

CALENDAR

AUGUST

Curriculum Day
No school for students
OSHC available
Bookings essential

Fri 18

Book Week Dress Up day

Mon 21

5/6 Electives

Tue 22

Senior Hooptime

Fri 25

School council meeting

Mon 28

5/6 Electives

Tue 29

Father's Day stall

Thu 31

Chess Tournament

Thu 31

Sugarloaf Athletics

Thu 31

SEPTEMBER

Junior Hooptime

Fri 1

Father's day stall

Fri 1

5/6 Electives

Tue 2

Kaboom Sports P-3

Wed 6

Prep 2024 Info Night

Wed 6

Division Athletics

Thu 7

Market Day #2

Fri 8

5/6 Electives

Tue 12

Footy day

Fri 15

Last day term 3
Early dismissal 2.30pm

Fri 15

OCTOBER

First day term 4

Mon 2

School council meeting

Mon 9

Prep 2024 Storytime

Thu 12

Prep 2024 Storytime

Thu 19

Soccer day

Fri 20

NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup Holiday

Tue 7

Prep Transition 1

Fri 10

Prep Transition 2

Fri 17

Prep Transition 3

Fri 24

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From the Principal



STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please make sure the office receives a copy of any student medical plans or any updates to these plans. The office has first aid plans for anaphylaxis, asthma and allergies for you to complete as required.

If your child needs medication you will need to fill out a medication authority form, also available at the office.

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Our new portable building is expected to be in place by the end of next week.

The Education Department's demolition company has received a demolition permit for our building and will commence their work on the 28th August.

I know this is a long process however we are focussed on the final outcome which will be a wonderful new facility for everyone in our school community.

RED NOSE DAY

Last week's Red Nose Day was a great way to raise awareness in our community and fundraise for a worthy cause. Thanks to Raphy and his family for their part in promoting and organising this day. The final total raised was \$1,241, a terrific effort.

CURRICULUM DAY

Our Curriculum Days is set for tomorrow. Staff will be focussing on assisting children with learning difficulties and the Victorian Curriculum. Please note this is a pupil free day and OSHC is available.

KG SKATERZ SESSION ON CURRICULUM DAY

Don't forget that SKATERZ in Eltham has offered our school a special discount rate on the Curriculum day from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Entry will be \$10 and skate hire will be free. Supervising parents are free. Please mention that you are from Kangaroo Ground Primary to access our discount. A flyer has been included in today's newsletter.

Laurie Murray

Principal

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY THIS MONDAY! ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT AT 9.05AM INSTEAD OF THE USUAL TIME IN THE AFTERNOON

BUS TRAVELLERS PLEASE NOTE

Diamond Valley College will be finishing early at 2.10pm on the last day of Term 3 - 15th September.

The college buses will be running at this earlier time.



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VALUES OF THE WEEK



Back - Hudson, Harvey, Andrew, Heidi, Theo, Charlie and Ned

Front - Maddison, Boston, Flynn, Reuben and Blair

Pie Drive

STOCK UP ON
DELICIOUS GOURMET
PIES FOR
FOOTY FINALS
OR AN EASY WEEK
NIGHT DINNER!

FORMS DUE BACK TOMORROW



RETURN ORDER FORM TO THE OFFICE BY
18TH OF AUGUST
PAY AT THE FRONT OFFICE OR VIA BPAY
DELIVERY FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER



KGPS Congratulates the below students who will be representing Pantan Hill Junior Football Club in the NFNL Under 11s Grand Final this Sunday 10am @ Waterview Recreation Reserve, Mernda:
Archer Gestro, Hudson Gatenby, Max & Sam Lightowers, Leo Sartori, Blake Lawrence, Riley Russell, Heidi & Harry Stephens, Kaidan Zuzic, Max Hawkins, London Brown.
Good Luck Guys.
GO REDBACKS!

BOOK WEEK

Read, Grow, Inspire



**DRESS UP DAY
MONDAY 21ST
AUGUST!**

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER.
WE WILL HAVE A COMBINED
ASSEMBLY AND PARADE AT 9.05 AM**

On Friday the 11th of August it was Red Nose Day and it was lovely to see everyone wearing red to support this important cause. A special mention to Chloe in 5/6AP who was red from top to bottom and definitely got into the spirit of dressing up for this cause, as did many others with their red clothes and noses, face paint and accessories. A huge shout out must go to Sarah who baked all the delicious cupcakes. With the help of Bridie, Coco and Yolanda, these were sold efficiently at lunchtime and we are sure a huge amount of money would have been raised through these sales. A very special thanks to the Parker family for their efforts in organising this fundraiser each year as we know it is a cause they hold very close to their hearts and they appreciate everyone's generosity and support. Altogether, KGPS managed to raise a fantastic \$1241!



1/2'S read to preps

Year one and twos have been working on information texts about Australian animals. They researched facts about the animals' habitats, appearance, diet and fun facts. After planning their work their made mini-books, edited these and prepared their final published product. The goal of literacy is to communicate our ideas and information to others and the one/twos did this with eagerness and professionalism during their incursion into the two prep classes. The preps were fabulous listeners, a credit to their 100 days of school, and it was wonderful to see the year levels learning from each other and getting along well.



On Monday we had Diamond Valley College visit KG. They brought along some of the cast from their school production of "Annie" to perform for our Grade 5/6's. Afterwards their dance teacher from the college, Bridgett, took the grades out to teach them one of the dances from the production. Our KG students really engaged in the experience and were amazing, really picking up the choreography quickly and showcasing their talents!

It was a great opportunity for our school to connect with one of our secondary schools and build partnerships within our community.





Developing Fine Motor Skills



Learning rhythm and melody



Having Fun!



Working as a Team

TERM 3 IN PERFORMING ARTS...

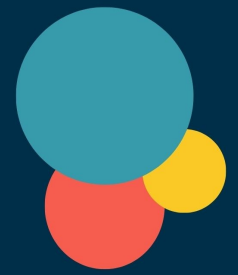
The Ukulele

Year 3-6 have been learning how to play this wonderful little instrument! Students have been playing riffs such as 'Smoke on the Water' & 'Seven Nation Army'. As well as learning a range of chords so we can play and sing songs including 'The Lava Song' and 'Riptide'.

STUDENTS IN PREP-GRADE 2
WILL JOIN IN ON THE FUN BY
LEARNING THE UKULELE NEXT TERM!



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2023



POWERING FUTURE INDUSTRIES

Innovation is essential for economic growth, sustainability, and progress. Science and innovation are the driving forces behind significant progress in various fields, including health, technology, and the environment. Kangaroo Ground PS strives to inspire and empower the next generation of innovators who will shape the world and drive future industries.



Prep - Innovations in Our World

Students learnt about innovations and how they have shaped our world. Students designed their own robot to help them.

Grade 3/4 - Design a Smart Farm

Students learnt how innovation can support farming by designing their own smart farm.



Grade 5/6 - Design a Paper Plane

Students gained confidence in building, testing and improving designs.





KGPS has a growing collection of decodable texts available for students to use. They are used in whole class, small groups and individual reading activities.

Decodable texts are reading materials specifically designed to align with the phonics skills and letter-sound relationships that students are learning. These texts predominantly feature words that can be "decoded" or sounded out using the phonetic rules that students are being taught. They help students practice applying their phonics knowledge to read words and sentences, which is a critical step in becoming fluent readers.

Decodable texts provide opportunities for students to practice the phonics rules they're learning. Since the words in decodable texts are carefully chosen to be phonetically regular, students can experience success in reading. This boosts their confidence and motivation to continue reading.

Decodable texts are organised in a structured progression, introducing new phonics patterns gradually.

Teachers at KGPS use decodable texts to meet the needs of our various learners. Teachers choose texts that match students' current phonics abilities, enabling differentiated instruction. Decodable readers are used in classroom literacy groups, reading intervention and can be found in the take home readers boxes.

Our collection of decodable texts is growing and we are excited to be able to offer online readers to further support our students.

Next week, students will have access to 100's of online readers through Decodable Readers Australia. Your child's username and password will be sent home next week.



FIRST NATIONS. FIRST FLEET. FIRST CONTACT.

Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky

LAST FRIDAY YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS HAD AN INCURSION WITH JAN 'YARN' WOSITZKY. IT SO LOVELY TO SEE STUDENTS ACTIVELY LISTEN AND ENGAGED WITH THIS TOPIC.



I liked how he put the pictures on the washing line- Willow

I enjoyed all the songs- Sierra

I like when he showed us the massive spear- Angus

I liked when he played the bango- Theo

I liked it when he played the drums and he whacked it- Jet

I learnt that there was over 300 centuries- Elijah

I learnt the words to one of the convict songs- Harriet

We learnt how to sing in a different language- Harry

I learnt some new interesting words- Lia

I learnt what 'Wadda Wadda Way' means- Seth

Pemulwuy Boy had his head chopped off and sent to England- Jet

There are some parts of Australia where you can't fight- Cisco

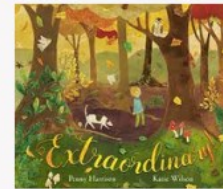
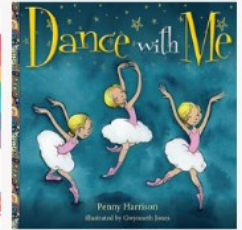
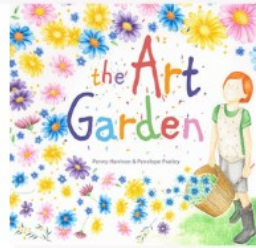
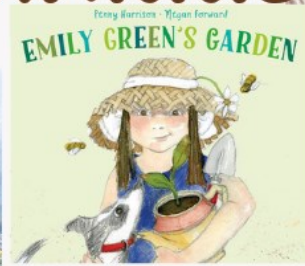
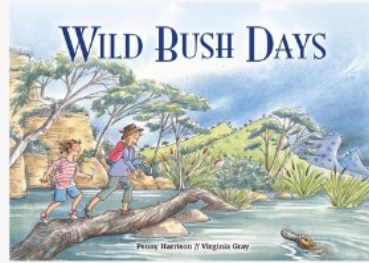
We learnt new songs and words- Brodie

We learnt that England were fighting with the Eura people - Cooper

The aboriginal people kind of got scammed with trading a huge part land for some t-shirts, scissors and pick axes- Jethro

Book Week Author Visit

PENNY HARRISON



During book week we will be having our very own talented and wonderful author Penny Harrison visiting classrooms. Children will be participating in different activities that will help celebrate book week! An order form with an opportunity to purchase Penny's books will be sent home.





Tickets

Adult \$15

Children \$10

Family \$40
(2 x adult 2 x children)

At the DVC Performing Arts Centre
Diamond Valley College Presents
Annie



Annie



Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

Original Broadway
Production Directed by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Based on
"Little Orphan Annie"®
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7:30 pm
Thursday 24th August
Friday 25th August
Saturday 26th August

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia).
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2023 FREE WEBINAR SERIES

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BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE INC

GET BUSHFIRE RESILIENT

INFORMATION FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN REGIONAL AREAS AND ON THE URBAN FRINGE

An El Niño summer is coming

Recent rainfall has supercharged fuel loads. Dry conditions will increase fire risks next summer, especially grass fires

Watch the webinars with family and friends and discuss the information and your plans

BRI's webinars are presented by eminent subject experts. Learn how grass fires and bushfires behave and what your family can do to reduce your risks

Viewers can ask questions before or during the webinar, and when you register we'll also send you a link to videos.

To learn more about our presenters head to br.org.au/presenters

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Pets and bushfires – what do we know?

- 7.30pm AEST Wednesday 9 August
- 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 Toihurst 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
- Steve Pascoe, Resident, Strathewen, Victoria



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About Bushfire Resilience Inc. br.org.au/about

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Come Play Cricket At Panton Hill!

If you're keen to learn to play cricket at a fun and exciting club, come along to Panton Hill and become a Redback!

Competitive cricket for boys and girls from Under 10s to Under 18s with Junior Blast (4-7 year olds) and Master Blast (7-10 year olds) skill and game awareness programs for younger cricketers.

Pre-season training will begin in October.
Contact Paul Whitworth 0449 217 773



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Eltham College

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9am to 3pm + FREE extended hours!!

For full details and to BOOK online

www.kidsupfront.com.au

*We will comply with COVID restrictions

Do you have a daughter in Grade 5? Year 7 2025 enrolment applications close Friday 18 August 2023.

Apply today via our website
clc.vic.edu.au/enrol



Hear from
our Principal
Stephanie Evans



COME ALONG FOR SOME FUN AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO THE KANGAROO GROUND CFA

BARN DANCE SQUARE DANCE CALLER COMPETITIONS

BEST DRESSED
BEST TABLE DECORATIONS

6.30 pm Saturday 26 August 2023

Eltham Community and Reception Centre
801 Ivam Road, Eltham

BYO Food and Drinks

Adult \$30 pp plus booking fee
Child (under 18) \$15 pp plus booking fee

RSVP 17 Aug 23

Booking via Trybooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJFSX> or QR Code



*Come with a group (tables of 10)
Or join in with others
Lots of fun to be had.*

Dancing (if you wish)

Silent Auction
Competitions

Prizes to be won

Best dressed



Best table decorations



Trybooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJFSX>

PROGRAMS FOR AGES 5 AND UP!



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Age Groups

Blasters: 5-10 (Skills)

Moddies: 7-10 (Softer Ball)

U12 Mixed (Full Rules)

U17 Girls

U14, U16, U18 Boys



Season Starts October. For more information or to register:

Call:

Sam Avard (President) **Daniel Nemec (Juniors)**

Phone: 0418 288 232 Phone: 0402 475 555

Or visit:

www.hurstbridgecc.com.au



SKATERZ INVITES ALL FAMILIES FROM

KANGAROO GROUND PRIMARY

TO JOIN US FOR A CURRICULUM DAY SKATE!

DATE – FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

TIME – 10.30AM TO 1.30PM

- **\$10 per skater**
- **FREE skate hire**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- All skaters must mention KGPS on arrival to receive this special offer
- Skaterz has a NO self-catering policy / NO outside food is permitted
 - Wrist guard hire \$2 / Skate mate frame hire \$6 per hour
 - BYO helmets & safety gear recommended

27 Susan Street, Eitham / 9439-6566 / skaterz.com.au / sall@skaterz.com.au