



# Principal's Report

## Principal's message.....

Welcome to week 3 of the term and what a wonderful week it has been so far. Our students continue to work diligently within their classrooms and work on their classroom learning protocols and learning behaviours.

## Staffing

Our much loved Laura Anderson, Education Support officer, will be taking leave as of next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February for the remainder of this year. Laura will be spending some quality time with her family and is very much looking forward to joining us again next year. Have fun Laura! We will be welcoming Heather Jones who will replace Laura.

## School Captains

Last Friday, I had the absolute privilege of listening to our Grade 6 students deliver their speeches for the role of school captain. The school values of Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork and Being Your Best were clearly featured in their speeches.

I was so completely and totally proud of their efforts and I look forward to announcing both the Semester 1 and Semester 2 School Captains for 2019 at this Friday's assembly.

I wish to commend the following students for their efforts in nominating for the role of School Captain.

Mandy Whyte  
Kyren Duscher  
Amanda Stewart  
Tiffany Williams  
Ella Rose Stewart  
Linkin Pierce

Makayla Farnsworth  
Atticus Edgley  
Keely Mannix  
Ahkeela Thomas  
Knote Stephenson

Sophie Hull  
Heidi Raynor  
Ollie Lowndes  
Jack Burns  
Tajh Blythman

## House Captains

Students from Grades 3-6 attended their House assemblies for Lockwood, Calder, Marong and Olympic last Friday to hear the nomination speeches for House captains. The role of House Captain is another important leadership role within our school and I look forward to announcing the successful applicants at this week's assembly.

## World Day of Play

Last Wednesday, our students from Grade 1- 6 enjoyed the opportunity to participate in an hour of structured, free choice games and activities that were set up in the GLC, Kids Club, amphitheatre, oval, STEM room, Gym, Music room and playgrounds. Both staff and students played together in these spaces and enjoyed the time spent interacting together in a play environment. An important component to World Day of Play is that there is no screen time! So it was back to the board games, hopscotch, problem-solving activities, dance, cricket, sandpit play and so much more! It was very inclusive with children from all ages joining into games of their choice together.

## School Council Elections

I draw your attention to our Call for Nominations for the 2019-21 School Council term included in the newsletter today. Nominations close Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. A nomination form is included for your use. Each year we have a group of retiring councillors and the opportunity for new members to join. We also have a strong commitment from members who like to commit to more than one 2 year cycle. An election will be held if nominations exceed vacancies.

Our current School Council Team met last night. Their work included discussing and providing feedback on the School's 2019 Annual Implementation Plan, school fundraising initiatives for our Parent Club and all school finances for the months of December and January. These outcomes ensure our school is the best it can be!

# World of Play Day



## School Value in focus this week is Responsibility

This week, in the yard, we are concentrating on our school value of responsibility. We are being responsible when.....

- Follow classroom rules
- Use learning time properly
- Use our words and actions appropriately
- Follow the rules of the game
- Wear our sunsmart hats proudly and properly.
- Are early to learn

## Brekky Club

We have our wonderful 'Brekky Club' which is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Global Learning Centre. So if you wish to enjoy Brekky Club be at school at 8:20am. It's the place to be!

## Homework Club

Homework Club commences tonight for our English as an Additional Language (EAL) students. This is a fantastic club which supports our Grade 3-6 EAL students to continue with their English skills. A big thank you to Julie and Debbie for supporting this work in our school.

## Parent Club

A hearty thank you and congratulations to our Parents Club volunteers who were able to raise \$3,209.49 during the 2018 year. This year the Parent Club AGM will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm. All parents welcome!

## Late Arrivals and Punctuality

If your child does arrive late we ask that they enter via the office to be issued with a late pass from Lorraine. This is necessary as class rolls are marked at 8.50am and if your child is not in class at this time they will be marked as absent. By receiving a late pass we are able to adjust our records so your child is then marked as late rather than absent. Punctuality is very important. Please assist your child by having them to school on time.

## Thought of the week

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way" -  
Napolean Hill

Kim Saddler  
Principal



## Breakfast Club

Our wonderful Breakfast Club has commenced this week. It will be running to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This is a wonderful way to start the day. The Breakfast Club is held in Room 17 from 8.15am till 8.40am.

school  
breakfast  
program



## New times for the school day:



8:50am – 11:20am:  
11:20am:  
11:30am – 12pm:  
12pm – 1:30pm  
1:30-2pm:  
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Learning Session 1  
Eating time  
1<sup>st</sup> recess (30 minutes)  
Learning Session 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> recess (30 minutes)  
Learning session 3

# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019-21

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## ***What is a School Council and what does it do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## ***Who is on the School Council?***

There are three possible categories of membership –

- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, DEECD employees can be parent members at their child's school. At kfps we have 8 elected Parent Members.
- **A mandated elected Department of Education & Training (DET) employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of School Council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members. At kfps we have 5 DET members.
- **An optional community member category.** Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members. *At Kangaroo Flat Primary School we have two community members.*

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

## ***Why is parent membership so important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## ***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections which are held in February or March each year. ***However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.***

In view of this, you might consider –  
Standing for election as a member of the school council.  
Encouraging another person to stand for election.

## ***Do I need special experience to be on School Council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## ***What do you need to do to stand for election?***

*See our 2019 Election Timeline*

**If you decide to stand for election, you can *Self Nominate*.** This form is included in the newsletter

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There are two separate electorates –

- One for the election of parent members.
- One for the election of DET (Department of Education & Training) members.
- DET employees who are parents will be able to stand for election as parent members **at their child's school.**

## School Council Configuration

The configuration and size of School Council is a legal process. Our registered configuration with the Office of Schools is eight parent members, five DET employees and two community members.

## Community Members

Verna Greenhalgh and David Hunter are currently our community members. **Community members are co opted by Council.**

## Council Members (Parent Category)

Tania Breed, Donna Pickering and Heather Maher complete their two year term this month. On behalf of all members of our School Community I would like to sincerely thank these parents for their work on Council and Council Sub Committees over the past 2 years.

We have **three parent vacancies for 2019-21 term of office.**

## DET Council Members

Thank you to Juanita Howlett who finished his term on School Council last December, 2017.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 2018 Timeline

Call for nominations **TODAY- Wednesday 13th February, 2019**

Close of nominations ( Friday 1st March by 4.00pm)

**NOMINATION FORMS** are included in our newsletter today. Once the nomination form is complete return it to Kim Saddler within the timeframe stated. You will receive a **Nomination Form Receipt** in the mail confirming your nomination.

**An information booklet is available from Lorraine in the office if you would like to know more about School Council work.**



# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019-21

## **Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations.**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of  
**Kangaroo Flat Primary School.**

Nomination forms have been included in the newsletter and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Friday 1st March, 2019

**Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:**

**If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.**

**If we have more nominations than vacancies an election will be held.**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	4
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	3

**Kim Saddler  
Principal  
Kangaroo Flat Primary School**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### **Schedule 5a: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category.**

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Kangaroo Flat Primary School's, School Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/ guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is/ are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training  
Yes / No (please circle)

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate..... Date: .....

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.



Dear families,

We are excited to announce that we are committing to the Dogs Connect Program this semester.

We will be working towards having our own school dog to help focus on student and staff wellbeing. Our staff will be guided through this process by Grant Shannon from Dogs Connect over the next two terms. The aim is to build structure and processes behind the way we incorporate the use of a young dog into our culture at Kangaroo Flat Primary School. This takes some time, and thorough consideration of many factors and possibilities. This dog will not be a school pet. We will be learning how to incorporate her into some teaching and learning practices and she will be in some ways operating as a staff member.

Our school dog Bonnie will be introduced to the school community very gradually, as she is still a young puppy. Bonnie will be homed by our Foundation teacher, Melissa Cusack.

Bonnie is a Groodle, and only 8 weeks old at this stage and has the most beautiful, gentle nature.

Bonnie will hopefully begin to acquaint herself with the environment in week 5 this term. Her first job will be to learn to relax and become familiar with the surroundings, so it is very important that when people see Bonnie at school that they just continue as normal and do not approach her or give her any attention. She will need time and space to observe how things work in her new world.

We encourage families to view more information on the program if they would like to at [www.dogsconnect.net.au](http://www.dogsconnect.net.au).

We will be holding a morning cuppa and chat with Grant Shannon, the founder of the Dogs Connect Program and invite any parents who have any questions or would like to discuss the program to come along to assembly this Friday morning at 9am. The cuppa and chat will be held straight after assembly in the Global Learning Centre.

As part of our preparation we invite you to read the 'considerations checklist'. If you need to fill in the checklist and provide us with any information regarding your child, please print the page or ask for a copy at the school admin area and ensure that it is returned to the school for our consideration.

We are very excited about beginning this work and we look forward to sharing the journey with you all.

Kim Saddler  
Principal



**DOGS CONNECT**  
BRINGING LIFE TO LEARNING

Dear Families,

We are excited to be beginning our work with the children this term. Prior to commencing, we ask you to provide any information that may be relevant to your child and our program. We are aware of the range of considerations that we need to make so that our work is inclusive and successful. Below is a list of common considerations we like to be aware of.

Please tick any boxes below to indicate considerations for program facilitators to be aware of.

If extra information needs to be supplied, please use the space provided on this page.

- My child has a dog at home
- My child has been around domestic animals frequently
- My child has allergy to some dogs
- My child's traditional culture does not allow interaction with dogs
- My child's religion does not allow interaction with dogs
- My child has some degree of fear of dogs
- My child has been through trauma related to an incident with an animal
- My child has not yet experienced interaction with a dog

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**Signed: Date:**

**Print name:**

**Name of child/ren:**

## **IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO**

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up / drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.



### **Crusoe College— Safety Concerns**

Students are not permitted to ride their bikes/scooters through the Crusoe College grounds. On Monday Crusoe reported to us that they had students from our school riding in the school grounds towards other students. We are very disappointed that any of our students would consider this as acceptable behaviour.

Our students are encouraged to wait in the amphitheatre until 3.10pm if they are waiting for an older sibling from Crusoe.

Parents are also reminded that parents are not to park in the school staff car park.  
Thank you for your assistance.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Don't forget to look for the Book Club Issue 1 catalogue that will be coming home in your child's schoolbag.

Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet.

Ordering from Book Club is easy—simply go online and place your order through Scholastic Book Club LOOP and then Scholastic's 'book elves' take care of the rest. Before you know it, your child will have a lovely surprise to take home once their order gets delivered to their classroom.

When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school—20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy library resources.

To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from issue 1 will also receive a free All About Me Activity Journal to help us kick-start our 2019 plans. For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)

A graphic for Scholastic Book Club LOOP for Parents. It features the Scholastic logo at the top, followed by 'Book Club LOOP for Parents' in large, colorful text. Below this, it states 'LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering &amp; Payment platform for parents.' and provides the website 'www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP'. At the bottom, there are icons for 'GET IT ON Google play' and 'Download on the App Store'.

# Canteen News

NEW - MIX 'n' MATCH Meal Deals are available every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We also have a new Summer Menu you can still order your favourite warm food from.

**When placing an order from the MIX 'n' Match Meal Deals please cut out and use as a template below.**

## Volunteers Welcome

Our Canteen needs volunteers from 8.45am -11.45am. Kids love seeing mum, dad or grandparents smiling face in the canteen. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

### "Make My Own" Lunch Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle your choices

(Please Note: Each item circled is charged as an extra choice to add on)

- I'd like - White Bread, Wholemeal Bread, Small Bowl (\$1.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- White Roll, Wholemeal Roll, Muffin, Wrap, Taco (\$1.50) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sushi Rice Roll, Foccacia, Pizza, Nachos, Large Bowl (\$2.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Meat - Chicken, Ham, Beef, Tuna, Chicken Tender, Bacon (\$2.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Crumbed Fish, Beef Pattie, Crab Meat, Prawns (x2) (\$2.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad - Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Red Onion (.50c) \_\_\_\_\_
- Corn, Beetroot, Mushroom, Capsicum, Pineapple (.50c) \_\_\_\_\_
- Toppers - Salsa, Sour Cream, Grated Cheese, Sliced Cheese (.50c) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sundried Tomatoes, Pumpkin, Avocado, Olives, Guacamole (\$1.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Egg, Cous Cous, Baby Spinach, Rice, Feta, Parmesan (\$1.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Condiments- French, Italian, Caesar, BBQ, Tomato Sauce (.50c) \_\_\_\_\_
- Extras - Butter, Salt, Pepper, Toasted, Mayonnaise, (No Charge) \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be placed by 9am on the day required. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### \$5.00 Meal Deal Lunch Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Choose and Circle ONE from each Box

**Taco, Hotdog, 3 Dim Sims, Pizza  
3 Party Pies, Chicken Wrap,  
Nachos, 6 Chicken Nuggets**

**Watermelon, Fruit Kebab,  
Apple Slinky,  
Corn Cob, Sultanas, Popcorn,  
Salad Sticks, Juice Pop**

**Milkshake, Juice Box, Water,  
Jelly Fruit, Apple Pie, Muffin,  
Yoghurt, Ice- Cream**

### Kangaroo Flat Market

The next Kangaroo Flat MARKET will be an **End of Summer MARKET** held on **Saturday 23rd February** at Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church, High Street, (opposite ALDI) from **8:00am - 1:00pm**. It will feature a wide variety of Market Stalls & Car Boot Sales, plus a GIANT Garage Sale (*if raining Garage Sale, Church Stalls & Devonshire Teas will be in the hall*).

This community Market offers plenty to interest everyone with Trash & Treasure; s/h furniture; h/hold items; Tools; Books; Toys; Clothing; Plants; Produce; Craft; Cakes, Slices, Biscuits etc; Devonshire Teas; a Sausage Sizzle & much more.

**Also, Kim Ritchie, well-known country singer, will be singing between 9am & 12noon**

For further information or to book a Site please contact Max on 54431809.



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Find out more



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## CONTACTS

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**Principal:**  
Kim Saddlier

**Assistant Principal:**  
Faye Martin

**Business Manager:** Maree  
Wayman

**Reception:**  
Lorraine Fowler

**Music: Tue, Wed, Thur & Fri**  
Jessica Dellow

**Art Studies: Wednesday–  
Friday**  
Sue Gloury

**First Aid Officer:**  
Tania Riddick

**Library Hub:**  
Julie Holt

**Neighbourhood Leaders:**  
Gumnut– Kim Anketell /  
Brooke Cole  
Grevillea– Kate Novak  
Ironbark– Felicity Creighton  
Whirrakee– Carryn Hendy

**Wellbeing Officer:**  
Wendy Donaldson

**School Chaplain:** Rose Amy

**Sports Program:**  
Travis Colley

**Canteen Manager:**  
Rayelene Burns

**School Council**  
(School Council meetings held  
every second Tuesday of the  
Month)

**School Council Members**  
Kim Saddlier (Executive  
Officer)  
Faye Martin  
Corey Gilmore  
Melissa Cusack  
Brad Gould  
Leticia Laurien  
Heather Maher (President)  
Robert Bruce  
Lauren Marron  
Kristen Miller  
Verna Greenhalgh  
David Hunter

**Parent Club :**  
President: Judith Rainsbury  
Vice Pres: Amanda Hooley  
Secretary: Lauren Marron  
Treasurer Sharyn Holmes

Parent Club meeting on the First  
Monday of the Month at  
2.30pm in the Parent  
Clubroom near the  
Canteen.

**After School Care:**  
**YMCA**  
Bendigo Central Booking  
5444 6666

**Breakfast Club**  
Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday mornings  
commencing at 8.15am–  
8.35am

# kfps Calendar

## 2019

Friday	15th February	• Whole School Assembly—all welcome— Presenting our School Captains and House Captains.
Tuesday	12th February	• School Council commencing at 6.45pm
Wednesday	20th February	• No School for Prep Students.
Wednesday	27th February	• No School for Prep Students
Monday	4th March	• Parent Club—Annual General Meeting commencing at 2.00pm in the Parent Clubroom near the Canteen. New members are very welcome.
Wednesday	6th March	• No School for Prep Students
Monday	11th March	• Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)
Wednesday	20th March	• Speaking Spot Bendigo (Formally Talking Matters)
Friday	5th April	• Last Day of School for Term 1
Tuesday	23rd April	• First Day of School for Term 2

## Parent Club Easter Raffle

The Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle this year and would greatly appreciate donations for the hamper. Any items for the raffle can be left at the office.

Raffle tickets will go home closer to  
Easter.

Thank you for your support.  
Judith Rainsbury  
President (Parent Club)



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