

CALENDAR

MAY

IS Sport v Pantom Hill AWAY Fri 26

JUNE

IS Sport v Arthurs Creek AWAY Fri 2

PRODUCTION Mon 5

Report-writing day-no school for students Fri 9

King's Birthday public holiday Mon 12

Chess tournament Thur 15

IS Sport (G6) v Strathewen/St Andrews Fri 16

G4/5 WSC Matilda production Fri 16

SSR Donate a dollar day Wed 21

Harry Potter excursion Wed 21

Grandparents & special friends day Thu 22
Market day #1

IS Sport v Wattle Glen AWAY Fri 23

LAST DAY OF TERM 2 Fri 23

JULY

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 Mon 10

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS 11am-7pm No school for students Tue 18

School council meeting Mon 24

AUGUST

Curriculum Day Fri 18

A lolly stall will be set up outside the ALC building on lunchtimes next week (every day until all gone). Money will go to the Parent Fundraising Team and the Junior School Council.



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From the Principal



CONCERT PHOTO DAY

Thanks again to Rebecca Landy and the team of parent helpers for their tireless efforts on Monday. It was a long day for everyone involved, especially Lani, whose wonderful make-up put the finishing touch on the children in their costumes. The children enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and no doubt the final photos will be worth all the effort.

CROSS COUNTRY DAY

Today's cross country trial is our lead up to the Sugarloaf District cross country to be held on Wednesday 24th May. I do apologise for the confusion over house colours and thank everyone for their understanding that these things do happen! Our grade 6s did a great job helping their Prep buddies navigate the circuit and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Thanks to Dani Sampson for her organisation and the parents who were able to come along to support the children.

While all children take part in today's event, the Sugarloaf District event is not compulsory for our students. Despite the event being voluntary we do encourage children to take part. The District event is for our 9 to 12 year old students and will be held at Yarrambat Park starting at 10:00am. The last event usually ends by 11:45am.

The 9/10 year old children run 2k and the 11/12 year olds run 3k. Parents are most welcome to attend and support all our KG runners.

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

Thanks again to everyone who has finalised their 2024 Prep enrolments. As mentioned previously, spaces are limited and at present there are only 2-3 places remaining in each Prep class. We are now filling remaining places on a first come first served basis. We will be maintaining our school structure at two Prep classes to ensure we stay under our ceiling of 275 students.

HEALTH ABILITY

I have been approached by Health Ability to reach and inform more people across the community about their Service with a view to receiving more referrals and being able to assist more people. The following summary give a broad outline of their aim:

'Through Service Connection we strive to bridge the gap in vulnerable people accessing supports across their Aging journey and in considering that some will not be inclined or able to engage independently for various reasons despite being able to benefit from supports, we are looking to build Community Connections with various businesses and community organisations where people aged 65yrs and over who may be experiencing some challenges (please see eligibility details for some people able to access our services who are not yet aged 65) still have interactions.'

A detailed flyer has been included in today's newsletter.

BENDIGO BANK

Jason Dirkx, the local Branch Manager from Bendigo Community Bank, attended our recent school assembly and presented the awards for children who took part in the colouring competition for our Drive-in fundraising event. We appreciate the on-going support of Bendigo Bank and their generous contribution to our KG school community.

KG CFA COMMUNITY DAY THIS SUNDAY

Please remember this Sunday is the KG CFA Community Day event.

The flyer has been included in the Newsletter again and as mentioned earlier, if you are free to drop in, it would be greatly appreciated by this wonderful local community organisation.

Thanks again,
Laurie Murray

CONTACT US

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EXCURSION to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Grade 3-6

We have had an overwhelming response from families very keen to have their child/children attend this excursion.

We do have limited tickets available and as soon as allocated spaces are filled unfortunately, we will not be able to take any more students.

Details for the excursion are as follows:

When: Wednesday, 21st June, 2023

Where: Princess Theatre
163 Spring Street
Melbourne

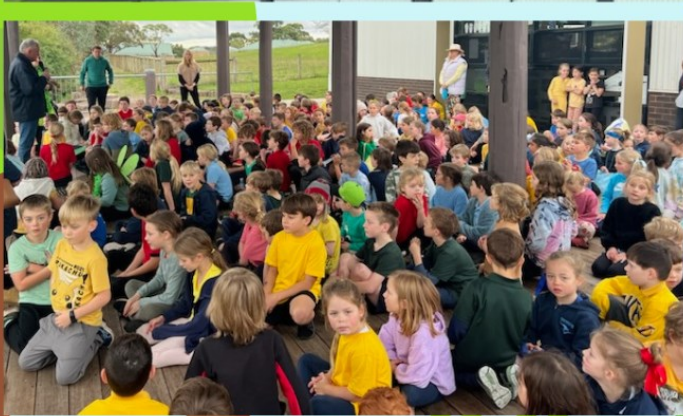
Departing KG: 10.30am
For the 1.00pm MATINEE concluding at
4.30pm

Returning KG: Estimated time back at school 6.30pm

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and we are looking forward to sharing this amazing experience with the students.

Maria Parks
Assistant Principal

Cross country





SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.



PRODUCTION UPDATE

Photo Day

On Monday we had our production photo day and students loved having the chance to put on their costumes and take photos. It was a huge day with over 300 costumes, 250 students and 2 photography studios in action! We look forward to seeing a selection of the photos in our program which will be for sale on the performance evening. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase photos of their child(ren) after the production (more information to follow).

A big thanks to the following helpers for being so giving of their time and making this day a success: Bianca Faye, Rebecca Landy, Aiden Shaw, Mackie Bays, Ann Sophie Tolio, Tammi Sheppard, Eve Jani, Lani Rowell, Sharon Tiplady and Judy Joiner.

Rehearsal

On Wednesday we held our first whole-school rehearsal of Shrek. In chilly conditions, our students performed brilliantly - with many comedic scenes bringing a lot of laughter from the audience. It was exciting to see how each classes scene fits together to make the show as a whole.

Here were some of our students thoughts about the rehearsal:

"I liked how every grade was dancing" -Jude T, Prep P

"It was really funny when Shrek and Fiona were burping and farting" -Wyatt, Prep P

"I liked how everyone was using their accents and acting" -Jack, 1/2 Fyffe

"Everyone was trying their best!" -Maddison, 1/2 Fyffe

Ticket Sales

Tickets are selling quickly but there are still some excellent seats available. So if you would like to purchase additional tickets for family members and friends get in fast!

Purchase your tickets via this Website:

<https://www.eticks.com.au/whats-on/304-kgps-shrek-the-musical/bookings>

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.



**Pre-order your video
of the performance now!**

**[https://www.modevideo.com.au/product-
page/kangaroo-ground-2023](https://www.modevideo.com.au/product-page/kangaroo-ground-2023)**

Costs below:

HD Online Streaming & Downloading = \$20 inc GST
(\$25 when purchased after the concert date)

DVD = \$30 inc GST
(\$35 when purchased after the concert date)

BluRay = \$30 inc GST
(\$35 when purchased after the concert date)

*Note: the above prices are for orders taken before the
concert date, they will increase by \$5 each after the
concert has been filmed and completed*

Kangaroo Ground Primary School presents...

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Over 600 tickets already sold!

Don't miss out - buy your tickets today!

Purchase your tickets via this
Website or QR Code:

[https://www.eticks.com.au/
whats-on/ 304-kgps-shrek-the-
musical/bookings](https://www.eticks.com.au/whats-on/304-kgps-shrek-the-musical/bookings)



Tickets: \$24 each

ANY INQUIRIES OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT E TICKS

E TICKS PHONE NUMBER: 1300 115 117

NOTE: TICKETING IS ORGANISED THROUGH THE COMPANY
E TICKS. THE SCHOOL OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO
ANY TICKETING INFORMATION SO PLEASE DIRECT ALL
INQUIRIES TO E TICKS.



KANGAROO GROUND PRIMARY SCHOOL

presents

 DREAMWORKS
THEATRICALS

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION®

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

MONDAY 5TH JUNE - 7:30PM

GEORGE WOOD THEATRE

YARRA VALLEY GRAMMAR

84-90 KALINDA RD, RINGWOOD

*Tickets available to purchase via this website or
QR Code:*

**[https://www.eticks.com.au/whats-on/
304-kgps-shrek-the-musical/bookings](https://www.eticks.com.au/whats-on/304-kgps-shrek-the-musical/bookings)**

*Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals
and Neal Street Productions*

*Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond*

*Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.*



State Schools' Relief needs your help

DONATE A DOLLAR!



**WEDNESDAY
21 JUNE
2023**

FUNDRAISER EVENT

Help us reach our goal!

**In order to continue assisting students in need,
we are aiming to raise \$500,000 this year.**

If every student and staff member, at every government school donated just \$1 each, we could easily achieve this target.

\$500,000 would allow us to assist an additional 5,000 students and families in need!

Donate a dollar on Wednesday 21st June 2023

Together we can do this!!



THIS SUNDAY!



Eltham Concert Band *Autumn Concert*

Sunday May 21, 3.30pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Rd, Eltham

Adult \$20

Concession \$16

Child \$10

Tickets: elthamconcertband.org

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KANGAROO GROUND CFA
COMMUNITY DAY
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023
10AM-2PM

FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT



FREE
EVENT



think ELTHAM 2023

Saturday 20 May

10.00am – 3.00pm

Think ELTHAM offers Grade 4 – Grade 6 students the opportunity to learn a new skill for free in a fun and relaxed environment. Workshop sessions are taught by ELTHAM College students who are keen to share their passion for a subject.

ART

- Art and Craft
- Crocheting
- Fashion or Photography

COOKING

- Cupcakes decorating
- Honey joy making

CREATIVE

- Drama
- Song writing
- Dance
- Laser cutting
- Creative writing

SPORT

- Boxing
- Basketball
- OE Skills (Tents/ camp cooking)

SCIENCE

- Chemistry
- Elephant toothpaste
- Coding

GAMES

- D&D – Dungeon and Dragons
- Games



For bookings visit
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGWXS>

think ELTHAM – An Amplify initiative





headspace
Greensborough

tuning into teens

information session

Want to know how to build your teens resilience to cope with stress or difficult times?

Join us on a one hour webinar to find out more about the Tuning Into Teens program.

We will be introducing the key themes including adolescent development, what to expect from the program, and the benefits of emotion coaching.

If you have a child who is showing signs of mental distress, or you are interested in strengthening your connection to your teen, sign up below



bit.ly/3nqipdZ



Date & Time

Tuesday, 13 June 2023
5:30pm to 6:30pm

Cost

Free!

Location

Online (Zoom)

Enquiries

Call us on (03) 9433 7200 or email
headspacegreensborough@mindaustralia.org.au

NUTRITION CORNER

Q&A



How To Keep Your Picky Eater At The Table



Mealtimes with picky eaters can be a challenging experience for parents. From battling with foods, to struggling to get your child even to sit at the dinner table, it can quickly become a battle of wills. But with the right strategies in place, you can make sure that everyone is happy; most importantly – your picky eater!

7 ways to encourage your picky eater to stay seated during mealtimes

- 1. Create a predictable mealtime routine:** A mealtime routine is essential for helping your child understand what is expected of them at mealtimes. Your routine should have a clear beginning, middle and end to each meal.
- 2. Always offer a preferred food with each meal:** Every meal should have a combination of a protein, carbohydrate and a fruit or vegetable and one of these foods needs to be a preferred food you know your child will eat.
- 3. Reduce distractions:** Where possible, turn off the TV, have no phones or ipads at the table reduce noise, and avoid having too many toys on the table.
- 4. Use visual aids:** Visual aids such as pictures or charts can be a great way to help kids understand mealtime expectations and manage transitions.
- 5. Make mealtimes social:** Encouraging your child to eat together with the family is a great way to model positive eating behaviours, particularly with non-preferred or new foods.
- 6. Provide postural and sensory support:** Making the chair comfortable for your child is the first step towards having them sit on it longer.
- 7. Positive Reinforcement:** Praise and positive reinforcement, for "sitting in your chair until you finish your meal" can help build self-esteem, and encourage good behaviour.

Got A Nutrition Question? Send it through!



@familynutritionist_tracy



bewellnourishment.com



Be Well Nourishment Family Nutrition



bewellnourishment@gmail.com



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**19TH
MAY**



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DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

19TH MAY

7-9.30PM | 8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS | \$8 ENTRY

**DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK**

CONTACT SNR SERGEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9438 8300
ATTENTION PARENTS! PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE AN EMERGENCY NUMBER ON THEM



DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13



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Service Connection

healthAbility's network of care finders, known as Service Connectors, assist people understand what aged care services are available, set up assessments and support people to find preferred services within My Aged Care or within the community.

How does Service Connection work?

The dedicated Service Connector will meet with them, usually in person. This can be at their home or another place they choose. The Service Connector will work with person to understand the person's situation and support them to address their needs.

They can help someone with:

- talking to My Aged Care on their behalf and arranging an assessment
- attending and providing support at the assessment
- finding and short-listing aged care providers
- completing forms and understanding aged care service agreements
- checking-in once services are up and running to make sure everything is OK
- solving other challenges and connecting to supports in the community, such as health, mental health, housing and homelessness, drug and alcohol services and community groups.

healthAbility's Service Connectors work in the regions of Banyule, Boroondara, lower areas of Murrundindi, Nillumbik and Whitehorse.



Eligibility

To receive Service Connection support:

- have no carer or support person who can help them, or not have a carer or support person they feel comfortable or trust to support them, and
- be eligible for government-funded aged care.
- have difficulty communicating because of language or literacy problems
- find it difficult to understand information and make decisions
- be reluctant to engage with aged care or government
- be in an unsafe situation if they do not receive services.

For more information, please contact us on
Mobile: 0414272411 Phone: 9430 9100
Email: service.connection@healthability.org.au

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**FRIDAYS
19TH &
26TH
MAY**

@Hurstbridge Stadium



Give basketball a try
at our mini hurricanes
program suitable for
ages up to 9.

Registration link



**4PM –
5PM**

**\$20
ONLY**

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Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club (NSFFC)



Presents

Kids Come Try **FISHING** Day

Sunday June 4, 2023 10 am – 2:30 pm

Yarrambat Lake, Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat 3091

(via the Golf Club driveway)



The Event is **FREE!**
Rods and Bait Provided

A BBQ Lunch and soft drinks will be available at a small cost

Contact: Alan 0409 010 712
Tony 0412 317 654

You are warmly invited to

An event with The School of St Jude

Hear from Gemma Sisia, Founder, Maddie Kelly, Author, and Enock Ephrahim, alum and employee about the school and brand new book, *The School That Hope Built*.

Book launch - The School That Hope Built

When: Sunday 4 June

Time: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Where: The Pavilion, Living & Learning Nillumbik, 739 Main Rd, Eltham

Tickets / Contact: www.trybooking.com/CIGVO / Duncan 0427 003 423

Join us for some afternoon tea and a great presentation from the St Jude's team.



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From three students to 1,800, from one teacher to 350 Tanzanian staff...

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