

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 5 of Term 3.

Lots happens at KFPS every week! It is always such a busy and fun place to be.

Thank you to those families who were able to attend our “Science Night” last Thursday, it was lovely to see so many in attendance. Thank you to all staff who were able to attend on the night.

This week we started with our Book Week Assembly on Monday. It was fabulous to see so many students across the school dressed up as their favourite characters. It was also lovely to discuss with them who their character was and what book did they come from, so many knowledgeable students. Reading is a lifelong skill that we support our students to achieve and become the very best reader they can be.

We welcome back Kim Anketell to our wellbeing team from her recent leave. A reminder that any paperwork that needs completing needs to come through the office, so that we can make sure it is completed in a timely manner and is sent to the correct professional / parent. Wellbeing discussions with any of the team members can be scheduled via the office. Sometimes you may catch them in the yard but sometimes their head is in another space and they may not have time to talk then and there. Please always reach out to our wellbeing team for assistance, if we cannot help directly we will be able to direct you to outside support.

We are very lucky to have many supportive parents in our school community and it was a pleasure to welcome Bec and Mitch, who participated in a talk on racism with our Grade 3 to 6 students. This came about from the use of a derogatory term in our school grounds, which some students were under the impression it was an okay term to use. They felt they were being ‘cool’ and it was okay. But after a discussion with Bec and Mitch who shared some of her personal background and a video “Let’s Talk About Racism” (Australian Human Rights Commission). These are follow up responses Rose received from some of our students.

‘I feel so sorry for your mum and you, you should not be treated like that.’

‘Why do people do racism it is not nice.’

‘I feel more confident to share with others and supported.’

We will continue to work with our younger students who do not all fully comprehend how derogatory some terms are. Just wanted to let you know what we are talking about at school so that you can continue the conversation with your own children.

We are a school that prides itself that ‘Every Face has a Place’ and we are all feel safe and respected.

PUPIL FREE DAY Monday 25th August

This Monday coming we have a Professional Learning day for all school staff. We will be completing feedback on the modelling visit we have just experienced with Nathaniel Swain, PhD on ‘The Science of Learning’ happening tomorrow and Friday of this week. If your child comes home and says they had a different teacher, it could have been Nathaniel modelling teaching strategies in their classroom.

Also on Monday, we are reviewing our School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix and reflecting on the systems and procedures that occur in our school. Next week we will be sending this home to families and introducing it to our school community.

Thank you,

Faye Martin

Term 3 Calendar Events

Thursday	21st August	Grade 6 Only Passions and Pathways Career Roadshow
Monday	25th August	Student Free Day-Staff PD
Thursday	28th August	Wakakirri
Friday	29th August	Grade 2 Sleepover
Thursday	4th September	Science Incursion
Friday	5th September	-Fathers Day Stall/Breakfast -Division Basketball selected students
Thursday	11th September	Footy Day
Friday	12th September	Passions & Pathways Bendigo Library Grade 6 Only
Mon-Fri	15th-19th September	Foundation Swimming Program
Mon-Fri	15th-19th September	Grade 3/4 Doxa Camp
Wednesday	17th September	Community Engagement Day Grade 6
Friday	19th September	Last Day Term 3 -Early 2:30pm Finish

**No School Monday 25th-Student Free Day
All Staff Off Site Training**



**Pupil Free Day
Childcare Available.
Please register on the
camp Australia
Website or App**

**For all general enquiries
contact our friendly
Customer Care Team**

📞 1300 105 343

✉️ oshc@campaustralia.com.au

⌚ Monday – Friday: 5AM – 9PM (AEDT)

⌚ Weekends: 7AM – 9PM (AEDT)

(Opening hours exclude National Public Holidays)

Registering is easy via our app

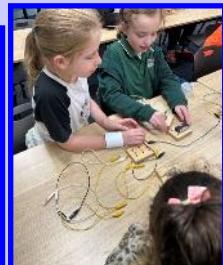




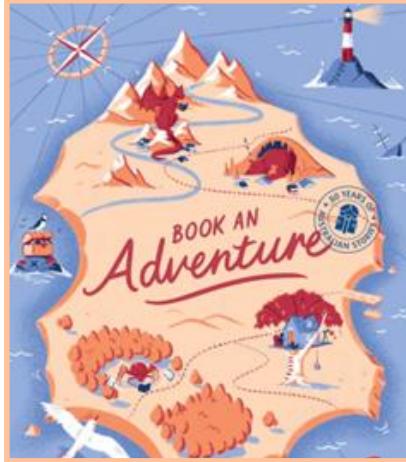
Last week we had our Science activity night. Thankfully the weather was as good as it was so we could enjoy the night. It turned out to be a great night with many families attending. It was great to see everyone getting involved in the activities with smiles all around.

I have heard from many students that the night was a lot of fun and the range of activities were interesting and entertaining. The raffle also provided some excitement as many students were hoping to win one of the science kits on offer. Congratulations to Ali, Taylah and Ella-Rose.

We would like to thank the Science and Discovery Centre for supporting us in hosting this night. We look forward to hosting more events in the future for everyone to enjoy.



Book Week



Numeracy Support at Kangaroo Flat Primary School

Bond Blocks: Helping Students Build Strong Maths Skills

At Kangaroo Flat Primary School, some students take part in the **Bond Blocks Maths Program**—a hands-on way to support children who need extra help in maths.

Bond Blocks help students move from counting one by one to adding with numbers and symbols.

Created by Australian teacher Narelle Rice and Dr Paul Swan, it's based on research and won the 2022 Educational Publishing Award.

Using the Bond Blocks Core Kit, students will:

- Learn and remember number bonds.
- Build skills in addition and subtraction to 20 and beyond.
- Understand how addition and subtraction work and connect.
- Use flexible and efficient strategies for calculating.
- Develop place value knowledge.
- Improve reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Students work in small groups outside the classroom, getting extra time to practise and build confidence in their maths skills.

Bond Blocks is one of the many ways we support students to feel more confident and capable in their learning.



Literacy Support at Kangaroo Flat Primary School

MiniLit SAGE and MacqLit Programs

At Kangaroo Flat Primary School, we're proud to offer extra reading support to students who need it through our **MiniLit SAGE** and **MacqLit** programs.

MiniLit SAGE is for students in **Grade 1 and 2**. It provides small-group lessons (four times a week) to help build important reading skills like:

- Hearing and using sounds in words (phonemic awareness)
- Matching letters to sounds (phonics)
- Learning new words (vocabulary)
- Reading smoothly (fluency)
- Understanding what they read (comprehension)

MacqLit is for students in **Grade 3 and above**. It also runs in small groups, four times a week. MacqLit helps students continue building their reading and spelling skills, and includes:

- Spelling and dictation practice
- Reading high-interest texts
- One-on-one support when needed

Both programs are structured and step-by-step, giving students the time and support they need to grow in confidence and become stronger readers.



ATTENDANCE PRIZES

If you are here on time every day 5 days a week you are in the draw.

There are 3 prizes per week:

Foundation-Grade 2

Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 5 & 6.

We have a weekly draw at assembly for 2 students that have been here all week on time.

Classroom prizes will be held fortnightly.

End of each term, there will be our major prizes for those who have attended 100% , along with our most improved student.



Reminder: Student Birthdays

Please contact their teacher directly at least one week in advance to ensure they can adjust the days teaching schedule and prepare for allergies within the classroom.

*Food items must be store bought, unopened packaging with ingredients listed.

*NO home made food allowed please.

*Zooper Dooper buckets available for sale from Raye in the canteen (pre order at least one week in advance).

Grade 5 Only

Miss S is hosting reading club in room 13 from 8:30.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Please note it will not operate first Tuesday of every month due to other school commitments.

Breakfast Club.

8:30am – 8:50am.
Mon-Fri

We are now 5 days a week!

For all **Grade 3-6 students**, I will be running before school activities running club. The sessions will be on every Wednesday morning 8-8:30ish with a focus on fun and fitness. Afterwards, students can re-charge by attending the school's breakfast club. If your child/ren wish to participate, please contact me via Sentral. Mr Woodward.

CONTACTS @ kfps

Acting Principal:
Faye Martin

Acting Assistant Principal:
Melissa Cusack

Business Manager:
Maree Wayman

Administration:
Ange Jobe
Rebekkah Gieschen

Art: Helen Pyers

Music: Jess Dellow

Sports Program:

Teagan Ainslie

Science: Russell Peterson

First Aid Officer:

Beck Baker

Library Hub: Julie Holt

Neighbourhood Leaders:

Foundation- Sonia Rodgers

Gr1-2: Lauchlan Woodward

& Trudy Sutton

Gr3-4: Jonti Hansen

Gr5-6: Annie Serjeant

Disability Inclusion

Coordinator:

Kim Anketell

School Chaplain:

Rose Ryan

Canteen Manager:

Rayelene Burns

School Council:

(School Council meetings held second Tuesday of the Month)

School Council Members:

Melissa Cusack

(Acting Executive Officer)

Annie Serjeant

Emily Edgar

Victoria Curnow (President)

Jacqui Anderson (Vice-President)

Damien Irving

Peter Barrow

Rebecca Gregg

Helen Davey

Vacant

Danielle Snowdon

OSHC: Camp Australia

1300 105 343

Breakfast Club:

EVERY DAY

Commencing at 8.30am-8.45am

Help Lines:

Nurse-On-Call (1300 60 60 24)

Lifeline (Ph 13 11 14)

Parentline (Ph 13 22 89)

Kids Helpline (Ph 1800 55 1800)

Beyond Blue (Ph 1300 22 4636)

2026 Foundation Students – Enrolment

If you know anyone with a child starting school next year, please remind them to complete the application form to attend our school.

Application forms can be collected from the office or downloaded from our school website.

School Hours:

Gates Open 8:30am

8.40—8.50am Classroom Open
(parents to exit school grounds before 8:50am
please)

8.50am Bell

8.50-11.20am Learning Session 1

11.20-11.30am Lunch: Supervised Eating

11.30-12.00pm 1st Lunch Recess

12.00-1.30pm Learning Session 2

1.30-2.00pm 2nd Lunch Recess

2.00-3.00pm Learning Session 3

Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

KFPS Website:

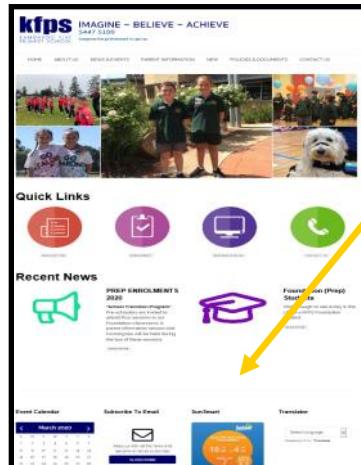
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<https://www.kangarooflatps.vic.edu.au>

Click onto the 'Subscribe' link. Your request will be accepted after verification by and then you'll be right to go.

This is a great way to always stay up to date with all of our events and to see the newsletter.

SUBSCRIBE HERE



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Canteen Opens for Term 3 Wednesday 13th August

How To Order From The Canteen



Our Canteen operates on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. 8.30am - 2.00pm

Each week in our online newsletter and on our website, you will find our Canteen Menu.



An order form for our \$6.00 Mix & Match Meal Deals can also be found there. Please use the correct menu, it will change each term.

Make sure your order is written clearly with your Name and Room No. This can be done on the template order form or just on a piece of paper, popped into a zip top bag or envelope with the money inside. Please clearly indicate any allergies or special requirements we may need to be aware of. Then drop your order into the neighbourhood tubs at the Canteen before school starts on the day it is required. **Please do not use staples as they may accidentally fall into food.**

Please visit Rayelene to discuss any special dietary requirements, as many items on our Menu may be available Gluten Free or Vegetarian upon request.

We have attempted to reduce the amount of plastic used in the canteen by switching to reusable cutlery and plastics containers. If your child comes home with a stray item, please return it to the canteen cleaned at your earliest convenience.

Collection of lunches from the canteen is by a class helper at 11.15 am.

Special vouchers are given for items to be collected from Canteen. e.g.: apple slinky, frozen ice-creams, milkshakes or items that may spill in the tubs.

Change can be given to a nominated child. Please indicate the amount tendered and if change is required.

Canteen Vouchers can also be purchased from the office using EFTPOS or cash.

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt & Snacks etc are available to purchase from the canteen window before school and at both recess & lunch breaks.

Volunteers are welcome and in need. Without our wonderful volunteers we could not run such an extensive menu for our children and staff members. **Kids love seeing mum, dad, or a grandparent's smiling face in the canteen.**

You may just need to get out of the house for a coffee break. You must have a voluntary Working with Children Card. Please give details of your availability to front office or Rayelene. No experience is needed, we will show you through what is required.

Volunteers - PLEASE RETURN THIS PART

Our Canteen always needs volunteers from 8.45am-11.45am.

Even if you can only help once a Term for an hour, please call in to see Rayelene or return the slip below with your details.

Canteen Helper Name: _____ Phone No _____

Kangaroo Flat Primary School will endeavour to accommodate all requests for specified dietary requirements (food allergies and/or intolerances).

We cannot guarantee the absence of allergens due to potential trace allergens in the work environment and supplied ingredients.

This includes but is not limited to common allergens, like nuts, egg, dairy or gluten.



KFPS CANTEEN

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm



HOT FOOD

CORN COB - \$1.50
 HOMEMADE GARLIC BREAD - \$1.50
 DIM SIMS (X2) - \$3.00
 CHICKEN NUGGETS (X6) - \$3.00
 PARTY PIES (X2) - \$3.00
 MEAT PIE - \$4.50
 SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.50
 HOTDOG - \$4.50

Tomato Sauce, Soy Sauce or Mayo Sachets .50 each



SANDWICHES

VEGEMITE, JAM, CHEESE OR HONEY - \$3.00
 MEAT - HAM, CHICKEN, TUNA OR SALAMI - \$3.50
 SALAD - LETTUCE, CUCUMBER, CARROT & TOMATO - \$3.50
 MEAT & CHEESE - \$4.50
 MEAT & SALAD - \$5.50
 MEAT & SALAD & CHEESE - \$6.50
 EGG & LETTUCE - \$4.50

Wrap or Roll - add \$2.00
 Toasted - Free



SNACKS

POPCORN - \$0.50
 SULTANAS - \$0.50
 MUFFIN - \$2.50
 BOILED EGG - \$2.00
 JUICE POP - \$0.50
 MILK POP - \$0.50
 FRUIT - \$1.50



DRINKS

WATER - \$2.00
 JUICE BOX - \$2.00
 FLAVOURED MILK - \$2.00
 SLUSHIES - \$2.00
 MILKSHAKE - \$2.00
 MILO - \$2.00



Gluten Free options are available upon request. Please call into the canteen to discuss any special dietary requirements.

MID-YEAR SPECIALS

HOMEMADE SOUP
 Creamy Pumpkin
 Potato, Leek & Bacon
 Chicken Noodle
 Minestrone
 Tomato

All Served with a Toasted Cheese Sub



\$6 each

Order Form

Name:
Room:

SOUP

Choose 1
Please tick

- Creamy Pumpkin
- Potato, Leek & Bacon
- Chicken Noodle
- Minestrone
- Tomato

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- Tomato

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\$6 each

Order Form

Name:
Room:

MEAL DEAL

Please select 1 from each side

SAUSAGES WITH MASH OR BREAD

- Gravy
- Gluten Free
- Vegetarian



HOT CHOCOLATE



CRUMBED CHICKEN WITH MASH

- Gravy
- Gluten Free



JUICE BOX



NOODLES

- Chicken
- Beef
- Gluten Free



MILK SHAKE



\$6

Order Form

Name:
Room:

MEAL DEAL

Please select 1 from each side

SAUSAGES WITH MASH OR BREAD

- Gravy
- Gluten Free
- Vegetarian



HOT CHOCOLATE



CRUMBED CHICKEN WITH MASH

- Gravy
- Gluten Free



JUICE BOX



NOODLES

- Chicken
- Beef
- Gluten Free



MILK SHAKE



\$6

KFPS CANTEEN

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm

MEAL DEALS

SAUSAGES WITH MASH OR BREAD



OPTIONAL GRAVY



HOT CHOCOLATE

CRUMBED CHICKEN WITH MASH



OPTIONAL GRAVY



JUICE BOX

NOODLES

CHICKEN OR BEEF



MILK SHAKE

Choose 1 from each side. \$6

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School Council Vacancies:

Kangaroo Flat Primary School is currently seeking applications for one available position within our parent community.

FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

council.

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

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

Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration
- I am not of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.