

CALENDAR

AUGUST

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



2024 PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Our information evening for parents of next year's prep children took place on Wednesday evening. A group of our wonderful grade six students spoke to the new parents about their experiences at KG and what the new Prep students can expect throughout their seven year primary school journey. This is a unique perspective and gives parents a child's view of what takes place at KG. Our transition program will take place during October and November, finishing with a meeting of the grade five students and their 2014 Prep buddies. This is a key relationship and one we rely on to ensure a smooth transition into the children's first year at school.

KABOOM SPORTS

Our Prep to grade three 'Kaboom Sports' took place on our oval in wonderful sunny weather. All our kids were able to enjoy this local school community event. Thanks to all our student and parent helpers who helped cooking and serving sausages for those who attended. Thanks also to our senior students who helped manage and encourage the student groups as they rotated through their activities.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Well done to all our 26 KG Division athletics team members who went to the Meadowglen Athletics Track today to represent our school and the Sugarloaf District at the Nillumbik Division Athletics event.

Regardless of where they finish, we are always proud of the children and their efforts in representing KG at this level of competition. Thanks also to all those parents who drove the children to the event and supported our children and the Sugarloaf District.

MARKET DAY TOMORROW

Our next KG Market Day is scheduled for tomorrow. This popular event will take place from 12 pm on our basketball court and parents are most welcome to attend.

Please remember to send your children along with a few dollars to spend. We have some budding entrepreneurs and they will certainly appreciate having as many customers as possible.

FOOTY HOT DOG DRESS UP DAY LAST DAY OF TERM

On the last day of term we will hold our annual footy dress up day with a hot dog lunch. We are looking for a few helpers to organise the lunch so if you can help from 11:30 – 1:00pm it would be appreciated. If you can help out, please contact the office to let us know.

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Demolition work on our old admin building is well under way and will continue over the weekend with heavy machinery bringing the structure down to ground level. Windows are being removed by hand to avoid broken glass going beyond the fence line.

Laurie Murray
Principal

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.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

There is so much lost property, particularly small sizes, that is not named and cannot be returned to children.

Please come and have a look if you are missing items of clothing.

All unclaimed items will be "FREE TO A GOOD HOME" at the end of term.

Thank-you

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VALUES OF THE WEEK



Back - Amelie, Jet, Polly, Sam, Darcy, Jack, Spencer and Theo
Front - Mia, Jude, Jack, Christopher, Mason, Rupert and Aiki



HOOP TIME



Well done to all of our 3.4 Hoop timers. You all did a fabulous job and did our school proud. What fantastic sportsmanship, persistence and talent you showed!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS THAT WERE ABLE TO CHEER ON AND HELP ON THE DAY.



Don't worry the bus hadn't left KG yet!



Hoop Time





Prep & 1/2

MUSIC MAKING



During Performing Arts this term students have been using Boomwhackers, Handbells & the Glockenspiel to experiment with high and low sounds.

We have learnt about the 8 notes that make up an octave and how playing them in different order and with a rhythm can make a tune.



Together, we have played songs including 'Mary had a little lamb', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and 'In the hall of the Mountain King'



KABOOM SPORTS



Kaboom Sports focuses on multi-age teamwork through physical activity while also improving leadership skills for older students. The unique activities have been designed to engage and amaze every student, no matter their sporting ability.



On October 12th
Students from P-6
will be participating in
a workshop, that will
focus on Fostering
Authentic Inclusion
through
Understanding.

We will be covering

What is neurodiversity?

Simple brain exploration

Differences: what are our differences?

Emotive coaching: What are emotions? All emotions are ok
Thriving in school together. How can we be accepting of
others?

Our role to meet people with compassion and understanding.

You are exactly how you are meant to be!

Celebrating all brain types.

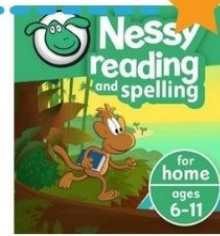
Creating a classroom of allies

These workshops will be 1 hour and tailored to each level.

Thanks, Christine French



Dear Parents/Guardians,



We are excited to trial and introduce a new online program called **NESSY Hairy Spelling and Reading**. NESSY is a comprehensive and engaging platform designed to help children enhance their spelling and reading skills in a fun and interactive way. The NESSY program focuses on addressing various aspects of **spelling and reading**. It is effective for all children including those with dyslexia or other learning differences.

All Prep-6 students have been set up with a Nessy account. In order for your child to access the NESSY program, we need your cooperation to approve their account setup. You should have received an email directly from NESSY with instructions on how to grant access for your child. **Please keep an eye on your inbox for this email and follow the provided steps to get your child started.** If you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, Christine French
Christine.french2@education.vic.gov.au

Log into:
<https://learn.nessy.com/>
and follow the below steps:

The diagram illustrates the login process for the Nessy program. It consists of three screenshots of the program's interface, each with a text box and a red arrow pointing to a specific field:

- Top Screenshot:** A login screen with a 'Secret word:' field. A text box on the left says 'Type in the secret word: **QUIETWINDOW**'. A red arrow points from this text box to the 'Secret word:' input field on the screenshot. Below the input field are 'Remember me' and 'Login' buttons, and a 'Login to Admin & Reports' link.
- Middle Screenshot:** A 'Welcome to the Land of Ness' screen with a 'New player' sign. A text box on the right says 'Type your child's name in here: **e.g. Fred Bloggs**. You should be able to search for your child just by using their first name.' A red arrow points from this text box to the 'Enter your real name to find your Nessy' input field on the screenshot.
- Bottom Screenshot:** A 'Nessy Login' screen with a 'Please enter your Nessy name to begin playing.' message. A text box on the left says 'Your child's Nessy name will be their name and the first letter of their second name. All lowercase. **Eg. fredb**'. A red arrow points from this text box to the 'Nessy name' input field on the screenshot. Below the input field is a 'Go' button and a 'Forgot Nessy name?' link.

THINK U KNOW

Some online safety tips

- Don't share your passwords
- Choose smart usernames
- Check your privacy settings after app updates
- Before you send content, ask:
Why am I sending this?
Who am I sending this to?
- There is a difference between 'online' friends, and people you know in person
- Not everyone is who they say they are
- Keep game chats about the game only
- You ALWAYS have the right to feel safe online
- Police are here to help, even when you are online
- Nothing is so bad you can't tell someone
- Kidshelpline 1800 55 1800
- Kidshelpline.com.au

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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





DON'T FORGET YOUR
**MINI
BOOKS**

A friendly reminder to all students that Penny Harrison will be collecting any finished mini books on Monday, September 11. You can leave yours with your teacher, or in one of the boxes on the library shelves in the ALC. All books will be returned to students after the holidays.



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TO REGISTER:

KATIE ON 0407 071 599

JACK ON 0416 070 651 OR

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

DAY INCLUDES:

- FUN GAMES
- MATCH PLAY
- TROPHIES AND OTHER PRIZES TO BE WON!!!

OFFICIAL DELIVERER OF TENNIS HOT SHOTS PROGRAM.

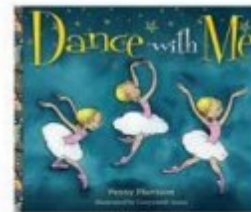
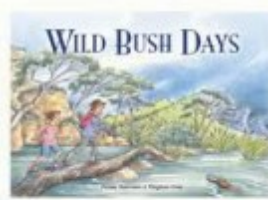
TENNIS HOT SHOTS IS A MODIFIED PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12YEARS OF AGE. USING MODIFIED EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SMALLER RACQUETS, LOW COMPRESSION BALLS AND MODIFIED COURT SIZES TO ASSIST IN THE TEACHING OF TENNIS TO JUNIORS.



During book students at KGPS had a special classroom visit from the very talented and wonderful author Penny Harrison. Children participated in different activities that helped celebrate book week! If you would like to purchase one of Penny Harrison's books, please complete the order form and return it to school. They make wonderful gifts and are even signed by the author!!

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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 Tolhurst 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
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|  Southern Melbourne (state) McClelland Secondary College 2022 Winner: Lyndhurst Secondary College |  Southern Melbourne (non-government) Balcombe Grammar School 2022 Winner: Haileybury Girls College |
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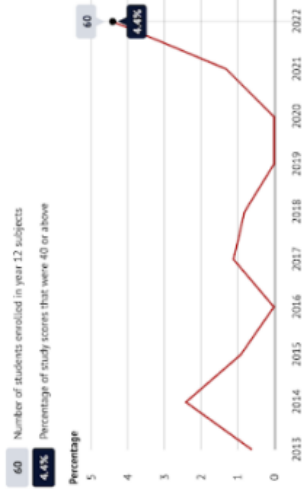
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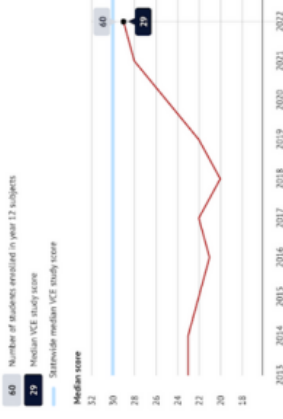
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Year 12 completion rates

| | VCE | VET | VCAL |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2018 | 85 Students, 100% Percent | 67 Students, 99% Percent | 29 Students, 79% Percent |
| 2019 | 91 Students, 100% Percent | 67 Students, 78% Percent | 20 Students, 94% Percent |
| 2020 | 62 Students, 96% Percent | 58 Students, 84% Percent | 34 Students, 63% Percent |
| 2021 | 73 Students, 95% Percent | 70 Students, 84% Percent | 42 Students, 76% Percent |
| 2022 | 60 Students, 100% Percent | 85 Students, 84% Percent | 21 Students, 73% Percent |

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