

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

EOY Colour Fun Run/Picnic Fri 15

Last day for students
Final assembly/G6 farewell 12.30pm
Dismissal 1.00pm
OSHC available Mon 18

2024

JANUARY

First day for students
Preps attend from 9.15am to 1.30pm
Full day for all other grades Tue 30

FEBRUARY

No school for preps Thu 1

No school for preps Fri 2

First assembly for 2024—2.50pm Mon 5

No school for preps (assessment) Thu 8

No school for preps (assessment) Fri 9

3-6 Swimming Tue 13

3-6 Swimming Thu 15

No school for preps Thu 15

No school for preps Fri 16

3-6 Swimming Tue 20

3-6 Swimming Thu 22

Sugarloaf District swimming carnival Fri 23

3-6 Swimming Tue 27

3-6 Swimming Tue 29

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From the Principal

SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

After our building issues this year, it is pleasing to know that our new builders, ARC3, are already on site and have commenced work on our new building. We look forward to watching this take place during 2024. I would especially like to extend my best wishes to all KG families for a safe and happy holiday break. Our student enrolments are consistent with previous years and we are still on track to stay under our enrolment ceiling of 275 students in coming years. Our intention is always to maintain a family feel in a smaller community setting. I remind everyone that school resumes for all students on Tuesday 30th January at 9am. The school office will be open from Thursday 25th January. Preps will begin at 9:15am and finish at 1:30 for the first day. We will have our first 2024 school assembly during the second week of term on Monday 5th February at 2:50pm. Among other things this will give us the opportunity to formally welcome our new prep children and numerous new students across all grades.

2024 CLASS PLACEMENTS AND SCHOOL STRUCTURE

As mentioned earlier, next year we will operate with a twelve grade school structure. We expect to have approximately 250 students in 2024. The grade structure and teachers will be as follows:

Prep, Laura Goddard
Prep, Claire Pollard
Grade 1/2A, New teacher
Grade 1/2B, Sheridyn Houlihan
Grade 1/2C, Cassandra Davey
Grade 3/4A, Michael Wright
Grade 3/4B, Martin Chenhall
Grade 3/4C, Sarah Jones
Grade 3/4D, Rebecca Ditcham
Grade 5/6A, Indigo Tipping
Grade 5/6B Nathan Warrington
Grade 5/6C, Christine French and Dani Angeli (2 ½ days each)
Physical education: Dani Sampson
Art: Robyn Stevens
Performing Arts & Prep-2 Visual Art: Sarah Carruthers
Science: Cassandra Dillon
Italian: Carmen Caruso

Maintaining twelve grades will mean smaller grade sizes across the school which has always been our priority. Teachers have spent considerable time attempting to hit the best balance for each grade. It is never possible to fit all requests into a single scenario so the placements have been made to give all our children the best opportunity for success, thanks for your understanding.

FAREWELL EXITING KG FAMILIES

I'd like to farewell all those families who will no longer have children at KG.in 2023. The last family representatives will be Jack Heaslip, Brodie Magill, Chloe Shead, Hugo Sheppard, Luca Ceberano,

Martyn Cousins, Theo Holman-Jones, Heath Majstorovic, Grace March, Luca Sharbell, Alex Batchelor, Braden Fahey, Willem Fowler and Autumn Swan. The longest KG family connection ending this year is the Shead family with Darcy starting at KG back in 2012.

SCHOOL PICNIC/COLOUR RUN TOMORROW

The school picnic has been scheduled to give the children another whole school community event. This will take place from 11:30am to 3:20 pm. There are a lot of sausages to cook so we would appreciate some volunteers at 11:30am to operate the barbeque and to help serve the sausages, drinks and icy poles to the children. If you can help with serving, cooking or collecting the sausages and drinks, please contact the office.

The actual colour run will take place at 2:30 on the school oval. You might like to send along a plastic bag and a change of top in case children are too messy to sit in the car!

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA SEASON

We are currently in the thunderstorm asthma season - 1 October to 31 December.

The following is from the Vic Emergency website and may be of interest if your child is susceptible to this form of asthma.

<https://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/#thunderstorm-asthma/preparing-for-thunderstorm-asthma>

LAST DAY DISMISSAL AND GRADE 6 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY NEXT MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

We will be holding our last whole school assembly at 12:30pm on Monday 18th December. We hope you can join us for this assembly which will give everyone the chance to say their traditional farewells to all our wonderful grade 6s. I wish them well at whichever secondary school they attend and look forward to seeing them back at KG in the future, remember 'once a KG kids, always a KG kid'. After school care is available as soon as children are dismissed at 1:00pm. This also gives us the opportunity to tidy up loose ends and hand out any lost property. Children will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

2024 SWIMMING

Please don't forget that our swimming program begins for our grade 3/4/5/6s in the third week back next year. Please also note the lesson dates will be February 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 & 29. The Sugarloaf District swimming carnival will be on Friday 23rd February at the same venue, Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool.

Laurie Murray
Principal

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VALUES OF THE WEEK



Back –All of ¾ French, Oscar, Huddy, Mr Murray, Jarrah, Martyn and Grace

Front - Reuben, Mackenzie, Alec, Jack, Thea, Ashton and Parker

FUNDRAISING END OF YEAR MESSAGE

A big thank you to all the families and parents that have supported fundraising efforts this year either through volunteering your time or participating in fundraising activities.

In 2023 fundraising included:

Hot cross buns, drive in movie night, Mother's Day stalls, Ivan's pies, Father's Day stalls and raffle, mangoes, democracy sausage sizzle, colour run shirts and all the other fun events for students such as bacon and egg breakfasts or sausage sizzles!

We were able to raise over \$17,000 which has contributed to our performing arts mural, music and playground equipment.

It would be great to have some fresh faces and new ideas involved with fundraising next year. If you have ideas or feedback for our fundraising committee we would love to hear from you or have you join the committee! It's a great way to support the school and be involved in the school community. It's also a very flexible committee around how much time and when you have time available to help out. Please let the office know if you would like to be involved next year.

Rachelle Cuthbert-Sayers

Melbourne United Incursion



Way back in term one, I looked into how to get NBL players to come to our school. After some research I came across a program called Kmart Game Time. I then went and asked Mrs Parks if I would be allowed to apply for Melbourne United to come out to our school through this program. With the approval sorted and the application all done it was a very long wait but with lots of patience and persistence on Wednesday the 5/6s finally got their Melbourne United clinic! Because our school is so far from the city we couldn't get the full Game Time experience I had planned but it was still great fun and we did lots of awesome skills and drills. Adam told us that we have much better basketball players at KG than other schools he's been out to, which was pretty cool! Thanks also to Mrs Sampson for helping make sure the clinic finally happened. Hugo Sheppard 5/6AP.



A big thank-you to Hugo Sheppard for organising this incursion!



HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS WATERING



Dear Parents,

We need helpers to water the vegetable gardens over the Christmas holiday period. The watering period would be from December 20, 2023 to February 2, 2024.

If you have a day or two spare and would like to help, please return the slip below indicating the date/s that you have available.




Thank you,

Ian Jones

I / We would like to help on the following day/s. Please write your name in the square/s.

My / Our name/s: _____

Child's name and class: _____

SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.
		18 DEC.	19 DEC.	20 DEC.	21 DEC.	22 DEC.
23 DEC.	24 DEC.	25 DEC. 	26 DEC.	27 DEC.	28 DEC.	29 DEC.
30 DEC.	31 DEC.	1 JAN.	2 JAN.	3 JAN.	4 JAN.	5 JAN.
6 JAN.	7 JAN.	8 JAN.	9 JAN.	10 JAN.	11 JAN.	12 JAN.
13 JAN.	14 JAN.	15 JAN.	16 JAN.	17 JAN.	18 JAN.	19 JAN.
20 JAN.	21 JAN.	22 JAN.	23 JAN.	24 JAN.	25 JAN.	26 JAN.
27 JAN.	28 JAN.	29 JAN.	30 JAN.	31 JAN.	1 FEB.	2 FEB.

KANGAROO GROUND PRESCHOOL

Vacancies available in our 3-year-old FREE KINDER program for 2024.

Our community run kinder offers a combination of play based traditional and BUSH kinder.

Our program runs for 15 hours from 9am-3pm on Wednesday and Friday.

Optional extended 3 hour session on Thursday 8.45am-11.45am and access to Kangaroo Ground Primary School's wonderful out of hours care (fees apply).

For further information please call us on 03 97120297 or email:

kangaroo.ground.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

or see www.kangarogroundpreschool.com.au

HURSTBRIDGE JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

2024 SEASON

JUNIOR GIRLS REGISTRATION



JUNIOR GIRLS WANTED

UNDER 12 GIRLS
UNDER 14 GIRLS



Head to: <https://hurstbridge-junior-football-netball-club.square.site>



 creekersbball
 contact@dcbasketball.com.au
 facebook.com/dcbasketball
 www.dcbasketball.com.au

LOOKING TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

Registrations for the Autumn 2024 season are open. Diamond Creek Basketball Club will have teams in all age groups:

- Girls U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U19
- Boys U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 & U20

If you're interested in joining a team, you can register at <https://dcbasketball.com.au/register>

If you would like more information, you can email coordinators@dcbasketball.com.au



Want to play netball in 2024?

Eltham Netball Club registrations open soon!!
All ages! NetSetGo to 17/19's

Training Tuesday nights St Helena Secondary College
Games played on Saturday's at the Nillumbik Regional Netball Centre

Email Claire at info@elthamnetballclub.com.au





JOIN THE FUN IN 2024!



NAB AFL Auskick is for everyone and offers an inclusive environment for ALL boys & girls aged 4 to 9 years at any skill level to play & have fun!

Clinics held on **Saturday mornings from 9.30am - 10:30am** at Warrandyte Reserve from **4 MAY FOR 14 SESSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$99**. For more information please contact Kane or Beck - your Auskick Co-Ordinators email: warrandyteauskick@gmail.com

TO REGISTER FOR AUSKICK SCAN HERE →



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Games are held on Sundays throughout the YJFL catchment area during terms 2 & 3. **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW: U8-U10 \$200, U11-YOUTH \$260** (after Early Bird \$220 & \$290 respectively). For more information please contact Irene (Secretary) email: secretary@warrandytejfc.org

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Warrandyte Reserve - Corner Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd & Taroona Avenue





PLAY NETBALL

Come and join our family friendly club. Train on Thursday nights and play each Saturday at the Templestowe courts. From NetSetGo through to Open age groups.

FIND OUT MORE TODAY!

www.panthersjuniornetballclub.com





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Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information.

**MON
8
JAN**

RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS

Step right up and join the circus extravaganza! Activities include showcasing your flair in the "Greatest Showman Talent Show", crafting DIY finger puppets, capturing memories at the Circus Photo Booth, indulging in delectable Clown Cupcakes, and creating vibrant Clown Paper Plates.



BASE FEE \$68
DAILY TOTAL \$68
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.80

**MON
15
JAN**

TENNIS FEVER

Catch The Tennis Fever This Summer! Swing Into Action With Activities Such As Superhero Tennis, Challenging Your Agility With Tennis Ball Balance, And Leaving Your Mark With Tennis Ball Prints. Game, Set, Match For A Smashing Good Time.



BASE FEE \$68
DAILY TOTAL \$68
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.80

**TUE
9
JAN**

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
INCURSION: SELFGUIDED
NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
BUNDLE**

Ring in the New Year with creative flair using the Self-Guided New Year Celebrations Bundle.



BASE FEE \$68
EXC/INC FEE \$22
DAILY TOTAL \$90
AFTER MAX CCS* \$9.00

**TUE
16
JAN**

DISNEY DAY

Embrace the magic with Disney Day! Engage in activities such as crafting delightful Disney Masks, testing your knowledge with Disney Trivia, savoring the magic with Mickey Mouse Cupcakes, embarking on an Enchanted Sensory Safari, and having fun with Disney Bingo.



BASE FEE \$68
DAILY TOTAL \$68
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.80

**WED
10
JAN**

HAWAIIAN

Aloha, adventurers! Embrace the island spirit with activities such as crafting your own Lei, sipping on a refreshing Piña Colada Mocktail, taking on the Hula Hoops Challenge, testing your flexibility in a Limbo Contest and dancing away to The Hukilau song.



BASE FEE \$68
DAILY TOTAL \$68
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.80

**WED
17
JAN**

**EUROPEAN
EXCURSION: TIMEZONE
HIGHPPOINT**

Immerse yourself in the world of gaming at Timezone Highpoint, featuring a variety of arcade and entertainment options.



BASE FEE \$68
EXC/INC FEE \$45
DAILY TOTAL \$113
AFTER MAX CCS* \$11.30

**THU
11
JAN**

**SPY KIDS
EXCURSION: NINJA ZONE
PROGRAM
ARRIVE BY 08:30 AM**

Explore the dynamic world of Ninja zone Program, featuring obstacle courses and challenges that enhance agility and strength.



BASE FEE \$68
EXC/INC FEE \$45
DAILY TOTAL \$113
AFTER MAX CCS* \$11.30

**THU
18
JAN**

**BLOCK BLITZ
INCURSION: SELF GUIDED
NANO BUILDERS MARVEL**

Unleash your creativity with Self-Guided Nano Builders Marvel, where holiday programmers can build their own Marvel-inspired creations.



BASE FEE \$68
EXC/INC FEE \$18
DAILY TOTAL \$86
AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.60

**FRI
12
JAN**

AUSTRALIAN FAIR

Celebrate the spirit of Australia at our Australian Fair! Get involved with a range of activities such as testing your aim in the Thong Throwing Competition, crafting Coloured Sand Jars, indulging in delicious Lamingtons, and showcasing your Aussie pride with Australian Flag Craft.



BASE FEE \$68
DAILY TOTAL \$68
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.80

**FRI
19
JAN**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Celebrate like it's your special day with our "Happy Birthday" theme! Dive into festivities such as grooving at the Birthday Disco, crafting your own Pinata, baking delightful Bday Cupcakes, and engaging in the timeless game of Pass the Parcel.



BASE FEE \$68
DAILY TOTAL \$68
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.80

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

Please note that programs may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



Scan for further information and to secure a spot in one of our holiday programs today!