

# Calendar



February 15th 2018 Newsletter 3

## FEBRUARY

WORKING BEE 8.30am-12pm	Sat 17 Feb
School Council 3.45pm	Mon 19 Feb
Swimming G3-6	Wed 21 Feb
Swimming G3-6	Thu 22 Feb
District Swimming Carnival	Fri 23 Feb

## MARCH

G6 Leadership Day	Thu 1 Mar
Canberra Camp	Tue 6 Mar
Canberra Camp	Wed 7 Mar
Canberra Camp	Thu 8 Mar
Mwganza Choir incursion	Thu 8 Mar
Canberra Camp	Fri 9 Mar
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 12 Mar
Curriculum Day (student-free day)	Tue 13 Mar
Division Swimming	Wed 14 Mar
3Way Conferences (P/T interviews)	Wed 21 Mar
Chess Tournament	Thu 22 Mar
Drive In Movie Night	Thu 22 Mar
Last Day Term 1 2.30 dismissal	Thu 29 Mar

## APRIL

First day Term 2	Mon 16 Apr
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## Garden Produce

**Don't miss out on the scrumptious garden produce for sale in the BER building:**

**Cherry Toms \$2/bag**

**Zucchinis Gold coin donation each**

**Cucumbers Gold coin donation each**

**Figs \$1 each**

**Money raised from the sale of produce goes towards keeping the garden running.**

**Thank you!**



**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION** As part of our endeavour to reduce costs and increase sustainability we are moving to an "opt-in" system for our weekly newsletter from next week. Hard copies will only be issued to families who request them. As always, electronic versions will be accessible via Skoolbag and our website. Please respond to today's Skoolbag alert or contact the office if you wish to continue receiving a hard copy. Thankyou

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,

### FIRST WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Our first working bee for the year will be held this Saturday morning from 8:30am to 12:00pm. We look forward to seeing many parents ready to tackle the multiple tasks set to keep our playgrounds safe and our grounds looking good. We aim to mulch, mow, spread soft fall on the playgrounds, plant out our garden beds, pressure wash walls around the school and remove blackberries. The number of tasks we can do will depend on the number of parents who attend so please come along, even if it's only for half an hour!

Things to bring along include, pruning tools, leaf blowers, pressure washers like Gernis and Karchers, cob-web brooms, wheelbarrows, paint brushes for barge boards and marking lines on the bitumen and tools for handy person tasks.

### DRIVE-IN HELPERS

Thanks again to those parents who have already responded to our calls for assistance with our major fundraiser for the year. A tear off slip is attached to today's newsletter if you can help in any of the noted areas.

The list of organisational tasks include; collecting donations for our silent auction, preparing food and drink sales, collecting advertising sponsors, printing brochures, etc.

If you are unable to get up to the school but would like to lend a hand with any of these tasks please let Lindsay Snell or the office staff know.

Our fundraising targets for the money raised on the night will include a new set of laptops and a new server. Last year our hard working committee raised over \$8,000 so we look to better that this year.

Advertising is a crucial component of our fundraising effort and involves approaching last year's sponsors and as many new sponsors as possible. Advertising on the screen and in our booklet is \$150. If you know of any local businesses who may wish to get some local exposure at this event please direct them to our office. We are able to arrange for photos to be taken and an ad prepared or they can email me a page and we will include it in our pre-show presentation.

We have a KG letter of introduction for sponsorship or donation available at the office. If you are able to collect a few copies of the letter and begin distributing them we can begin collecting sponsors and donations and make next year our biggest event yet!

### CAR PARK DROP-OFF ZONE REMINDER (again!)

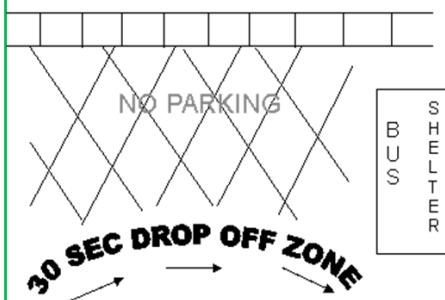
I've placed this car park message in again as we have some parents who are parking their vehicles in our drop off area. Please note this is a 30 second drop off area. Please stop in the direction of the arrows to avoid having to reverse into the car park.

The use of our Drop-Off Zone is an important safety process for our community. The Drop-Off Zone has a designated 30 second time limit. This should be ample time to collect children and drive off without the need to reverse into the car park. We have added witches hats to reinforce this system and they have helped direct cars so your on-going assistance is appreciated.

The yellow lined area is set aside for children to stand in while waiting to be collected. Drivers can only stop parallel to this area – please note the arrows in the diagram included with this week's Newsletter.

The key is to avoid having cars driving directly into the yellow safety area and reversing into the car-park. This also avoids having children walk through passing cars to get to their parent's vehicle. It was also noted that parents in large four-wheel drive vehicles can find it difficult to see small children around their cars so the need to limit reversing is important.

Thankyou for your cooperation in making this potentially dangerous operation as safe as it can be for our KG students.



Thanks again,

Laurie Murray

**WHOOPING COUGH** A parent has advised us they have received confirmation that their child's sibling contracted whooping cough (pertussis) over the school holidays. The family were away during the contagious stage of the illness and had no contact with any other members of the school community during that time. **As such, there is no risk to any students from this occurrence.**

However it is a reminder to be aware that this disease is still prevalent in the wider community. Whooping cough (pertussis) is a serious, contagious, respiratory infection. The disease begins like a cold and then the characteristic cough develops. This cough may last up to three months, even after antibiotic treatment is completed and the person is no longer infectious.



# VALUES OF THE WEEK

Back: Isabella Katia Hazel Front: Alexander Oscar Henry Benji Wylie

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

At Kangaroo Ground Primary School, our values are **EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY, ACCEPTANCE, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE and RESPECT**. These values have been identified as being significant to our school community after a consultative process, spanning several months, involving students, parents and staff. Students are presented with Values Awards at school assembly when they have displayed behaviours that represent one or more of these values.

Our long term goal is to make these values a part of the vocabulary used by our students every day.



### JAM HOT MUSIC PROGRAMS

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**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENROLMENT FORM TO THE OFFICE ASAP & ENROL ONLINE AT**  
**JAMHOTMUSIC.COM.AU**

**LESSONS ARE TIMETABLED DURING THE DAY**

**Enquiries please contact JASON STONEHOUSE**

**0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com**

**ACCEPTANCE**  
We are showing acceptance when we  

- Consider the rights and feelings others
- Tolerate others in our school community
- Celebrate everyone's uniqueness
- Adapt to change

## A NOTE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Week 3 already, where does the time go.

How wonderful it was to see many new and old faces at the family picnic last week. The night continues to show exactly what our school is about, “community spirit” and new friendships made both young and old.

Thank you to the many people who helped on the night, especially the senior students.

Once again we are so lucky to have a group of wonderful teachers who don’t just turn up to a job, they invest everything into our children. Make the time to meet your child’s teacher, see if you can help out in any way. Not only will it be greatly appreciated by the teacher, the kids get a great kick out of having mum or dad involved.

If you have any questions about our School Council please don’t hesitate to come speak to myself or any of the other councillors.

“Movie Night” is fast approaching and the fundraising team are working hard behind the scenes putting together another great event. Thank you to the many people who have put their hands up to help Lindsay already. But we need the help of EVERYONE to make this “Movie night” the most successful yet. Last year we achieved the \$8,000 mark which was an unbelievable feat.

This year though the bar is set high. All our fundraising efforts will be focussed on providing a new synthetic play area to cover the area from where the old portable was removed from. Early estimates for the project are around the \$40,000 mark.

“Crikey” you might say. But if we all contribute together our new surface will be laid before we know it. Start by picking up a copy or two of our school introduction letter from the office and get collecting advertising donations and items for the silent auction. Keep your eyes on the weekly school newsletter for updates. Please don’t wait to be asked if you can help, just jump right in and help in the way that best suits you.

Finally, our first working bee is being held this Saturday. School council strive to make the school grounds a safe place for our children to play. The grounds are inspected by school council prior to the working bee to identify tasks to be undertaken on the day. Again “MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”. So if you can spare even half an hour it will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our amazing school

It's all for our kids...

Brad McBride

School council president

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.**

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

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### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)





## Research Pre-School Open Day Saturday 24th February

Where: 1555 Main Road, Research

Time: 10am-1pm

### AN INSPIRING PLACE TO BE!

3 year old Preschool - 4 year old Preschool - Extended care

- ✓ Read a story
- ✓ Meet our teachers
- ✓ play in our expansive outdoor playground and bush garden
- ✓ See our great outdoor kitchen and veggie patch
- ✓ Enquiries please contact Monique 9437 1834
- ✓ www.researchpreschool.kindergarten.vic.gov.au



ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND  
PANTON HILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB  
REGISTRATION EVENING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

PLAYERS FROM THE  
**CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB**  
WILL BE JOINING US  
TRAINING DRILLS AND ACTIVITIES  
4:45PM - 6:00PM  
Q&A SESSION AND BBQ  
6:00PM - 7:30PM

COME ON DOWN AND REGISTER FOR 2018.  
IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT SEASON!



WITH THANKS TO THE NFNL AND AFL VICTORIA FOR THEIR SUPPORT  
ENQUIRIES: MEL BARTLETT 0425 802 302



## Nillumbik Playhouses

### Occasional Child Care in Nillumbik

#### Nillumbik Playhouses offer:

- Flexible child care for children aged newborn to six years
- Fun and friendly quality care
- Stimulating educational programs for your child
  - Spaces for children of all ages to play together – indoor and outdoor
  - Qualified professional educators
  - Planned, age appropriate activities

Nillumbik Playhouses adhere to the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework established by the Department of Education and Training.

#### There are two playhouses:

- Eltham Playhouse – Pitt Street, Eltham 9433 3755
- Panton Hill Playhouse – Bishops Road, Panton Hill 9433 3795



For information or to book

[playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

Held on the third Sunday of each month in Yering Station's historic barn, it's one of Victoria's original and oldest farmers' markets, which has grown since its inception in 1999.

## Yering Station Farmers Market

Sunday 18th February 2018

9.00am-2.00pm

Yarra Valley Regional Food Group  
Discover a place of hidden delights!

PO BOX 125 COLDSTREAM  
VICTORIA 3770  
PH: (03) 9739 0122  
FAX: (03) 9739 0133

• Fun for the whole family

• Bring a picnic rug and relax on the lawn

• FREE ENTRY

• FREE PARKING

Come along with family and friends to the 'Taste of the Yarra Valley'. Products you will find include mouth-watering biscuits, ginger bread, tea, free range eggs, juices, coffee, jams, preserves, sauces, spices, honey, chocolate, fudge, raw products, fruit vinegars, locally baked bread, a fantastic range cakes, olive oil, meringues, fresh fruit and vegetables and, as they say ... much, much more.

For more information, visit our website:

[www.yarravalleyfood.com.au](http://www.yarravalleyfood.com.au)



CONGRATULATIONS  
VCE  
CLASS OF  
2017

ON OUTSTANDING  
RESULTS

College Dux 99.55  
Top 1% in the State.  
Perfect Score in two subjects.  
Well done, Jacqueline Elyes.

# DANCE CLASSES

*in Macleod & Research*

## HIP HOP - BALLET - JAZZ - TAP & CONTEMPORARY

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senior level

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evenings

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MORNING TOUR  
Wednesday, 21 February  
9:00Am-10:15am  
Principal's address at 9:00am



### You're invited! Book Launch Party

Come and celebrate *The Art Garden*, a new picture book from local author Penny Harrison (with illustrations by Penelope Pratley)  
Eltham Bookshop (the shop up top), 970 Main Rd, Eltham VIC  
Sunday, Feb 18, 11am-12pm.

Book for this free event at [www.trybooking.com/348987](http://www.trybooking.com/348987)

To be launched by Alison Reynolds, of the *Pickle & Bree* and *Marmalade* series!



## Drive-in Movie Night VOLUNTEERS

Please tick the appropriate box and fill in your details below

Name		Phone	
Child/ren		Grade(s)	

SUPPLY A TRAY OF COOKED ONION	SUPPLY A TRAY OF COLESLAW	BBQ COOKING	BBQ SERVING
SET UP AND HELP RUN SILENT AUCTION	VEGIE BURGER PREP	POPCORN/ FAIRY FLOSS	DRINKS