

MKPS NEWS



Middle Kinglake Primary School
Thursday 19th Feb 2026
Issue 4



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3– being mindful, staying on task



P/1- Isabella

For being focused and respectful in class by being polite to everyone by not distracting others when completing work.



1/2- Natalia

For focusing on her learning, working quietly and thoughtfully and making positive choices in the classroom.



3/4- Darcy & Sebastian

For always finding the time to assist others but then stay focused and on task to get work done.



5/6- Araliya

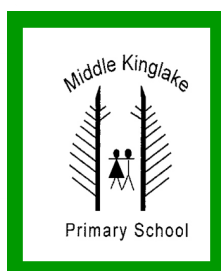
For staying focused and on task while being a supportive and helpful classmate.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 23rd Feb	Swimming starts
Tuesday 3rd March	Coffee & catch up 9.15-10.30am School Council AGM 6.30pm
Friday 6th March	House Swimming Sports 12.30pm
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11th March	Preps first Wednesday NAPLAN starts Grades 3 & 5
Friday 13th March	Ride to School day
Wednesday 18th March	No After School Care, staff completing First Aid 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 19th March	Grade 6 Year 7 Reunion 6-8pm
Friday 20th March	Footy Clinic Day Grade 5/6 to Big Ideas in Melbourne
Thursday 26th March	Last Sporting Schools for term 1
Wednesday 1st April	EOT Hot Lunch
Thursday 2nd April	End of term, 2pm dismissal No After School Care
Monday 20th April	Term 2 starts
Friday 24th April	School ANZAC Day service 10.15am All welcome



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

Birthdays-
Felicity-25th
Hunter- 27th
Bridie- 2nd
Harrison- 4th

SCHOOL FEES: Just a reminder that the 2026 requisite fee is \$180 per student. This covers all school supplies including books, pencils, glue, art and printing supplies. Please see the office to arrange payment. We ask that all school fees be paid by the end of term 1 please. Please contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan.

SWIMMING: Swimming starts on Monday 23rd Feb. Don't forget to return your notes and money. Some reminders are on [page 6](#). Please ask if you have any questions. Assemblies will be at 9am for the next 2 Mondays– 23rd and 2nd March due to the swimming program.

FIRST AID: Staff will be completing First Aid on Wednesday 18th March from 3.30 -6.30pm, therefore no After School Care that evening. Apologies for the inconvenience.

STUDENT LEADERS: A huge congratulations to our student leaders who were presented with their badges and certificates on Monday. It is great to have so many students put their hand up to be a leader and we know they will do a great job. We have introduced two new categories this year– GEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness) Leaders and the Grade 6 Leadership Team. The GEM Leaders will change every term and are in charge of recognising and encouraging behaviours link to The Resilience Program taught during SEL. The small group of 5 Grade 6s will hold additional responsibilities and will attend Young Leaders' Day in the city in March.

EXTREME WEATHER DAYS: Thank you to everyone for their flexibility around the three Extreme weather days we have had so far. We realise it requires a lot of juggling and organisation at your end and we are very grateful. Hopefully the weather cools down and we don't have any more days where we are required to Learn from Home.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY: If you haven't met Michael yet, you will soon learn of his love for cycling! Something he instils in our students; organising Ride to School days, providing opportunities to ride at lunchtimes, setting up the Bike Workshop to teach students bike maintenance skills. Older students regularly organise meeting up and riding to school from the Pheasant Creek store, always arriving with a smile on their face and keen to tell Michael about their ride. We are organising another Ride to School day on Friday 13th March. Students (and parents) are invited to ride their bikes to school. There will be fruit and juice provided on arrival and students will use their bikes throughout the day to participate in bike riding activities. In the past parents have organised to meet up and ride from somewhere closer, ie the back gate or the basketball stadium carpark. Start planning so everyone can participate in this fun day! Please ask if you have any questions.



School Captains– Ben & Olivia with Cindy McLeish and the 2026 Grade 6 Leadership Team comprising of Ben, Jackson, Will, Olivia and Carmen.

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

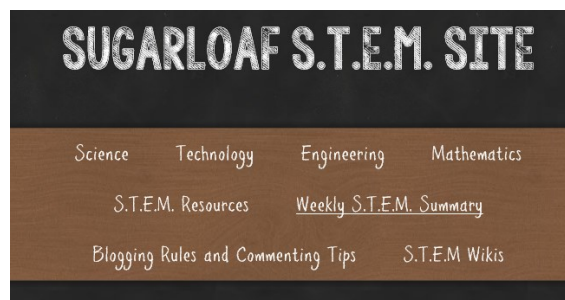
Middle Kinglake PS Acc
BSB: 063 855
Acc # 1002 8919

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

For example: Jones Swimming



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



Sugarloaf STEM Blog

This week was a very inquisitive week. We settled in to experiment design in the senior grades and practised some skills around science inquiry. In the junior grades we thought about safety in the lab and learned how to use hand lenses sensibly and with care. We then used those hand lenses to investigate things we found around the classroom and in nature. Turns out beetles are really interesting up close, with lots of hair and bumps on their skin!

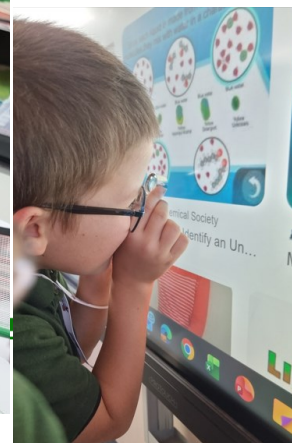
Congratulations to this week's
STEM Award recipients-

P/1– Charlie

1/2– Hunter

3/4– Noah

5/6– Maddisyn



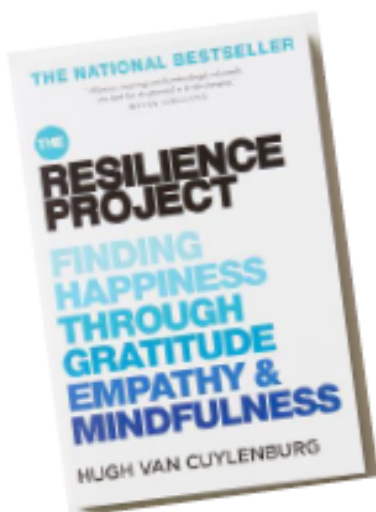
Dear families
You're warmly invited to join us for a relaxed coffee morning,
Cuppa and Catch Up
on **Tuesday 3rd March from 9:15–10:30am.**

This informal get-together is a chance to enjoy a cuppa, connect with other parents and learn more about **The Resilience Project**, which we are excited to be participating in again in 2026. The session will provide an overview of the program and how it supports student wellbeing, emotional literacy, and resilience—both at school and at home.

There will be time for conversation, questions, and connection in a welcoming and supportive environment. No preparation needed—just come along and enjoy the morning with us.

We hope you can join us for a cuppa and a catch up!

Warm regards,
The Wellbeing Team





SWIMMING



Starts on Monday 23rd Feb- Friday 6th March. Every day for 2 weeks



Please remember to bring a separate swimming bag (reusable shopping bag is fine- not plastic) with your bathers, rashie, spare underwear, a towel, thongs/Crocs/slides & goggles.



*Please ensure clothing items are named.

*Students need a small container, in their swimming bag, with a small snack to eat after swimming at the pool.



***Group 1-** P/1 & Grade 1/2 depart school at 11.45am, swim from 12.15-1pm and return to school by 1.30pm.

***Group 2-** Grade 3/4 & Grade 5/6 depart school at 12.30pm, swim from 1-1.45pm and return to school by 2.15pm.

**Please note parents are not required to attend swimming lessons.*

House Swimming Sports on Friday 6th March. Everyone departs school at 12 noon. Sports run from 12.30-2pm. Parents welcome to come and cheer students on. Students can be collected from the pool at the end of this day.



RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 13th March



Ride your bike to school,
fruit and juice on arrival

Bike activities throughout
the day

*Parents– many organise shorter rides for younger students, for example riding from basketball stadium car park

*fingers crossed for better weather than last year!!

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE
on WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH**

Staff will be completing their
First Aid from 3.30-6.30pm

Apologies for the inconvenience



**IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES
FOR YOUR REFERENCE**

SCHOOL PHOTOS– Thursday 4th June

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 2026!

AND it is free!

Monday & Thursday afternoons
3.30-4.30pm

*Starts Monday 2nd Feb and concludes
Thursday 26th March*

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

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

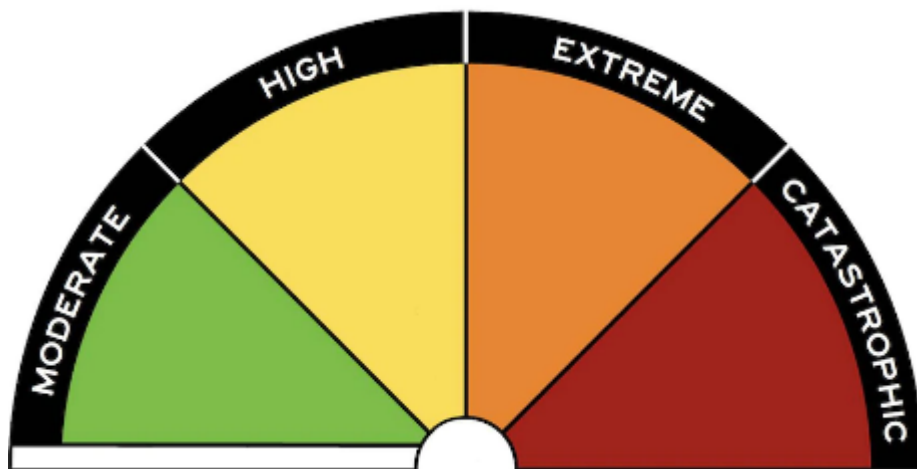


BUSHFIRE SAFETY AT MKPS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.



January/February 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	26 Jan	27 Jan Staff return to school Classrooms open 2.30-3.30pm	28 Jan All students return! 9am Assembly	29 Jan Icy poles 	30 Jan	31st Jan	1 Feb
Wk 2	2 Feb  Sporting Schools starts 3.30-4.30pm	3	4 No Preps	5 World Read Aloud Day 9-9.30am  Icy poles 	6	7	8
Wk 3	9	10	11 No Preps P/T Meetings 3.30-5.30pm	12 Icy poles  P/T Meetings 1.30-6pm	13	14	15
Wk 4	16 Leadership Assembly 9am 	17	18 No Preps	19 Icy poles 	20	21	22
Wk 5	23 Swimming starts 	24 Swimming	25 No Preps Swimming	26 Icy poles  Swimming	27 Swimming	28	

March/April 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Wk 6	2 Swimming 	3 Swimming 6.30pm SC AGM	4 No Preps Swimming	5 Icy poles  Swimming	6 W/S Swimming Sports 12.30pm 	7	8
Wk 7	9 Labour Day holiday!	10	11 Preps 1st Wednesday! NAPLAN	12 Icy poles  NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14	15
Wk 8	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18	19 Icy poles  Gr 6 Yr 7 Reunion 6-8pm	20 Gr 5/6 to State Library- Big Ideas	21	22
Wk 9	23	24	25	26 Icy poles  Last Sporting Schools for TI	27 Gr 6s Young Leaders Day	28	29
Wk 10	30	31	1 April EOT Hot Lunch	2 Icy poles  2pm Dismiss No ASC 	3 GOOD FRIDAY 9am Easter Hat Parade & assembly	4 	5 EASTER SUNDAY *Term 2- begins Monday 20th April



KINGLAKE PONY CLUB

*A community run,
family focussed club*

📅 Every 3rd Sunday each month

🕒 9AM - 3PM

📍 Kinglake Trust Reserve

Showjumping

Dressage

Cross Country

Trail Rides

Camps

Mounted Games

FUN!

- ✓ Fun monthly rallies, making friends, socialising horses and new experiences
- ✓ Fantastic facilities
- ✓ Supportive club for all riders with ponies/horses
- ✓ Pathways to competitive riding

Contact us for more information or to arrange a come and try!
kinglakeponyclubcommittee@gmail.com

FOOD STALLS | MARKET STALLS

RAFFLE PRIZES & MUCH MORE!



COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
FLOWERDALE PRIMARY

SCHOOL FAIR

SATURDAY
MARCH 28

10AM - 2PM

ENTRY PASS
\$15 EACH OR 4 FOR \$50

FREE ENTRY:
0-3 YEARS & 65+

FUN FOR
THE WHOLE
FAMILY!

ENTRY INCLUDES

4 HOURS OF UNLIMITED ACCESS TO

INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE & GIANT SLIDE
ROLLER SKATING | PETTING ZOO | FACE PAINTING
GIANT BUBBLES | AFRICAN DRUMMING

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