

CALENDAR

2024

FEBRUARY

No school for preps (assessment)	Fri 9
Info Night/ Family Picnic	Fri 9
No school for preps	Thu 15
No school for preps	Fri 16
3-6 Swimming	Tue 20
'Meet the Teacher' interviews No school for students	Wed 21
3-6 Swimming	Thu 22
Life Ed	Thu 22
Sugarloaf District swimming carnival	Fri 23
Life Ed	Fri 23
3-6 Swimming	Tue 27
Life Ed	Wed 28
3-6 Swimming	Thu 29

MARCH

5/6 CAMPASPE CAMP	Mon 4
5/6 CAMPASPE CAMP	Tue 5
5/6 CAMPASPE CAMP	Wed 6
Chess Tournament	Thu 7
CURRICULUM DAY No school for students	Friday 8
Labour Day public holiday	Mon 11
3-6 Swimming	Tue 12
3-6 Swimming	Thu 14

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From the Principal



PARENT INFORMATION / FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT TOMORROW, FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Following parent feedback from previous years, our information sessions will commence at 5pm in the following classrooms: 5/6s will meet in 5/6AF, 3/4s will meet in 3/4D, 1/2s will meet in 1/2H and the Preps will meet in their own classrooms.

Children can be left at the basketball court where they will be supervised until parents return from the classroom meetings.

These sessions are intended to be general information sessions regarding your child's year level. It will also give parents the opportunity to ask questions relating to classroom operation, home reading, camps, sleepovers, homework, sport, etc.

Parent teacher three-way conferences are held mid-year and our 'Meet the teacher' sessions will be held on Wednesday 21st February.

Please also remember, if there are any important issues or concerns we encourage parents to make an early appointment to meet with their child's teacher.

We are always aiming to improve communication for more efficient and effective feedback to students and parents and we are always happy to receive feedback to help improve how we operate so please feel free to pass on your comments and suggestions.

Children can remain on the court for our picnic. As in previous years, David Skinner will be providing a music and dancing program throughout the evening.

This will be a picnic supper event with families providing their own food.

I look forward to seeing you there for what is always a great community evening, particularly for our new families.

SUGARLOAF DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Sugarloaf District swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday 23rd February. Parents are most welcome to attend the carnival. This is open to our grade 3-6 students with children competing in the 9/10, 11 and 12/13 year age groups. The age that a child turns in any given year determines their age group for all School Sport Victoria events.

Parents are always welcome to attend these events and support our children.

GRAHAM RD PARKING

At pick up time we have had some people parking close to the Post Office entry making it difficult for drivers to safely exit this facility. When parking, please allow sufficient space on either side of the driveway so that driver's can see approaching Graham Rd traffic.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community
Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice. Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Xuno safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

Thanks again,
Laurie Murray

Fundraising Committee 2024

Welcome back and welcome to all new families for 2024!

The Fundraising Committee organises a number of activities and functions – These events are to raise funds to provide the school with additional resources and often are great social events for the school community.

You are most welcome to join the Fundraising Committee. Your children will benefit from your involvement and so will you. The Fundraising Committee is a great opportunity to meet other parents and be involved in the school community while working for the benefit of our children. Involvement in the fundraising committee is extremely flexible around how much time and when you have time available to help out. Examples might be emailing/contacting businesses for silent auction donations, organising a raffle/hamper, volunteering time to help at mother's/father's day stalls. In previous years, fundraising events have included- Drive in Movie Night, Ivan's Pies fundraising, Mother's/Father's day stalls, bacon & egg breakfast, raffles, t-shirt sales, etc!

This money has gone directly towards items to benefit our children and the school environment such as new playground equipment, new artificial grass play areas, student computers, fitness equipment and many other invaluable resources for our school.

Even if you don't have time to volunteer but have some great ideas for fundraising, we would love to hear from you so please reach out!

If you would like to contact the Fundraising Committee, please leave your contact details with the office!

Thanks,
Rachelle

CONTACT US

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Out of School Hours Care (OSHC): 9712 0124 / 0419 893 272 kgpsoshc@bigpond.com



Some of the produce from our beautiful school garden has been on sale in recent days.



KANGAROO GROUND PRESCHOOL

Vacancies available in our 3-year-old FREE KINDER program for 2024.

Our community run kinder offers a combination of play based traditional and BUSH kinder.

Our program runs for 15 hours from 9am-3pm on Wednesday and Friday.

Optional extended 3 hour session on Thursday 8.45am-11.45am and access to Kangaroo Ground Primary School's wonderful out of hours care (fees apply).

For further information please call us on 03 97120297 or email:

kangaroo.ground.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
or see www.kangarogroundpreschool.com.au



PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

Kangaroo Ground Primary School has been invited to bring a group of 35 students to participate in the Junior Theatre Festival Australia this year!



Where: Bunjil Place Theatre (Narre Warren)



When: Saturday 27th July

What: Students who attend will perform a 20 minute segment from our production of Shrek Jr. It will be reimagined with students taking on different roles and with evolving choreography and staging that will build on what was performed last year.

The performance will be adjudicated by industry professionals who will provide encouragement and advice to students.

Throughout the remainder of the day, students will attend a range of workshops in singing, dancing and drama. They will also be able to watch other schools performances and preview a brand new musical show. In the evening, there will be an awards ceremony where all schools will be acknowledged for their achievements. .

Who: We are able to take up to 35 students to this event to represent our school. Therefore we will be seeking expressions of interest for students. Please read the Expression of Interest form for further information about the event.

This opportunity is open to students from Grade 3 - 6 only in accordance with the age requirements set by the Junior Music Theatre Festival.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Carruthers
Performing Arts Teacher

For more information on the JTF, check
out the video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=DxRmu8RSTGc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxRmu8RSTGc)





JUNIOR THEATRE FESTIVAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

I would like to express interest for my child _____ from Grade _____ to attend the Junior Musical Theatre Festival to be held on Saturday 27th July at Bunjil Place Theatre.

I understand there is a cost of \$120 per student that I will be required to pay for my child to attend.

I understand that I will be required to transport my child to and from the theatre on the day of the festival.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please note: **Rehearsals**

Students will be required to attend regular rehearsals each week (for example: at lunchtime or recess). It is important that rehearsals are not missed as this effects the progress of the production number as a whole.

Student Selection

We are able to take up to 35 students to this event.

Therefore we will be seeking expressions of interest for students. Based on this, if we have more than 35 students who are interested there will be a short audition process to determine who will attend.

This opportunity is open to students from Grade 3 - 6 only in accordance with the age requirements set by the Junior Music Theatre Festival.

Parent Attendance

Parents are able to attend the festival at a cost of \$120 per parent. This includes entry to the full day event including the school's performance. However, parent attendance is not required as there will be staff from Kangaroo Ground Primary School attending to supervise and support students.

Come and Join the TENNIS



Program At Kangaroo Ground Tennis Club!

Come and join the other children at Kangaroo Ground Primary School who are a part of our **HOT SHOTS** team! The Hot Shots program is run during the school lunch hour and is available for all ages and abilities, from preps to grade 6 and competition players.

A Free trial for Preps is available on Wednesday lunchtime.

Lessons are also available before and after school.

Please contact Katie on 0407 071 599 for inquiries and bookings.



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10AM - 12PM
SUNDAY 11 FEB 2024
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PHCC PINK STUMPS DAY

FIELDS OF

PINK



**PHCC TAKE ON PHFNC IN AN
EPIC T20 CLASH!**

**THIS COMMUNITY EVENT WILL
BE HELD ON SUNDAY 25TH
FEBRUARY 2024
FROM 12.30PM
AT CRACKNELL RESERVE
ENTRY \$5 PP - KIDS FREE!**



Twilight Market



Bring your friends and family to the ELTHAM College Twilight Market!



Where community comes together

Friday 1 March
4:00pm to 8:30pm



ELTHAM College Oval and Swipers Gully Vineyard

- * Local makers and businesses
- * Market stalls
- * Food trucks

- * Live Music
- * Swipers Gully wines
- * BYO kids, family, friends
- * BYO picnic blanket



SEEKING PLAYERS

FOR UNDER 10S MIXED AND UNDER 12 GIRLS TEAMS





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
FEBRUARY OPEN DAY



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