

CALENDAR 2024

MAY

5/6 IS sport HOME	Fri 17
Play Session 4	Tue 21
Division Cross Country	Wed 22
National Simultaneous Storytime	Wed 22
Fairytale Cookbook P-2	Thu 23
5/6 IS sport AWAY Panton Hill	Fri 24
Play Session 5	Thur 30
5/6 Interschool sport AWAY Arthur's Creek	Fri 31

JUNE

WHOLE SCHOOL DANCE	Mon 3
School council meeting	Mon 3
Report Writing day- no school for students	Fri 7
King's Birthday public holiday	Mon 10
5/6 IS sport HOME	Fri 14
Chess tournament	Thu 20
5/6 IS sport AWAY	Fri 21

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF DAY TODAY

I know there are lots of special 'days' scheduled each year which celebrate the work of people in a wide range of occupations and services. Today's celebration is for our wonderful Education Support staff who do so much for all our students. Much of their work is behind the scenes and parents would not always be aware of everything they do to assist our children. ES Day gives us an opportunity to shine a light on their contribution to KG and thank them for their work.

TEMPORARY SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

I remind everyone that the school is currently using a mobile number as our main phone contact.

The mobile number is **0459 900 879**.

Alternatively, you can still reach the school and teachers through XUNO messages.

This is a temporary arrangement while we wait for Telstra to re-route our phone line.

'COME AND EXPLORE' SESSIONS

Our Prep teachers and specialist staff have been running 2025 Prep 'come and explore' sessions. The sessions have been well attended and are providing prospective students with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the KG school environment. These sessions are in addition to the term four Prep transition sessions.

Thanks again to everyone who has already enrolled their Prep child for 2025. If you intend to enrol your child or know anyone who intends enrolling, please check our school website for all the necessary enrolment forms. Early enrolment assists us greatly with our planning for 2025.

LATECOMERS

Please remember that children who arrive after 9:00am need to print a late pass on the school kiosk in the ALC building. Lisa is there to assist any students who have difficulty using this device.

BUILDING PROGRAM

Electrical, storm water and sewer lines have all been completed in readiness for the slab excavation works which are currently under way. The slab is scheduled to be poured during the first week of June. Stud wall frames and roof trusses are ready for installation so we will see our new building take shape before the end of June. Brickwork will take also place during this period so the internal fit out will take place in earnest once the building is at lock up stage.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

At Kangaroo Ground Primary we value parent and carer input and support for all our programs. Children enjoy seeing family members helping at school and it also reinforces the notion that education is a shared experience for the children.

To this end we would like to have as many parents and carers as possible with Working With Children Checks available to assist with the running of school programs.

Volunteer applications are free so please use the link below to apply.

Working with Children Check (service.vic.gov.au)

If you have a WWC please let the office know so we can maintain a record.

Thanks again,
Laurie Murray



Many thanks to the staff and children for making ES day such so special for us today. The beautiful cards and letters from the children were so lovely – we will treasure them!

Love from the ES staff, Mrs Thornton, Lisa, Jacinta, Issy, Aida and Taylor

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VALUES OF THE WEEK



Back - Audrey, Gus, Zac, Riley, Olive, Raia, Willow and Vivienne

Front - Mila, Zayn, Siaan and Arwyn



Back - Luca, Polly, Ellie, Cody, Leo and Bodhi

Front - Alexandre, Seattle and Delphine

HOUSE LEADERS



Balum-Balum Yellow

Noah & Kaidan

Marram Red

Olive & London

Gawarn Green

Nayeli & Chloe (Absent)

Bunjil Blue

Max & Isadora (absent)



Taylor Penrose

**Kangaroo Ground
School Counsellor**

Kangaroo Ground Primary School is thrilled to introduce our new School Counsellor, Taylor Penrose. Taylor will be working with students across the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

As an experienced counsellor, Taylor will be able to conduct individual and group sessions for students who require additional well-being support.

If you have previously signed a consent form for our School Well-being Officer, you will not have to sign another one.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions.

Regards,
Christine French



YEAR 6

LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday the 1st May, the Year 6's attended the first Leadership Day which is held annually at the Panton Hill Hall. Many of our neighbouring small schools come together on this day and it is a great opportunity to participate in activities such as Public Speaking, Running a Project and Team Building and Initiative games.



The students enjoyed pizzas for lunch and making new friends during the breaks. A highlight of the day was the guest speaker - Andrew Swift who played his guitar and inspired everyone to pursue a career in something that they love and follow their passions in the future. We thank him for his time and he was a great performer!





Interschool Sport Rounders





Yesterday Cam from Green Planks taught us about planks and different ways to use them. Me and my friends made an MCG, a giant penguin, train tracks and skyscrapers. Cam told us how the block behaves, and if it falls, don't worry. You can make a little change and figure out how it fell, change the design and build it again.

Me and my friends made a really really tall tower and it touched the roof! Some of my friends also made a penguin, cat and a turtle. On the last session with Cam, me and my friends made a tower around me! It was so giant and somehow we were able to fit a chair in there... before we started building it. It was SUPER fun! We saw some people building a white house lighthouse, army tanks, lots of towers, dogs, and cities.

It was the best incursion ever!

By Eve and Gus



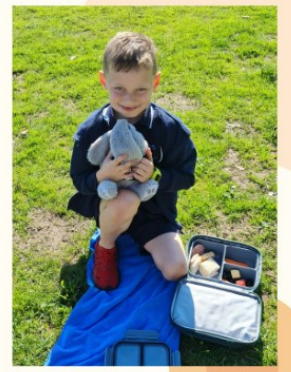




Teddy Bear Picnic



Last week the preps headed out to the oval to enjoy a picnic lunch in the sun with their peers and cuddly friends!





5/6 CERES INCURSION

Learning about all things soil and sustainable!

Today at school

We were lucky enough to have Adrian from CERES come and visit our school today. He spoke about what is important to make good soil and even drew up a pie chart to further explain the break down. He showed us how to 'tickle' the soil to perfectly soften it and even let us plant some green manure seeds to help make our soil the best it can be! It was great to learn from Adrian so a big thank you!



Wominjeka

CULTURAL BURNING

Local Christmas Hills Landcare group, working with fire Elder Uncle Dave Wandin

The local Christmas Hills Landcare (CHLC) has worked with Wurundjeri Fire Elder, Uncle Dave Wandin on a long term project to demonstrate traditional burning practices and outcomes, and ultimately bring back traditional Wurundjeri burning practices to the Christmas Hills landscape. Students Clancy (grade 4) and Rupert (grade 5) are active members of the CHLC, and have helped with the recent round of burning held in Christmas Hills.





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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Food therapy sessions may be beneficial if your child:

- Is a fussy/selective eater
- Has a restricted food intake (less than 20 foods)
- Eats different meals to the family
- Has difficulty with different food textures
- Gagging or vomiting when eating
- Mealtime battles & meltdowns
- Aversion to whole food groups
- Is underweight or overweight

The Feeding Clinic provides support for:

- Fussy eaters
- Growth concerns
- Chronic constipation
- Sensory sensitivities, food obsessions & overeating associated with Autism & ADHD

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