

CALENDAR 2024

MARCH

Last day of term 1  
3.20pm dismissal THU 28

APRIL

First day of term 2 Mon 15

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT Thu 18

ANZAC DAY Thu 25

MAY

G6 Leadership Day Wed 1

School Photo Day Mon 6

School council meeting Mon 6

3-6 Bully Zero Cyber Safety Fri 10

3/4 Green PLANKS incursion Wed 15

Division Cross Country Wed 22

JUNE

WHOLE SCHOOL DANCE Mon 3

Report Writing day- no school for students Fri 7

King's Birthday public holiday Mon 10

BUILDING UPDATE

Our workers are taking full advantage of the coming school break to complete a number of construction tasks. Storm water drainage works will be carried out in the car park. Our school's fire service is also being upgraded as part of our building project so the pipes between the front fence and our hydrants will be replaced and two additional hydrants will be added. This will involve considerable excavation so finishing these works during the holiday break will save considerable disruption to the school yard.



Happy holidays!

DRIVE-IN – THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 'WONKA'

Please remember our drive-in movie will screen during the first week back next term. The children are very excited and our fundraising group is working hard to make sure this year is another successful fundraising event for KG. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our grade collections to make up hampers. These are always popular items for our silent auction.

I would like to thank all our generous sponsors and particularly our major sponsors, Barry Plant Real Estate, Eltham and Hurstbridge Community Bank I should also add that Barry Plant Real Estate have agreed to be our major sponsor for the next five years, a fantastic commitment to our school.

This year's proceeds will support the purchase of a set of programmable robots and tables and seating for our outdoor learning area.

TERM TWO NEWSLETTERS

Next term we will be moving to a fortnightly newsletter. Xuno has been a popular form of communication for the school and will remain our key information and communication tool. We are constantly updating our website and this will also be refreshed in coming weeks.

TERM 2 PLANNER OUT NEXT TERM

Please look out for the Term 2 Planner which will be available first week next term. The signed permission forms and payments are still processed through XUNO.

PHOTO DAY WEEK 3 NEXT TERM

Please take note that our school Photo Day will be Monday 6th May. This is in the fourth week of term. We do encourage all children to be in school uniform for this day.

Thanks again,  
Laurie Murray

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone that supported fundraising events in Term 1.

Special thanks to Nicole Arias and Sandra Sosnovec who donated to our first two cake raffles! We hope to run a couple more of these next term so if you have a delicious baked good to offer please reach out and let us know!

The special morning tea was a big success and we hope all the children enjoyed this as well! Thanks to Sophie Tolio, Kellie O'Shea, Felicity Matthews who helped with this event.

TERM 2

Drive in Movie night 18 April! WONKA

Tickets are on sale through XUNO \$35/family

Please sign up to spend an hour on the night helping at one of the stalls!

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet- you will be able to see the tasks, times and who else has signed up to volunteer at that time:

[volunteersignup.org/EYWKR](http://volunteersignup.org/EYWKR)

Thank you to everyone that brought in hamper items and all those who are supporting with the silent auction!

A big thank you to our major sponsors this year Barry Plant and Bendigo Bank!

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024



Rupert, Ellie, Mason, Milla, Scout, Charlie, Daniel, Pia, Kenzie, Max and Thea

## VALUES OF THE WEEK

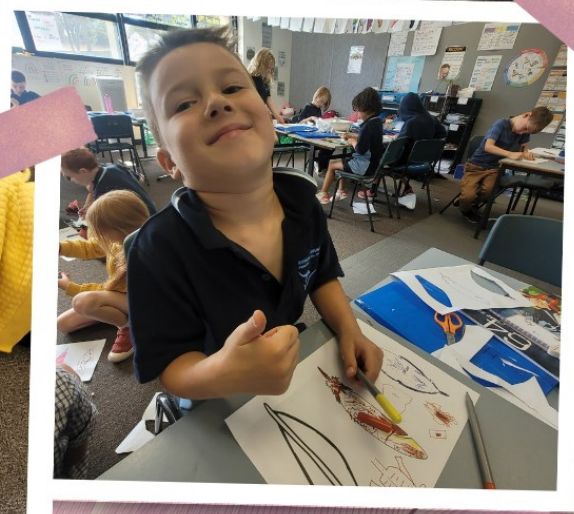


Back - Eden, Max, Parker, Theo, Spencer, Willem and Olivia

Front - Jai, Charley, Mia, Harvey and Billie-Rose



# BUNJIL the eagle comes together with help from KG kids and Miss Scott





# 5/6

# CAMP

# Reports

## CAMPASPE DOWNS

Hi my name Mason and I'm going to tell you about 5/6 camp at camp Campaspe Downs. Firstly, I will tell you about what we did on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. It started off when we got on the bus. Huddy Remi and I were sitting at the back. A few minutes into the trip Harry needed to go toilet. After that everyone needed to go toilet. When we got there, we were told to go to the Campaspe Downs Hall.

After we had a talk, we had to do our activities. There were lots activities but my favourite one was the flying fox because it was fun to zipline over the river.

After our activities we had dinner which was pasta. After we had dinner, we got told our cabins. My cabin was called the Flying Fox and in it was two rooms, one on the left and one on the right. The room on the left was the room with Remi, Huddy, Kaidan, Oscar, Isaac and I. the room on the right was the room with Luke, Harry, Spencer and Rupert.

Overall, I think the camp at Campaspe Downs was great. The activities were fun and interesting. And the food was delicious.

### Campaspe Downs

On the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of march, I was camping at PGL. Let me tell you about it.

When we first arrived, we went to Campaspe Hall where we put our stuff until we got into the cabins. There were people there to help us while we were camping.

We started off with our first activity being the Flying Fox. It was fun. We walked up to the place where we would jump off. It was sort of like a small platform in a tree, then you would jump off and go zooming back down to everyone else waiting for a turn, then you would give the harness to someone else.

The next activity that we did was low ropes except they weren't all ropes. Some of them were logs that either stayed still or wobbled and lots of them were wires that you walked on.

After that, we found out our cabins. I was really happy with my cabin. I was with Sammy, Holly and Maddy. We had a whole bunch of fun telling stories.

In the morning, we did the Centipede. The Centipede was a tall tower that wiggled and it had those rock climbing "rocks" on it that you could climb up. Almost everyone got to the top and no one fell off.

Initiatives were next. We did all sorts of teamwork puzzles. I think my favourite puzzle was when we had a ping pong ball and some tubes and the team had to guide the ball into a jar.

We did Aeroball after initiatives. It was four small trampolines. There were also mini basketballs that you could shoot hoops with. You could pick a partner and then you would take turns with that partner. You had five minutes each to take turns. My partner was Sammy.

Then we had lunch. I had a really good burrito thingy. Then, we headed off to Raft Building. I was in a group with Nayeli, Ned, Sammy, Harry and Isla. We all had to work together to build a raft that we could float on to get to a little island. Isla slipped off first then Nayeli fell off trying to help her, then Ned got off to try to push us. That didn't work. Then Sammy jumped off then Harry jumped off so I jumped off too.

After that we got changed and went straight to dinner. For dinner, we had honey soy chicken followed by vanilla ice cream for dessert. In the morning, we had the Sensory Trail. The Sensory Trail is something to test your senses. You had to put on some goggles that blocked your vision so you had to use your other senses to move around the little area.

Possum Glider was the last activity. After this, we were going to go back to school and go home. I was really excited for Possum Glider. In Possum Glider, you would put a harness on and then your group would pull you up into the air. Everyone got 2 turns at a time. One time you could do anything you want and the other time you got a bean bag and you could try to throw it into a bucket. No one got it though, but we were SUPER CLOSE!

Overall I think my time at Campaspe Downs was amazing and I hope I can go there again in the future!

By Sienna











# Decodable Readers



In our ongoing efforts to build our library of decodable texts, Decodable Readers Australia books will be great to supplement and provide students with another option for 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 resource is 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, take home readers 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.

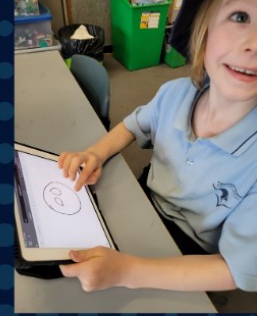
Warm regards,  
Christine French





# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Students in 1/2 were super engaged in learning about Artificial Intelligence last week. We started the lesson off with a question 'Can AI recognise what you are drawing?' Students experimented with creating representations using an AI drawing tool, Auto Draw, that guesses what is drawn. We looked at common signs around the school such as toilet, exit and recycling. We discussed abstraction to pick out the important shapes. We learned that AI has the ability to mimic human capabilities.  
Krista Scott



KANGAROO GROUND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Drive+In  
Movie Night*

THURS 18 APRIL

*Wonka*



OVAL GATE OPEN 5:00 PM - SCREENING AT DUSK

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KANGAROO GROUND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL No 2105



# Come and Explore

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025?

Prospective families are invited to experience Kangaroo Ground Primary School at our open play sessions throughout May.

### PLAY SESSIONS

Come and explore Kangaroo Ground Primary School, have a play in the Prep classrooms, meet our friendly teachers and experience a taste of school.

Call or email us to register your interest.

**SESSION 1** - Thursday 2nd May 2024, 2:40pm-3:10pm

**SESSION 2** - Thursday 9th May 2024, 2:40pm-3:10pm

**SESSION 3** - Tuesday 14th May 2024, 2:40pm-3:10pm

**SESSION 4** - Tuesday 21st May 2024, 2:40pm-3:10pm

**SESSION 5** - Thursday 30th May 2024, 2:40pm-3:10pm

### SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION!

We'd love to show you around our school!

Open mornings **every Monday and Wednesday** between 9am-11am, or contact us to arrange a tour at a time convenient to you.



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10 Graham Rd, Kangaroo Ground





## Duck race

**Time:** Saturday 20 April at 2.30pm

**Location:** Yarra River (start at Police St, end at Stiggant Street)

**Info:** Enter your yellow plastic duck to battle for the glory of making it to the finish line. Will yours be the Duck of the Day? Purchase ducks at some local schools/kinders beforehand, or at the Information Tent during the Festival (see below)

**Decorations:** To keep our river healthy, only undecorated ducks will compete in the race

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Purchase your duck:**

- Ducks can be purchased online until 5.00pm on Friday 12 April (see below)
- Ducks can be purchased in-person at the Info Tent on Festival weekend until 1.00pm on Saturday 20 April

**Collect your duck (online purchases only):**

- Local schools and kinders: Ducks purchased online can be collected from your school or kinder (Warrandyte PS, Anderson Creek PS, Wonga Park PS, Park Orchards PS, Kangaroo Ground PS, Yarra Warra Kindergarten and Warrandyte Kindergarten only) on 15, 16 and 17 April.
- Members of the public who have purchased a duck online can collect or say hello to their duck at the Information Tent on Saturday 20 April before 1.00pm. Any uncollected ducks will be automatically entered into the race.

**Entry time:** If you want your undecorated duck to race, please return it to the Information Tent by 1.00pm on Saturday 20 April.



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# New Hours for 2025

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E: [research.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:research.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

B: 9437 1834



## CALLING ALL 5-9 YEAR OLDS

Registrations are now open for Auskick at Panton Hill in 2024

Dates: Saturday April 20 – July 28

Time: 8.30 – 9.30am

Location: Panton Hill Oval

Want to try, but not sure?

Come and check it out on Saturday April 20, 8.30am.



**NATIVE PLANT  
& BOOK SALE**  
20th April 10am - 3pm

**Eltham Community & Reception  
Centre**  
801 Main Road, Eltham



Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group  
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# NILLUMBIK YOUTH AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## CLIMATE GAME CHANGERS



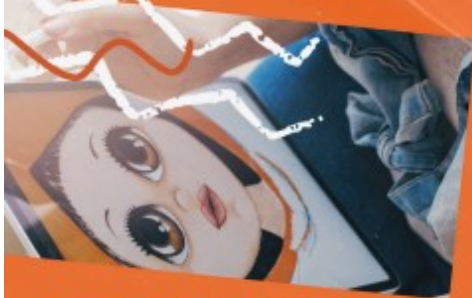
**Wednesday 3 April 4pm-6pm  
Edendale Community Environment Farm**

Join us at Edendale Farm for a movie night to watch 'Youth on Strike!' and talk about how young people are taking climate action. There will also be activities, pizza and information about volunteering opportunities and ways to take action in your community.

Free and for young people aged 12-25  
\*Registration Required



## DIGITALISE YOUR DRAWING



**Monday 8 April 10am-12pm  
Hurstbridge Hub**

Join the Nillumbik Shire Youth Team and learn how to get your creative and artistic idea from paper to the computer. It'll be **free entry** and snacks are provided.

For young people aged 12-18  
\*Registration Required

## SKATE PARK JAM



**Friday 12 April 1pm-3pm  
Diamond Creek Skate Park**

Join the Nillumbik Shire Youth Team & the Y for a skate, scoot & BMX workshop. It'll be **free entry** with street art activities, music, and free lunch!

For young people aged 12-25  
\*Registrations required to participate in workshop



For more information and to register for the sessions above scan the QR code or visit:

[nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/School-Holidays](http://nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/School-Holidays)

Contact us:

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YOUTH







# EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Book now  
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## Diamond Creek

Drama for Kids - 7-11yrs

9 April 9:30am-12:30pm

Under the sea!

Art for Kids - 7-11yrs

11 April 10am-11:30am

## Panton Hill

Polymer Clay Earrings -10-16yrs

9 April 10am -12:30pm



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\$80

8 & 9 APRIL



THE HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AT ALL SKILLS LEVELS (NOT JUST COACHING STUDENTS)

### SCHEDULE:

#### RED BALL

MONDAY 8TH & TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 9AM-12PM

#### ORANGE BALL

MONDAY 8TH & TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 12:30PM-  
3:30PM

#### GREEN BALL/BEGINNER COMP

MONDAY 8TH & TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 12:30PM-  
3:30PM

### TO REGISTER:

KATIE ON 0407 071 599

JACK ON 0416 070 651 OR

EMAIL: [KATIEMCGREGORTENNIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:katiemcgregortennis@gmail.com)

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