

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Footy day Fri 15

Last day term 3
Early dismissal 2.30pm Fri 15

OCTOBER

First day term 4 Mon 2

Extreme Weather Excursion 3-4 Thu 5

School council meeting
3.45pm Mon 9

Calm at Forefront Incursion P-6 Thu 12

Prep 2024 Storytime
2.30-2.50pm Thu 12

Space Virtual Reality Incursion 5-6 Fri 13

Prep 2024 Storytime
2.30-2.50pm Thu 19

Soccer day Fri 20

Edendale Farm Excursion P-2 Wed 25

Grade 6 Leadership Day Thu 26

NOVEMBER

Bushwahzee visit P-6 Thu 2

Melbourne Cup Holiday Tue 7

Grade 1 Dinner Thu 9

Grade 2 Sleepover Thu 9

Prep Breakfast Fri 10

Prep Transition Session 1
9.15-10.30am Fri 10

Interschool Sports Away
St Andrews 5-6 Fri 10

Swimming Prep-2 Tue 14

Swimming Prep-2 Wed 15

Prep Transition Session 2
9.15-10.30am Fri 17

Interschool Sports Away
Panton Hill 5-6 Fri 17

Swimming Prep-2 Tue 21

Swimming Prep-2 Wed 22

Prep Transition Session 3
9.15-11.00am Fri 24

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner Tue 28

Swimming Prep-2 Tue 28

Swimming Prep-2 Wed 29

DECEMBER

Grade 6 Big Day Out -Fun Fields Wed 6 Dec

EOY Fun Run BBQ Fri 15 TBC

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From the Principal



Dear parents and carers

REGION ATHLETICS

Following the recent Division Athletics trials, I would like to congratulate Chloe Shead who has qualified to represent our school, Sugarloaf District and Nillumbik Division in the Regional Athletics competition.

Chloe will be competing in the discus event so we all wish her well, go Chloe!!



Christine is a highly respected and experienced teacher who will bring her own special skill set to a position that Maria Parks has performed with great energy and professionalism.

Christine will continue her role as classroom teacher of her present class for the remainder of 2023.

On behalf of our KG school community, I would like to congratulate Christine on her appointment and we look forward to working with her in her new role.

Laurie Murray

Principal

A reminder to all families

Tomorrow is footy day.

Please come to school in your team colours.



Hot dog and drink combo will be available to purchase for \$5.

FOOTY HOT DOG DRESS UP DAY TOMORROW

We will hold our annual footy dress up day with a hot dog lunch tomorrow. We are looking for a few helpers to organise and serve the lunch so if you can help from 11:30 - 1:00pm it would be appreciated. If you can help out, please contact the office to let us know.

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

The next stage of our building project will be the installation of a new mains to allow the school's power to be reconnected and generators to be removed. Electricians will commence work on site next Monday.

Last week's delivery of our new portable was delayed due to Friday's bad weather. The new portable building is expected to be installed and fully operational in time for the first day next term.

It's worth noting that more than 80% of the old admin building was able to be recycled with steel, bricks, concrete, aluminium and copper all being separated for re-use.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Maria Park's transfer to Christmas Hill Primary until the end of 2024 has initiated the process of appointing a replacement.

Following the selection process, our panel has appointed Christine French to take on this important role at KG for this period of time.

LOST PROPERTY

There is so much lost property, particularly small sizes, that is not named and cannot be returned to children.

Please come and have a look if you are missing items of clothing.

All unclaimed items will be "FREE TO A GOOD HOME" at the end of term.

Thank-you

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Out of School Hours Care (OSHC): 9712 0124 / 0419 893 272 kgpsoshc@bigpond.com

VALUES OF THE WEEK



Front row: Archie, Billie-Rose, Sid, Harrison, Finn, Charlie, Clancy
Back row: Brodie, Jethro, Jasper, Gatlin, Alannah, Willem

Grade 1 / 2

The Good Old Days



To finish off our inquiry unit, "The Good Old Days," Grade 1 and 2 students visited the Andrew Ross Museum. Students were amazed to learn about Andrew Ross and his connection to our school, and enjoyed experiencing life as it was. Upon returning to the classroom,

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Goodbye to my incredible Grade 5/6 class

From Mrs Parks

Thank you to my wonderful students who have worked so hard this year. I am going to miss you. We have had the best year and I am very proud of all your achievements. See you soon and I will catch the Grade 6's at Graduation



Grade 5/6 Expo – Gold Rush

Our Grade 5/6's had their Expo yesterday and presented their gold rush dioramas. Students were invited across the school to come and visit providing an amazing opportunity for our Grade 5/6 students to share their wonderful creations. Also, we had our parents come in and share in the celebration of work.



Award for Mackenzie L in Grade 1/2C



Grade 5/6 ELECTIVES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents who assisted with the Grade 5/6 Electives.

The students really valued the sessions and loved learning a range of new skills. Our electives programme would not be able to run if we did not have parents volunteering their time.

So, on behalf of the Grade 5/6 team we say thank you to Anna who taught the students how to crochet, Sandra who shared her cooking skills, Verity who took the students for vet science and investigated cells under a microscope and Bec who worked with the students to create a play which was shared with the kinder.

Also, thanks to Dani Sampson who shared her netball skills with the students in preparation for the teachers verse students' game. Hopefully, she has not prepared them too well!!

Maria Parks

Assistant Principal



Well done to our Grade 6 Leaders who presented at the Prep Information session last week.

Thank you to our leaders Autumn, Ella, Heidi, Jack, and Spencer who came along to our Prep Information session last week and presented to our new families who will be joining us in 2024.

Our leaders did an amazing job sharing all the wonderful opportunities our school offers to students and spoke confidently about their experiences here at KG.

Families really appreciated hearing from the students, and they did us proud!!

Maria Parks
Assistant Principal





On October 12th
Students from P-6
will be participating in
a workshop, that will
focus on Fostering
Authentic Inclusion
through
Understanding.

We will be covering

What is neurodiversity?

Simple brain exploration

Differences: what are our differences?

Emotive coaching: What are emotions? All emotions are ok

Thriving in school together. How can we be accepting of
others?

Our role to meet people with compassion and understanding.

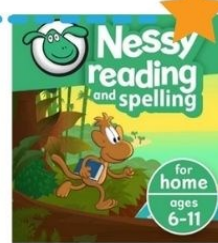
You are exactly how you are meant to be!

Celebrating all brain types.

Creating a classroom of allies

These workshops will be 1 hour and tailored to each level.

Thanks, Christine French



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to trial and introduce a new online program called **NESSY Hairy Spelling and Reading**. NESSY is a comprehensive and engaging platform designed to help children enhance their spelling and reading skills in a fun and interactive way. The NESSY program focuses on addressing various aspects of **spelling and reading**. It is effective for all children including those with dyslexia or other learning differences.

All Prep-6 students have been set up with a Nessy account. In order for your child to access the NESSY program, we need your cooperation to approve their account setup. You should have received an email directly from NESSY with instructions on how to grant access for your child. **Please keep an eye on your inbox for this email and follow the provided steps to get your child started.** If you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, Christine French

Christine.french2@education.vic.gov.au

Log into:

<https://learn.nessy.com/>

and follow the below steps:

Type in the secret word:

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Secret word:

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Login

Login to Admin & Reports

Welcome to the Land of Ness

New player

Enter your real name to find your Nessy

Type your real name here

Watch a video to get started

Type your child's name in here:

e.g. Fred Bloggs

You should be able to search for your child just by using their first name.

Your child's Nessy name will be their name and the first letter of their second name. All lowercase.

Eg. fredb

Nessy Login

Please enter your Nessy name to begin playing.

Nessy name

Go

Forgot Nessy name?

Evie BULACH

THINK U KNOW

Some online safety tips

- Don't share your passwords
- Choose smart usernames
- Check your privacy settings after app updates
- Before you send content, ask:
Why am I sending this?
Who am I sending this to?
- There is a difference between 'online' friends, and people you know in person
- Not everyone is who they say they are
- Keep game chats about the game only
- You ALWAYS have the right to feel safe online
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- Nothing is so bad you can't tell someone
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Decodable Readers



We are excited to introduce a new and engaging way to support your child's literacy development – Decodable Readers Australia online books!

In our ongoing efforts to build our library of decodable texts these will be great to supplement and provide students with another option for their reading at home.

Decodable readers are a crucial tool in helping children build their reading skills by gradually introducing them to the relationships between letters and sounds. These readers contain words that can be sounded out using the phonics skills your child is learning. This approach helps young readers gain confidence as they decode words and sentences, paving the way for improved fluency and comprehension.

This week your child may have received their username and password and QR code granting them access to Decodable Readers Australia Online platform where they can access 100's of fiction and non-fiction readers, videos and lessons. Classroom teachers have personalised your child's online platform by selecting levels that would best suit your child.

This platform is designed for beginning readers and supports students to practise their decoding skills instead of relying on pictures or guessing.

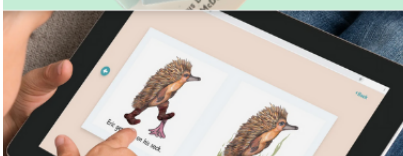
Go to: <https://draonline.com.au/> and sign in using their username and password or simply open the camera function on your device and scan the QR code to take them to their online platform.

We believe that this new resource will be a valuable addition to our growing decodable text library and be another support for your child in their reading journey.

Teachers and support staff will continue to use a range of decodable readers at school. We have an extensive selection of Little Learners Love Literacy books for our small group, whole class and reading intervention program. These are a wonderful resource that both the students and teachers enjoy!

If you have any questions or need assistance with the Online Decodable Australia Online platform, please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards,
Christine French





DON'T FORGET YOUR MINI BOOKS

A friendly reminder to all students that Penny Harrison will be collecting any finished mini books on Monday, September 11. You can leave yours with your teacher, or in one of the boxes on the library shelves in the ALC. All books will be returned to students after the holidays.



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ORANGE BALL

MONDAY 18 & TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 12:30PM-3:30PM

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TO REGISTER:

KATIE ON 0407 071 599

JACK ON 0416 070 651 OR

EMAIL: [KATIEMCGREGORTENNIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:katiemcgregortennis@gmail.com)

DAY INCLUDES:

- FUN GAMES
- MATCH PLAY
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OFFICIAL DELIVERER OF TENNIS HOT SHOTS PROGRAM.

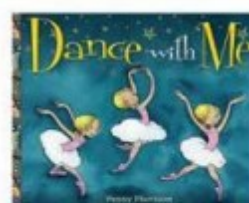
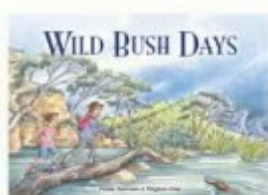
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During book students at KGPS had a special classroom visit from the very talented and wonderful author Penny Harrison. Children participated in different activities that helped celebrate book week! If you would like to purchase one of Penny Harrison's books, please complete the order form and return it to school. They make wonderful gifts and are even signed by the author!!

AUTHOR VISIT ORDER FORM

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- Mel Taylor, Macquarie University
- Steve Glassey, University of Portsmouth
- Rachel Westcott, South Australian Veterinary Emergency Management Inc

Getting ready for an El Niño summer

7.30pm AEST Wednesday 16 August

- Craig Lapsley, Innovation Pro Pty Ltd
- Parvathi Subramaniam, The University of Sydney
- Danielle Clode, Flinders University

Reducing risks for people and houses

7.30pm AEST Thursday 31 August

- Justin Leonard, CSIRO

Grass fire and bushfire behavior

7.30pm AEST Wednesday 13 September

- Kevin Tolhurst AM, University of Melbourne
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO

Safety actions for the fire season

7.30pm AEDT Wednesday 4 October

- Craig Lapsley, Innovation Pro Pty Ltd
- Jamie Mackenzie, Red Flag - Real Time Leadership Solutions
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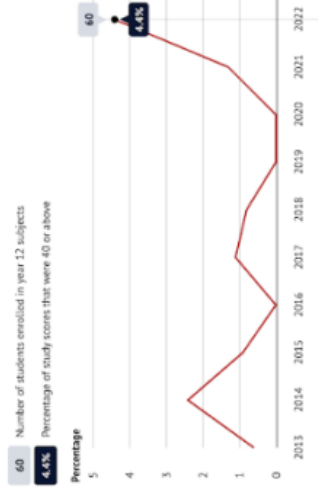
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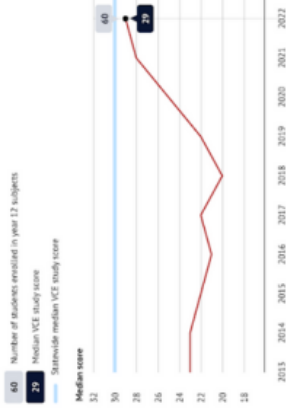
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Year 12 completion rates

	VCE		VET		VCAL	
	Students	Percent	Students	Percent	Students	Percent
2018	85	100%	2018	67	2018	29
				99%		79%
2019	91	100%	2019	67	2019	20
				78%		94%
2020	62	96%	2020	58	2020	34
				84%		63%
2021	73	95%	2021	70	2021	42
				84%		76%
2022	60	100%	2022	85	2022	21
				84%		73%

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Bush magic 5-12 yrs

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22 Sep, 10:15am-11am - \$10



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