

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council meeting 3.45-4.45	Mon 12 Oct
Storytime 3pm	Thu 15 Oct
Beach excursion P-3	Fri 16 Oct
I/S sport v St A AWAY	Fri 16 Oct
Taggerty Family Camp	16 –18 Oct
CERES excursion	Mon 19 Oct
Market day	Wed 21 Oct
Storytime 3pm	Thu 22 Oct
Soccer day	Fri 23 Oct
BUNNINGS Sausage Sizzle	Sat 24 Oct
Maths incursion	Mon 26 Oct
Halloween Disco	Thu 29 Oct
Life Ed	Thu 29 Oct
Life Ed	Fri 30 Oct
I/S sport v PH AWAY	Fri 30 Oct
Cup Day	Tue 3 Nov
Grade 2 sleepover	Thur 5 Nov
Prep/1 breakfast	Fri 6 Nov
I/S sport v AC HOME	Fri 6 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Wed 11 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Thur 12 Nov
Prep 2016 transition	Thur 12 Nov
I/S sport v St A HOME	Fri 13 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Wed 18 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Thur 19 Nov
Prep 2016 transition	Thur 19 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Wed 25 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Thur 26 Nov
Prep 2016 transition	Thur 26 Nov
Music Students' Concert	Tue 1 Dec
G6 Graduation	Wed 9 Dec
School Picnic	Fri 11 Dec
School Council meeting 3.45-4.45	Mon 14 Dec
G6 Big Day Out	Wed 16 Dec
Grade parties	Wed 16 Dec
Last Day Term 4	Fri 18 Dec

Our final term of 2015 is expected to be a busy time for all, especially our Grade 6 class who will be preparing for their Graduation in December. The 'Dates to Remember' list is extensive and it is worthwhile adding these dates to your own calendar.

The Term Planner was sent home at the end of Term 3 and payments for your child's activities can now be made at the Office.

Please remember that Sun smart clothing and hats are required in Term 4. If you are not sure of the School's policy on Sun smart clothing, you can read a copy at the Office.

At the end of Term 3 we worked with Peter Newing, a member of our local CFA, on developing strategies to make our school better equipped to meet our needs during bushfire seasons. We also conducted an evacuation rehearsal to give your children experience in moving to safer places within or beyond the school grounds in the event of an emergency. It is an appropriate time to practise your own evacuation procedures with your children.

BUSHFIRE AND GRASS FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Department has requested that schools make families aware of the following information.

It is important that families are aware that there may be circumstances where emergency services may direct facilities to shelter-in-place rather than evacuate. Where facilities are required to shelter in place families need to understand that for their own safety they should not attend the facility to collect their children until they are advised to do so.

Families should be asked to inform their school or early childhood service if their fire plan is to leave the area early with their children on days with elevated fire danger ratings.

It is important to have access to more than one source of fire information, you may:

- Tune in to ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV,

- Phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au and download the FireReady App and check CFA's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

HOT WEATHER DAYS – 35 DEGREES AND OVER

On days forecast to be 35 degrees and over we will run a different timetable. The lunch break will be shortened to half an hour and the children will start their afternoon classes early. The school day will finish at 2.50 pm and any parents will be able to collect their children from 2.50 pm. Children will still be supervised in class until the normal dismissal time of 3:20 pm. This will keep the children out of the sun for an extended period of time in extreme conditions. Please contact the school if you are unsure of our arrangements on these days.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

Our school has been allocated Saturday 24th October to run a sausage sizzle at the Eltham Bunnings store. These events are a great way to fundraise without having to call on our own school community for funds so we would like to get as many helpers as possible. This year we will be spending the funds to add a new creative playground for our younger children.

We will start at 8:30am and go through until 4pm so please note any times you can help on the tear off slip with today's newsletter. The more volunteers we get the easier it will be to share the workload!

Special Health Event Announcement

Parents & carers are invited to a FREE 'Healthy eating for children' information forum

Presented by: Nillumbik Health's Accredited Practising Dietitian, Brodie Preston and Health Promotion Coordinator, Karyn Knight
Date: Thursday 15 October, 2015

Time: 10.30 - 11.30 am (registration from 10.15 am)
Venue: Nillumbik Health, 917 Main Road, Eltham

Bookings essential: call 94309157 or email Karyn.Knight@nillumbikhealth.org.au by Wed 14 October, 2015 to reserve your place.



Footy Day fun– last day of Term 3

Kangaroo Ground Primary School,
Main Road, Kangaroo Ground, 3097
Telephone 9712 0292 Fax 9712 0477

kangaroo.ground.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.kangaroo-groundps.vic.edu.au



Kangaroo Ground Primary procedures for the bushfire season

Children's services and schools listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in any Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our facility has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

No staff will remain on site when the facility is closed due to a forecast Code Red day. On days such as these, families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan.

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

On all days of high fire risk, **children should never be left at home in the care of older children.**

As part of preparing our facility for the threat of fire, we have updated and completed our emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our facility is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website; www.kangaroo-groundps.vic.edu.au and by talking to our staff.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before, or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

SNAKE AWARENESS AND SAFETY: *As the warm weather begins, snakes emerge from hibernation to seek food and a mate. We have had a recent sighting. Please reinforce the following advice with your children;*

- ◆ Leave snakes alone
- ◆ Wear adequate clothing and stout shoes (not sandals/thongs) in 'snake country'
- ◆ Never put hands in hollow logs, holes or thick grass without prior inspection
- ◆ When stepping over logs or rocks, carefully inspect the ground on the other side
- ◆ If they encounter a snake, move away slowly and quietly, and report the sighting immediately to a teacher.

KG HALLOWEEN DISCO

Calling all ghosts and goblins galore. Come for a party and see what's in store. It's a Halloween party you're in for a scare, so all come along if you dare!

WHEN: 29th of October

WHERE: BER Building

TIME: 5:00-6:30pm

COST: Gold Coin Donation on the night

Please bring a ghoulish plate of food to share per family

Parent helpers needed- please put your name down at the office



OSHC News

Term 4 for 2015 has started and we welcome our OSHC families back after a hopefully relaxed break.

Children attending OSHC will be required during Term 4 and Term 1 to wear a hat when going outside until about 4.30 pm. This is in line with school and government policies which require that children are adequately protected from the sun. Children can leave a named hat at OSHC or otherwise please ensure they carry a hat in their bag.

We are still looking for wood cut-off for the children to use when hammering and drilling on our new woodwork table.

Invoices can now be emailed to OSHC users. Please let us know if you would prefer the emailed invoice to the paper version.

Marita

Chess Club in term 4

Chess Club will start in week 3 in term 4. Notices will be given out and spare notices available at the office.

Moving to Tuesdays

A reminder that chess club this term is shifting to Tuesdays after school. John will continue to be the chess coach, he is looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple of week! Hopefully this will not impact on your child's ability to continue attending. If you have any issues regarding the change of days or any other chess related matters, please feel free to contact me!

Pearl Yung

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Parent Presentation at Warrandyte High School on the Impact of Video Games on Children

Most kids play video games these days, some for many hours every day. But what do we know about the impact of these games on our children?

Steven Dupon is the Founding Director of the Institute of Games, author of the Video Games Report and manager of Manningham YMCA Youth Services. Steven will present on the positive and negative effects of video games on your children.

As the Manager of Manningham YMCA Youth Services, Steven has initiated a range of video game related events, workshops and programs. These include the READYS award winning Video Game Project, The Lab (game development for young people with Autism and Aspergers) and Pixel Arcade; engaging hundreds of young people in positive, safe and social video game play. Manningham YMCA also works with young people who present with gaming disorders to find a better balance between gaming and 'real life' responsibilities.

Despite the benefits games can provide, there are also a number of concerns. While promoting healthy video game play, Steven explores the risks of excessive video game use and their addictive nature, the increasing convergence of video games and gambling and the inappropriate content (sexism, violence) featured in video games.

At this parent information session Steven presents both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology. You will learn how to use video games as a positive contributor to your child's development; how to avoid video game addiction, keep your kids safe online and get advice on how to deal with the inappropriate content that often features in video games.

Location: Warrandyte High School (241-247 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd, Warrandyte)

Date: Tuesday 13th October (Week 2, Term 4)

Time: 7:00 to 8:00pm (1 hour presentation followed by question time)

Cost: Free

RSVP: Please register your expression of interest by contacting the General Office at Warrandyte High School on 9844 2749 or emailing whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided

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WHEN: Monday
COMMENCING: 5/10/2015
CONCLUDING: 7/12/2015
TIME: 3.25pm – 4.25pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

COST: \$100(go to www.kellysports.com.au and search for your school)

VENUE: Kangaroo Ground Primary School



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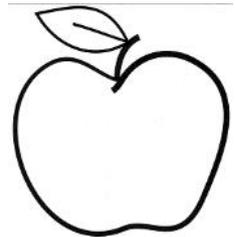
CURRENT FUNDRAISING

Oranges, lemons and "Kusaie" limes grown locally by one of our KG families - \$4.00 a bag

Apples from Patel's Orchards in Arthurs Creek \$7.00 a bag

\$1 from each bag of fruit sold goes to KGPS for fundraising

Please pay at the office-*correct change would be appreciated*



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

Please indicate your availability below

HELP!

Name

Eldest child and grade

Phone

8:30 - 9:30

9:30 - 10:30

10:30 - 11:30

12:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 2:30

2:30 - 3:30

3:30 - 4:30

