

CALENDAR

AUGUST

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



HOOPTIME ON TOMORROW

Our 5/6 Hooptime basketball tournament is all set for tomorrow at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. I would like to thank the Eltham Wildcats for supporting our students with training sessions in the lead up to this tournament.

The 3/4 Hooptime tournament is scheduled for Friday 1st September at the same venue.

Parents are always welcome to attend these events and support our children. If you are able to help out with scoring please let the staff know on the day. Children are able to purchase lunch from the stadium canteen on these days.

2024 PREP INFORMATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Our information evening for parents of next year's prep children will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 6:00pm in the ALC building. If you know anyone who intends enrolling their child or who may be interested in attending, please pass this information on or advise them to contact the school to arrange a visit.

KABOOM SPORTS

Our annual Prep to grade three 'Kaboom Sports' event will take place on Wednesday 6th September on our school oval. This is essentially a fun based tabloid activity day where the children will rotate through a series of different sporting activities. Parents are most welcome to attend. The event begins at 10:00am. A sausage in bread for \$2 will be available for the children attending this event.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Thanks to all those parents who went to considerable effort to help the children prepare their costumes for our Book week dress up day. The children love the opportunity to dress up and the celebration of reading is always a worthwhile focus.

GRAND FINALISTS

Congratulations to all our grand finalists, particularly the Panton Hill Redback players who won their weekend Grand Final match. There were more than ten KG kids playing in the team that defeated Epping in an exciting match at Mernda on Sunday. Well done Hillers from everyone at KG!!

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION REMINDER

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

As mentioned earlier, the Victorian School Building Authority has confirmed an increase in funding for our new school project. This has triggered the procurement process for our new building.

Demolition work will commence on Monday 28th with the commencement of electrical relocation works. Once the electrical relocation is complete, generators can be removed. Once it commences, the Block A demolition is expected to be completed within three or four days. A gravel road will be laid from the main road to the building to give vehicle access. This will be left in place for the building construction period and removed and landscaped at the end of the project.

Laurie Murray

SPARE CLOTHING-we are running very short ! If your child has come home in some of our spare clothes, please wash and return ASAP – excluding underwear, which you may keep.

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FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

A big thank you to everyone who brought in something for the Father's Day raffle! Tomorrow is the last day if you still had something to bring in! Raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday and there are 4 prizes to be won! Make sure to purchase your tickets through XUNO or the office by 12PM on Monday 28/08 . \$5 each or 5 for \$20



Congratulations to Pantom Hill-grand final winners in 2023

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.

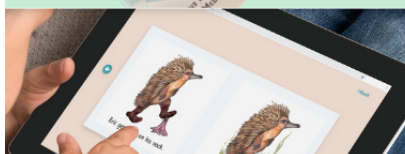
Go to: <https://draonline.com.au/> and sign in using their username and password or simply open the camera function on your device and scan the QR code to take them to their online platform.

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





Elective Program

Our Grade 5/6 students commenced their Electives programme this week.

They took part in a variety of Electives including crocheting, drama, vet science, cooking, soccer and netball.



It was a very exciting afternoon and the students loved the opportunity of learning some new skills.

Thank you again to our parents who have volunteered their time over the coming weeks.

Maria Parks
Assistant Principal



Joey's Report – August 2023

GETTING TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS!

Written by Kahlan and Yolanda

Illustrated by Coco

Mr Chenhall

First name: Martin

Grade: 1/2

How many years have you been teaching? 1 year in Australia and 19 overseas.

What do you like about teaching? Watching the kids growing and learning.

What is your favourite food? Ramen

Do you prefer the beach or the pool? The beach.

Do you have any pets? No, I have none.

Where is your favourite place in the whole world? Anywhere with my family.

What do you love about KGPS? I love that the students are intelligent, interesting, funny and kind.

Miss Tipping

First name: Indiana

Grade: 5/6

How many years have you been teaching? This is my first year.

What do you like about teaching? I love helping kids understand questions and watching them learn.

What is your favourite food? Pasta

Do you prefer the beach or the pool? The pool.

Do you have any pets? I have one dog, Allen.

Where is your favourite place in the whole world? South Africa.

What do you love about KGPS? The community.



Book Week 2023

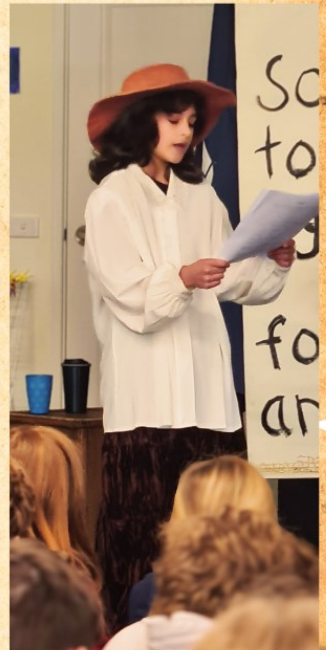




On Friday the 11th of August, the 5/6 students participated in an incursion called Gold in the Heart. 6 of our students were selected to perform in the presentation with Jan "Yarn" Wositzky and they were well prepared, practising their lines ahead of time and learning their scripts. The characters in the play were the John Worley, The Trap, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Kennedy, Digger 1 and Digger 2 and Mason, Zoe, Kahlan, Kylah, Scout and Indi did a fantastic job as these roles.

Yarn played a lot of instruments including the banjo, the harmonica, an Irish drum, spoons and much more! He engaged the audience with his story telling and catchy songs. Everyone learnt about the Gold Rush from different perspectives during the incursion and had a lot of fun. A big thank you to Jan!

Written by Scout and Mrs Angeli



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INGREDIENTS

- 2 Zucchini (medium, shredded)
- 2 Eggs
- 1 cup All Purpose Gluten-Free Flour
- 1 cup Parmigiano Reggiano (finely grated)
- Sea Salt & Black Pepper (to taste)
- 7 grams Avocado Oil Spray (divided)
- 2/3 cup Parsley (optional, chopped)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the air fryer to 195°C.
2. Place the grated zucchini in a dish towel or paper towel and squeeze out all of the excess liquid, then transfer to a bowl.
3. In the same bowl, whisk in the egg, then mix in the flour and parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Line the air fryer basket with parchment paper. Scoop the zucchini mixture into your hands and form two to three-inch diameter patties.
5. Place the patties into the air fryer basket and spray with half of the avocado oil spray. Cook for 20 to 25 minutes, flipping and spraying with the remaining oil halfway through. The fritters should be browned and crispy.
6. Serve with chopped parsley and additional parmesan cheese if desired. Enjoy!

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- Steve Glassey, University of Portsmouth
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- 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

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- 7.30pm AEST Wednesday 13 September
- Kevin Tothurst AM, University of Melbourne
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO

Safety actions for the fire season

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