front office.



Thank you to everyone for your purchases!





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.

October 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3	4
Wk 1	5 Term 4! 	6 Somers Camp 	7 	8 Prep Transition 2-3.30pm	9	10	11
Wk 2	12 Arts Centre excursion Gr 3-6  Sporting Schools	13	14 Welcome back Somers Camp 	15 P/1 Peyan & Sarah concert 	16	17	18
Wk 3	19	20 6.30pm SC	21   Gr 5/6 Book Launch 9am	22 Prep Transition 2-3.30pm	23	24	25
Wk 4	26 Dental Van 	27	28 	29 Prep Transition 2-3.30pm	30 World Teacher's Day 	31	

November 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Wk 5	2 Curriculum day!	3 Melbourne Cup holiday 	4 	5 Prep Transition 9.30-11.30am	6 Gr 5/6 Excursion– Road to Zero Melb	7	8
Wk 6	9	10	11 	12 Prep Transition 9.30-11.30am	13	14	15
Wk 7	16 No Sporting Schools this afternoon!	17	18 	19 Prep Transition 9.30-11.30am	20	21	22
Wk 8	23	24	25 	26 Prep Transition & morning tea 9.30-11.30am	27	28	29
Wk 9	30 Woodleigh Week!						

WOODLEIGHschool



IMPORTANT DATES

GRADE 6 GRADUATION– Thursday 3rd December

GRADES 3-6 CAMP– 7th-9th December

END OF YEAR CONCERT– Monday 14th December 6pm

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL– Thursday 17th December 3.30pm
No After School Care



Sporting Schools is back for term 4!

AND it is free!

Monday & Thursday afternoons
3.30-4.30pm
Starts Monday 12th Oct and concludes Thursday 10th Dec

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.





GET FIRE READY

AT OUR KINGLAKE FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY



Sunday October 25th

11am- 3pm

@ Kinglake CFA Station

Meet your local CFA members

Free BBQ Lunch

Learn about bushfire preparedness for you and your family

BE AWARE AND STAY SAFE!

Activites

-Facepainting (12-2pm)
- Mini firetrucks races
-Squirting water
-Live fire demo





ROTARY CLUB KINGLAKE RANGES
- PRESENTS

KINGLAKE RANGES

EST. 2023

Show 'N' Shine

SUN 15TH NOV 2026



CARDBOARD BOX RALLY

Enter to Win $100

RAISING AWARENESS & MONEY IN SUPPORT OF "LIFT THE LID" MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

BBQ | DONUTS | ICE CREAM
CLASSIC BIKES, CAR & 4X4
MINDFUL PAINTING | FACE PAINTING
REPTILE EXPERIENCE | BUBBLES
WIN A BIG JAR OF HOT WHEELS CARS
2 LIVE BANDS

1 EXTONS RD, KINGLAKE CENTRAL

11AM TO 3PM

COMPETITION TIME

KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO DESIGN, BUILD & SHOW THEIR VERY OWN CARDBOARD CAR.

GIVE YOUR CARDBOARD BOX A GLOW UP, MAKE IT ABSOLUTE FIRE AND SLAY THIS RACE TO BECOME THE G.O.A.T — IT'S ALL ABOUT CREATIVITY AND FUN! 🏁
THE BEST CAR WINS $100 CASH!

SO GRAB SOME BOXES AND START BUILDING! 🏆

REGISTER ON THE DAY, COMP STARTS AT 11:45AM

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