MKPS NEWS

Middle Kinglake Primary School
Thursday 29th Oct 2026
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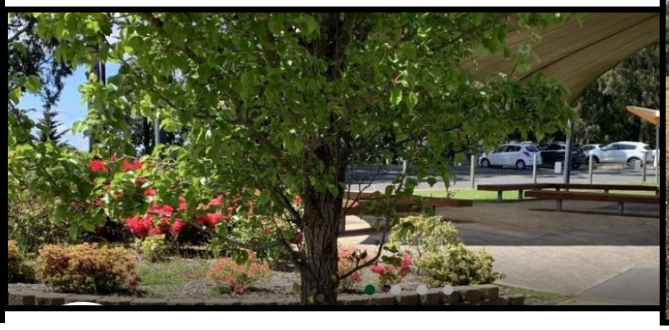




STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3– showing initiative



1/2- Oakley

For showing fantastic initiative in the classroom by recognising what needs to be done and taking action without being asked.



3/4- Aliyah

For being organised in the morning, showing initiative to improve her reading by getting her reading book, then reading before going out to play in the morning.



3/4- Darcy

For showing initiative by having a plan of what to do when his work is complete, then working independently.



5/6- Jett

For showing initiative and empathy by suggesting the class write caring get well letters to our local MP Helen Haines after her terrible accident.

Dates to Remember:

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
Monday 9th Nov	Years 3 to 6 Camp—Coonawarra Resort
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!!
Tuesday 1st Dec	Inflatables

Middle Mate's focus Wk 5 & 6 is-
Addressing people by their name



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

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.

OUTSIDE PLAY: We are very glad of the nicer weather! The sandpit is always a popular play space during recess and lunch times. It is great to watch the imaginative and cooperative play happening in the sandpit! Keep it up everyone!









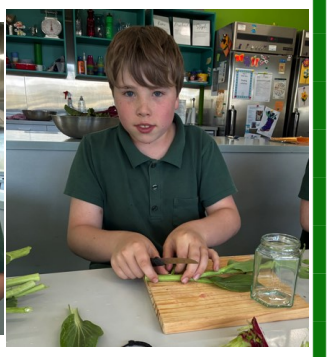
WORLD TEACHER'S DAY: Tomorrow is WTD! An opportunity to say *thank you* to the incredible teachers who work at MKPS and go above and beyond every day! We all agree it is 'the best job in the world' but like everything some days are harder than others. So please express your thanks to the staff, if not tomorrow, next time you see them!

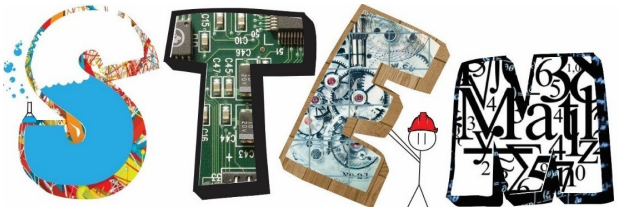


LONG SERVICE LEAVE: Mrs Burgess will start some LSL tomorrow. She will be away until Monday 9th November. We welcome Mrs Somers who will teach in Grade 3/4 while Mrs B is on leave.

OSHC FUN: Lots of fun and valuable skills learned last week in OSHC. Thanks to Bec for sharing her skills, working with students to pick produce from our gardens and pickle them! Now we wait– we can't wait to taste our goodies in a couple of weeks.



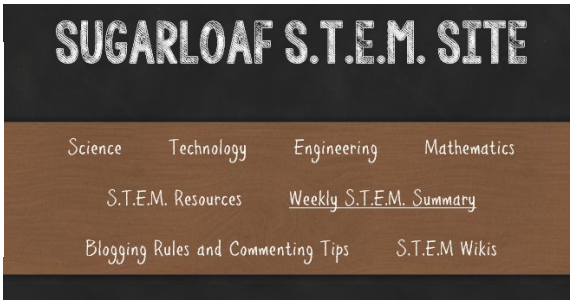



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS

with Chan, each Monday





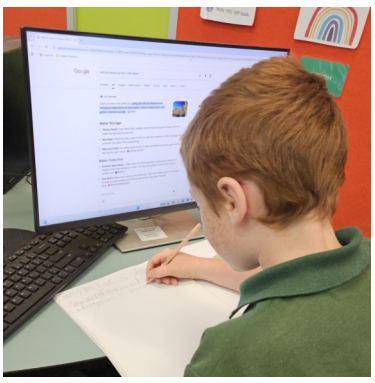
Sugarloaf STEM Blog

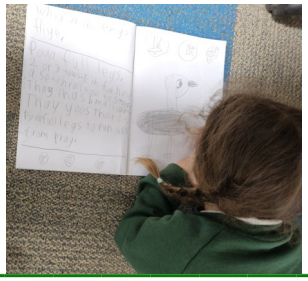
What's the difference between a nymph and a larvae? Well some of us found out as we studied life cycles this week. In the senior years we learned about the importance of insects to pretty much everything we rely on as humans. Some of us investigated ways to save endangered insect species and their role in our ecosytems. In the junior years we learned about how life cycles work in general from puppies to butterflies and how different animals have different stages and each of these stages are important. We picked animals we were interesting and researched how they move through their life stages. We also continued to measure our plant seedlings and added to the data bank we're collecting!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S STEM AWARD RECIPIENTS:

P/1– Tommy
1/2– Asher
3/4– Noah
5/6– Chet





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.

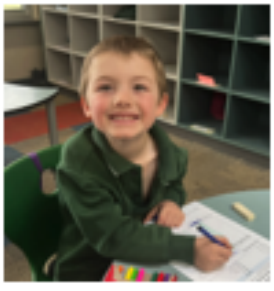
Days and times of the Transition Program are as follows-

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.



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.



ROTARY CLUB KINGLAKE RANGES
- PRESENTS

KINGLAKE RANGES

EST. 2023

Show 'N' Shine

SUN 15TH NOV 2026



CARDBOARD BOX RALLY

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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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