



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 10– demonstrating good sportsmanship



P/1- George

For showing excellent sportsmanship, always encouraging others and playing fairly.



1/2- Noah

For playing fairly, treating others with respect and celebrating everyone's efforts, not just his own. Noah is a great teammate and a positive role model.



3/4- Amelia

For assisting others during game play and always volunteering to 'be it' in games.



5/6- Christian

For following the rules during games and showing great sportsmanship by stepping out gracefully when he's out.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 11– using manners



P/1- Max

For consistently using polite manners with all staff and students, showing respect and kindness at all times.



1/2- Jaxson

For being polite, respectful and never forgetting to use kind words when speaking with others.



3/4- Liam

For always remembering to use his manners, and wait his turn when wanting to speak to others.

Travis

For always remembering to thank others when they help him.



5/6- Carmen

For always being polite and using her manners when speaking to staff and students.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 18th Dec	End of term, 3pm assembly, 3.30pm dismissal. No ASC
2026 Tuesday 27th Jan	Staff return to school. Classrooms open 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 28th Jan	All students return to school. 9am assembly
Monday 2nd Feb	Sporting Schools start 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 5th Feb	Read Aloud Day 9-9.30am
Wednesday 11th Feb	Parent Teacher meetings 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 12th Feb	Parent Teacher meetings 1.30-6pm

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026**

ICY POLE THURSDAYS TERM 1 2026

\$1 each week or \$10 for
the term



Holiday birthdays-
Miss Aldous- 30th Dec
Carter- 2nd Jan
Aaliyah- 9th
Toby L- 22nd
Harper & Hudson- 23rd
Arthur- 25th

Middle Mate's focus for wk 1 2026 is
*Demonstrating our school rules-
Be safe, respectful & responsible*



**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

SECOND HAND UNIFORM: As Grade 6 students move on to secondary school, if you have any unwanted school uniform, we'd be very grateful of donations for the Second hand Uniform cupboard. Thanks in advance.

CARING CLASSMATES: Congratulations to our Caring Classmates and thank you to Andie for travelling from Shepparton to present the awards. She made comment on what a hard decision it was as all of the nominations were so thoughtful and sincere. We are very proud to have a school full of Caring Classmates!



CLASSROOMS OPEN: On Tuesday 27th Jan, staff return to school to complete professional learning and prepare for the year ahead. Classrooms will be open from 2.30-3.30pm if families would like to pop in so students can familiarise themselves with their new classroom set up, lockers, seating arrangements and teacher etc before the first day.

READ ALOUD DAY: Read Aloud Day is the first school celebration of the New Year. We invite families to come along and join us for a morning of reading fun. A great opportunity to share the enjoyment of reading! Afterwards Mrs Lang will demonstrate a Phonics workshop in P/1, parents are encouraged to stay and join in, learning what a daily phonics lesson like in the classroom.



GRADUATION: Congratulations to our amazing Grade 6s on the occasion of their Graduation last week. It was a lovely evening showcasing their time at MKPS and it was terrific to see such a huge crowd here to celebrate with them. Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson for her work throughout the entire year and for organising the evening. A big thanks to Allisha for organising the limo ride— that was certainly a highlight for the kids, thanks to Bec for her amazing catering skills and to all staff who pitched in. We wish our Grade 6s a happy start at secondary school and can't wait to hear all about it at the Grade 6 Year 7 Reunion in term 1.

CONCERT: What a great night! Thanks to Dan, Jayden and all the staff for their input into our amazing EOY Concert. So great to see the students up there performing with confidence and enjoying themselves— that's what it is all about! Congratulations to the award winners— very well deserved.



PFA THANK YOU: A huge thank you to the PFA members for their help throughout this year. Special events wouldn't happen without their support. It is great to have many hands to make light work! Special thankyou to Narelle who has had a major input into organising PFA events— much appreciated Narelle.

GRADE 6 FINAL FUN DAY: It was great to spend the day with the Grade 6s on Tuesday, celebrating the end of their primary school era. They are a great group of kids— well mannered and appreciative and to see their smiling faces all day makes it all worth it. Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson for organising and Michael for driving the bus.



COLOUR RUN: The best fun! Thanks to Mrs B for organising, the CFA for providing the water and for all the families who came along. We're going to make this an annual event! A huge thank you to the parents who assisted with the Sausage Sizzle— much appreciated!

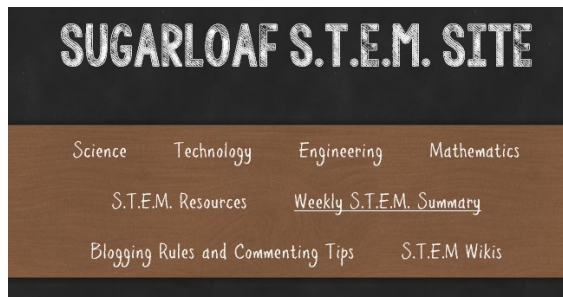


MERRY CHRISTMAS: Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing New Year. Thank you to everyone for their support and contributions this year, it has been a great year with lots happening. We couldn't be more proud of the students at MKPS, they make coming to school every day an absolute pleasure. See you in 2026!





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



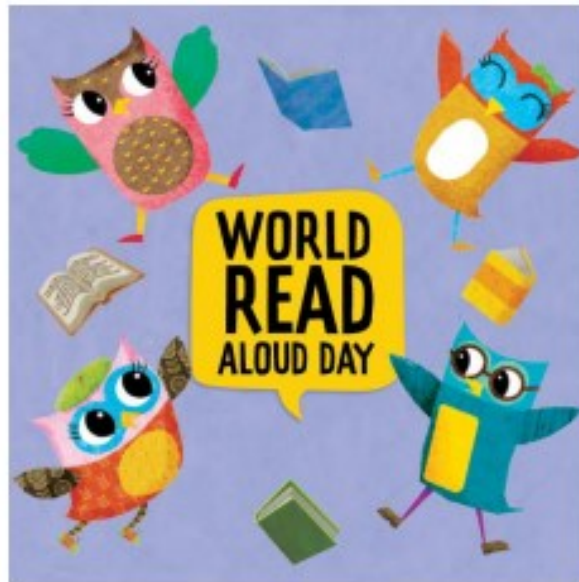
Sugarloaf STEM Blog

Our last week of school! We had a bunch of fun working with the Nudle Karts this week. We made creations inspired by our survival problem solving games and the juniors went wild with their imaginations to have some fun in the last couple of weeks of term. They were required to think about a problem that they were solving with their designs and articulate how their solution solved it.

Congratulations to STEM Award winners from this week-

- P/1– Evie
- 1/2– Xavier
- 3/4– Araliya
- 5/6– Airlie





Thursday 4th Feb 2026, 9-9.30am

A great opportunity to welcome families into the school to read with the students.



Afterwards, 9.30-10am, Mrs Lang and the P/1 students will demonstrate a Phonics workshop. P/1 parents are welcome to stay and see MKPS's daily phonics program in action.



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.



January/February 2026

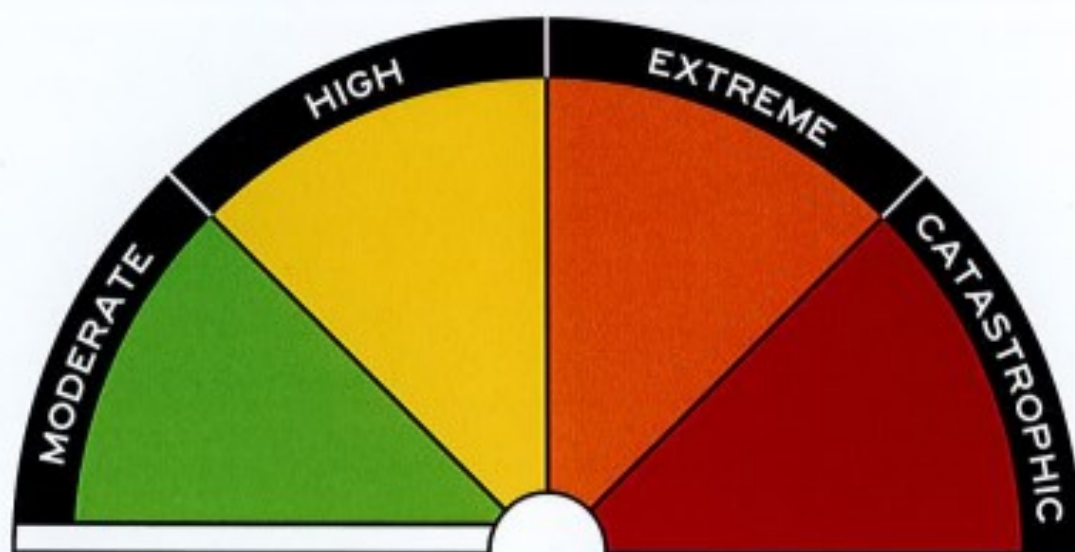
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	26 Jan	27 Jan Staff return to school Classrooms open 2.30-3.30pm	28 Jan All students return! 9am Assembly	29 Jan Icy poles 	30 Jan	31st Jan	1 Feb
Wk 2 	2 Feb Sporting Schools starts 3.30-4.30pm	3	4 No Preps	5 World Read Aloud Day 9-9.30am Icy poles	6	7	8
Wk 3	9	10	11 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	21	22
Wk 9	23	24	25	26 Icy poles 	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

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.