



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 4– showing initiative



P/1- Winter

For independently start tasks, making thoughtful choices and always looking for ways to help your learning grow.



1/2- George

For showing initiative by getting started on tasks independently and being work-ready without reminders.



3/4- Miles

For always showing initiative and helping others within the classroom and the playground.



5/6- Chloe

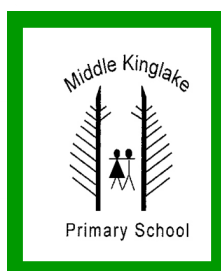
For asking thoughtful questions to deepen her understanding during learning tasks.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd March	Coffee & Catch up 9.15-10.30am School Council AGM 6.30pm
Friday 6th March	House Swimming Sports depart school 12 noon start at pool 12.30pm. Finish at pool 2pm.
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-
Hunter- 27th
Bridie- 2nd
Harrison- 4th
Ryder- 5th

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.

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.

SWIMMING: Swimming has started well with some perfect weather. It has been great to see everyone enjoying their lessons, listening carefully and improving their skills. Friday is our House Swimming Sports. We all depart school at 12 noon for a 12.30pm start at the pool. Families are welcome to come along and cheer us on. Because we can't all fit on the one bus we are asking parents who are attending the sports if they could collect their child from school and transport them to the pool. Please let us know if you are able to do this to save the cost of an additional bus. Students can be collected from the pool after the swimming sports at 2.30pm. Please ask if you have any questions.

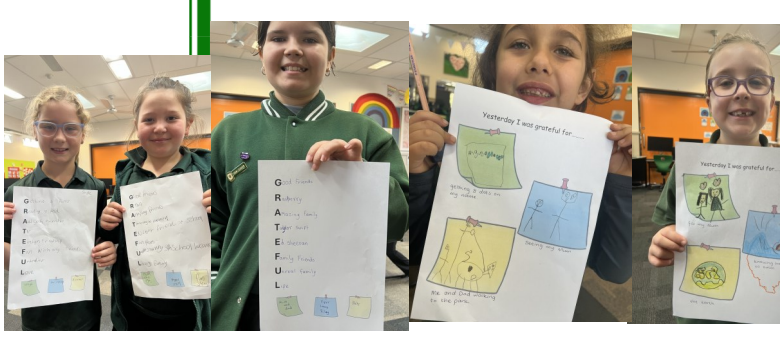
DISTRICT SWIMMING: Good luck to Ben, Liam, Jackson, Araliya, Amelia and Caremn for representing MKPS in the District Swimming at Diamond Creek today!

COFFEE CATCH UP REMINDER: Just a reminder that Miss Platt will be holding a casual coffee chat on Tuesday from 9.15-10.30am. Come along and have a cuppa with staff and other parents. Details on page 5.

OSHC: We currently have a staffing position advertised for After School Care. If you know anyone who is interested please let them know to contact the school.

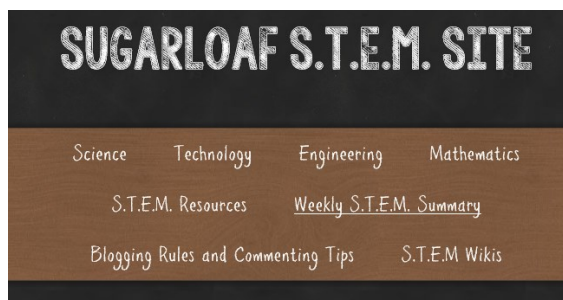
GRATITUDE: This week's Middle Mates focus is '*Being grateful for what you have*'. Here are some student responses for what they have been grateful for this week-

- *my Mum
- *learning how to swim
- *the Earth
- *playing with my friends
- *coming to school
- *not crying at the dentist
- *walking to the park with my Dad and dog
- *fun times with my friends
- *my amazing parents
- *my grandparents
- *my parents taking me to sport/dancing
- *our school and the opportunities we get
- *loving and caring people around me
- *getting a part in Matilda the Musical
- *doing the swimming program





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



Sugarloaf STEM Blog

This week we learned about how to set up an experiment cleanly so that we can find a clear result. In the junior grades we practiced making accurate predictions using our knowledge of milk and detergent. In the senior grades we back tracked and had to develop questions and hypotheses to match. We then tested our theories and discussed the science behind the experiment!



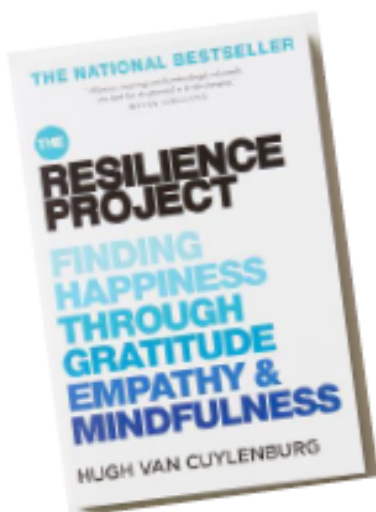
Dear families
You're warmly invited to join us for a relaxed coffee morning,
Cuppa and Catch Up
on **Tuesday 3rd March from 9:15–10:30am.**

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!!

Maddisyn and Eliza are rehearsing hard for their roles in Matilda The Musical. Tickets go on sale on Sunday for families interested in attending.



Seymour Performers Workshop Youth Theatre School proudly presents Roald Dahl's MATILDA JR.

Join us for an unforgettable journey into the world of Roald Dahl's *Matilda Jr*, a gleefully witty, high-energy musical packed with powerful performances, mischief, and a whole lot of heart.

Our [Youth Theatre School](#), is currently rehearsing together to bring the magical world of *Matilda* to the stage.

Stay tuned for further announcements and details on ticket sales!

Performances: 9 - 17 May 2026 at the Seymour College Arts Centre

Tickets on sale 9am Sunday 1 March 2026

[BOOK HERE](#)

[Matilda Jr Tickets, Seymour College Arts Centre, Seymour | TryBooking Australia](#)

**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.

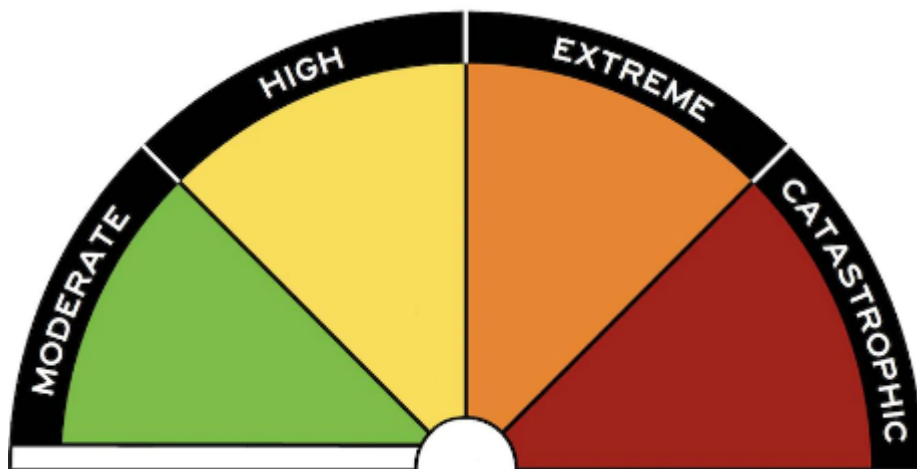


BUSHFIRE SAFETY AT MKPS

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.

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

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

Activities:

- Showjumping
- Dressage
- Cross Country
- Trail Rides
- Camps
- Mounted Games

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



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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