



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Keeping hands & feet to yourself



#### **P/1- Winter**

For always being respectful of others personal space by keeping her hands and feet to herself and giving classmates the space they need.



#### **1/2- Harry**

for always keeping his hands and feet to himself, showing respect by being aware of others' personal space and helping everyone feel safe and comfortable.



#### **3/4- Lily**

For ensuring that her hands and feet are kept to herself, ensuring safety for all.



#### **5/6- Olivia**

For always following school rules, respecting others and knowing to keep her hands and feet to herself.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

30th & 31st October	SMILE Dentist van at school
Thursday 30th October	P-4 Responsible Pet Care
Friday 31st October	World Teachers' Day
Monday 3rd November	Curriculum Day- no school
Tuesday 4th November	Melbourne Cup public holiday
10th-12th November	Grades 3-6 Camp- Airleys Inlet
Thursday 27th November	9.30am 2026 Prep Morning Tea
Friday 28th November	Inflatables incursion
Monday 1st December	Welcome Woodleigh, until Friday
Wednesday 3rd Dec	Jayden's Music students' concert 9.10am
Thursday 11th December	Gr 6 Graduation (No After School Care)
Monday 15th Dec	EOT Concert (No After School Care)
Thursday 18th Dec	End of term, 3.30pm dismissal. No ASC

### TERM 4 ICY POLE WEDNESDAYS

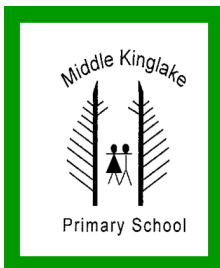
\$1 each week or  
\$10 for term



Happy birthday-  
Ms Callander- 5th  
Liia- 7th  
Eliza K- 23rd



**Middle Mate's focus for wk 5 is  
Stay positive**



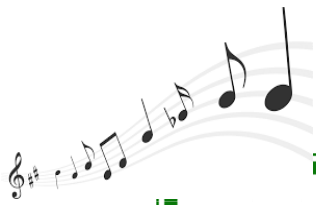
**BE SAFE,  
BE RESPONSIBLE,  
BE RESPECTFUL**

#### SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

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

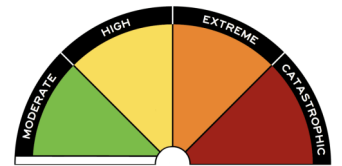
Please use your family name and reason for payment as a reference

For example: Jones Swimming



**JAYDEN'S MUSIC CONCERT:** Jayden's music students will perform their talents in a whole school concert on Wednesday 3rd Dec at 9.10am. All welcome.

**FIRE SEASON:** As the fire season approaches, a reminder that MKPS and MKPS OSHC is closed on Catastrophic fire danger rating days and Learning from Home plans will be activated on Extreme days. No one is permitted on site on these days. We take our fire danger ratings from the LGA (Local Government Area) for Murrindindi. Communication will be provided from the school in the lead up to these days. You are encouraged to have your family's fire plan updated for this year so you are not caught unprepared. Please ask if you have any questions.



**AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** There will be no After School Care on Thursday 11th (Graduation) and Monday 15th Dec (EOY Concert) as we require the space to set up for these events. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**SCHOOL SAVING BONUS:** Just a reminder that the SSB can be used to pay for camp. If it isn't used it won't expire at the end of the year. Please contact Felicity if you'd like to check your balance or use it.

**GRADE 3-6 CAMP:** 11 sleeps until Grade 3-6 Camp– we're hoping for beach weather! We've had a camp meeting to share any concerns or questions and everyone seems fairly excited. Of course there are some worries because this is the first time students have done this camp. We'll have another camp meeting next week. Clothing lists and a draft program were made available to students earlier in the week. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



**WORLD TEACHERS' DAY:** Tomorrow we celebrate World Teachers' Day and say thank you to the fabulous staff we have at MKPS. Every day they go above and beyond to do the best for your kids.

**KINGLAKE HERITAGE CENTRE:** A great visit for the Grade 3/4s to the Kinglake Heritage Centre on Tuesday. Thanks to the KHC volunteers for facilitating the visit and supporting our students' learning.

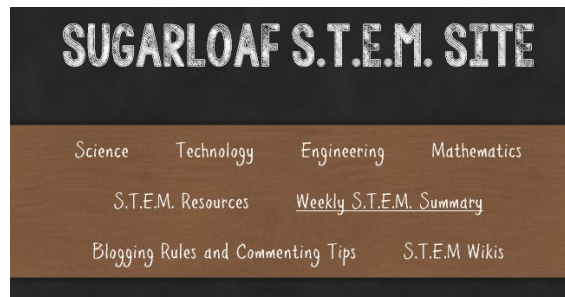


**SHOCKTOBER:** We welcomed Deb and Bec from Kinglake CERT to MKPS yesterday to raise awareness of CPR. They generously donated the mats and heart kits for us to keep. It is terrific to have local organisations sharing their expertise with us, it was great to see students so engaged and learning so much.





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

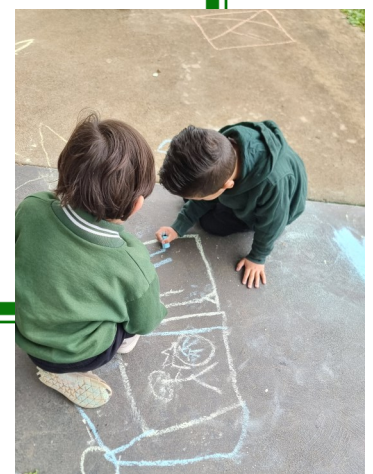


### Sugarloaf STEM Blog

This week was an investigation into sorting and ordering data. In the junior grades we explored how to order data by listening to a story and making a comic about it. Then we cut up and spread out the story for a partner to sort it into order. In the senior grades we learned about how data can be sorted in excel, we used the sorting function and played with some shortcuts to select and manipulate our data with ease. We learned about the sum function and the data tab in excel to sort our data from last week.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S STEM AWARD RECIPIENTS-***

- P/1– Natalia**
- 1/2– Carter**
- 3/4– Harry**
- 5/6- Carmen**



## Changes to digital device use

From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.

### What this means for our school

As you know, we already provide school-owned digital devices for student learning, so there is no impact on our school's BYOD programs. Students use digital devices to complement their learning-research, literacy and numeracy based programs and some publishing work. The majority of learning is pen and paper based. We will continue to audit our programs to ensure we are complying with the new recommendations.

Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes.

These changes are intended to support families with cost-of-living pressures and reduce student screen time.

Please ask if you have any questions or you can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning Policy](#).



# MIDDLE KINGLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2026 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 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	2-3.30pm	Snack Drink bottle SunSmart hat
Thursdays in November 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Snack Drink bottle SunSmart hat
Statewide Transition Day Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30-11.30am	Snack Drink bottle SunSmart hat

\*\*On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Natasha Lang**  
Prep teacher



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

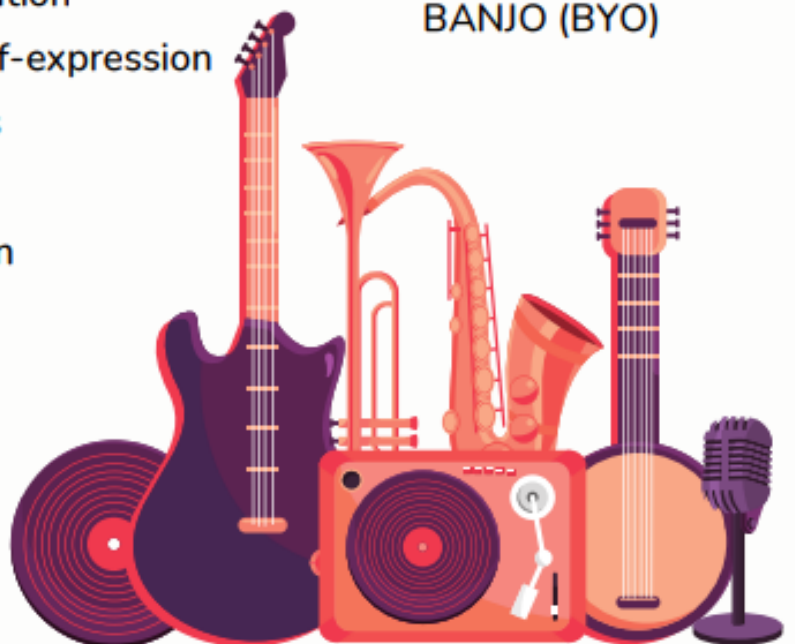
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0430 061 095





# **Sporting Schools is back for Term 4!**

**AND IT IS FREE!**

Monday & Thursday afternoons  
3.30-4.30pm

*Starts Monday 13th October &  
concludes Monday 8th December*




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

Fun based game play & skill development.

Contact Meagan or Michael for more details.











# November 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1	2
Wk 5	3 Curriculum Day	4 Melb Cup holiday 	5 	6	7	8	9
Wk 6	10 Grade 3-6 Camp Airley's Inlet 	11 Grade 3-6 Camp	12 Grade 3-6 Camp  	13	14	15	16
Wk 7	17	18 6.30pm SC	19 	20	21	22	23
Wk 8	24	25	26 	27	28 Inflatables! 	29	30

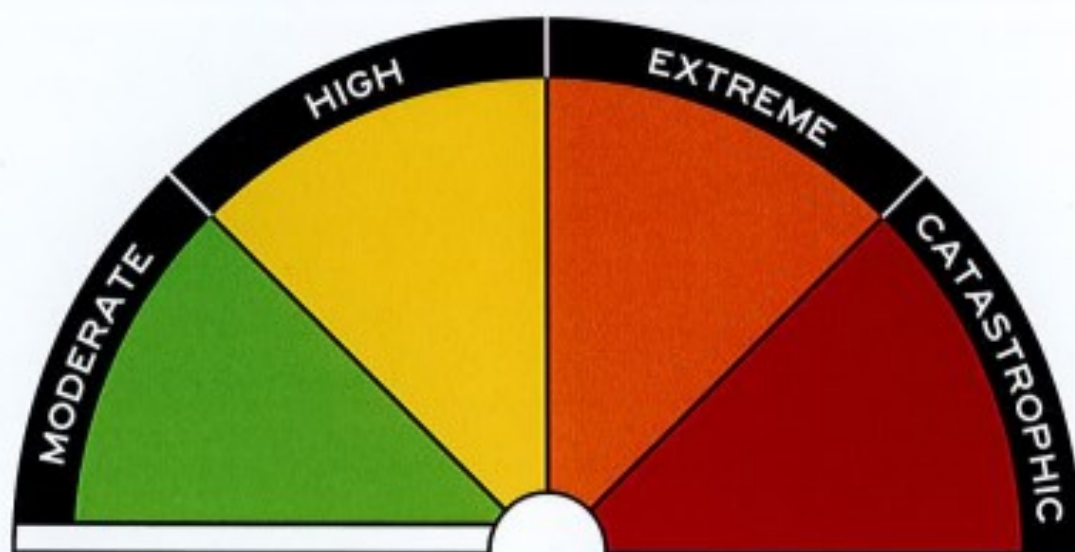
# December 2025



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 9	1 Welcome Woodleigh!	2	3 	4	5	6	7
Wk 10	8	9 Statewide Transition 6pm SC dinner	10 	11 Gr 6 Graduation 	12 Reports distributed 	13	14
Wk 11	15 EOY Concert	16 Gr 6 Final Fun Day	17 	18 EOT 3pm Assembly 3.30pm dismissal NO ASC	19 	20	21
	22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
	29	30	31 		2026 Tuesday 27th Jan- staff return to school	Wednesday 28th Jan all students return to school 9am assembly- all welcome	

As the warmer weather approaches, a reminder that  
**MKPS and OSHC are closed on  
Catastrophic Fire Danger days.**

There is a new *Work From Home* plan in place for  
**Extreme** days in the Murrindindi LGA, therefore  
**MKPS and OSHC will not be open on those days.**  
We will notify families of these days as they arise  
and hard copy work packs will be sent  
home with students.



As always our priority is the safety of students  
and staff, while working within the  
Department of Education guidelines.  
If you have any questions please contact the school.