

Principals Message

September 10th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 8 of Term 3.

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Our Principal Kelsey Chaffey-Jones has extended her leave to include Term 4. Although, we are disappointed that she will not be back to work with us next term. We do understand how much fun / work it is to look after two beautiful little girls.

Thank you to all the fathers and special people in our students' lives, who came along for our Father's Day Brekky last week. It was fantastic to see so many visitors onsite. Thank you to the staff who came in early and supported with toastie making and hot drinks, very much appreciated.

It is amazing that we are in the second last week of term, and of course lots happening as always. Our Foundation students have their swimming lessons next week at Gurri Wanyarra. They are very excited about this, catching the bus and swimming, a great way to finish up their term.

Our Malmsbury Camp begins on Monday – Wednesday with the first group going and then Wednesday to Friday the second group attends. More excited students about the school looking forward to this event. Remember to reach out to the school if you need help with sleeping bags, suitcases etc as we can source good quality second hand ones for your use.

To gain support it is simply a phone call to the office or pop in and arrange a time that suits a member of the well being team to meet with you or to get back to you via a phone call. Communication with your child's teacher during class time is not possible, as they are busy teaching. You may ask for a message to be given to them, send a message via SENTRAL yourself or if it is an emergency then a member of our leadership team will support you. Respect is one of our school values and I know for 99.5% of my time in this role I have been treated with respect and feel that I treat all parents with the same respect. It is totally fine to ask questions or have concerns, as long as we can do this in a respectful manner. Please feel free to ring or arrange an appointment to discuss any issue.

Remember we are celebrating R U OK day a day early today. I would like to include the message Isabella communicated to our school " it's about asking, 'Are you OK?' and really listening to the answer.

Tomorrow is "Footy Colours Day" as our Grade 6 will be presenting at the Passions and Pathways Expo at Bendigo Library on Friday.

Good luck to all our students playing in finals games at this time, I wish you every success over the weekend.

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Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships News

Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be exploring Unit 7 of the RRRR program. Focuses on understanding gender norms and stereotypes and how they shape behaviours and expectations in society. It explores the origins and impacts of these norms on individuals' identities and opportunities.

The unit encourages critical thinking about the limitations imposed by stereotypes and promotes gender equality.

Through discussions and activities, students are empowered to challenge harmful stereotypes and support more inclusive attitudes.

Some of the activities in this topic contain content that may be sensitive for some students. Students will be advised in advance of the nature of the lessons.

Topics explored include:

Talking about gender, Facts about gender and equality of opportunity, Media messages, gender policing and peer pressure and Positive gender relations.

Topic 1: Emotional literacy

Topic 2: Personal strengths

Topic 3: Positive coping

Topic 4: Problem-solving

Topic 5: Stress management

Topic 6: Help-seeking

Topic 7: Gender and identity

Topic 8: Positive gender relationships



There is a lot of staff and student illness in the school currently.

Students who exhibit symptoms will be requested for parents/carers to collect.

We ask that your students are kept home if they have cold/flu symptoms.

We have confirmed cases of Influenza A and B at the school currently, and we have a reported case of scarlet fever.



Regards

Faye Martin

Acting Principal



Term 3 Calendar Events

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



Last week, our school basketball teams took part in an exciting tournament, and what a fantastic day it was! Both the boys' and girls' teams showed incredible effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event. The boys played with great energy and determination, winning 4 games and showcasing their skills on the court. The girls' team also impressed everyone with their grit and perseverance, securing one well-deserved win and putting up strong, close performances in several other games.

We were especially proud of the excellent behaviour displayed by all players — they supported each other, showed respect to their opponents, and played fairly at every moment. It was inspiring to see how much each player improved throughout the day, gaining confidence and growing as a team.

A big thank you to all the students for their hard work and parents who supported the teams.

We look forward to many more successes in the future!

Go team Flat!!!

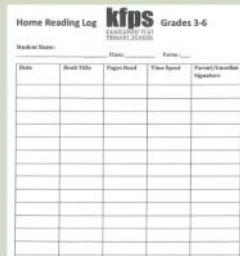
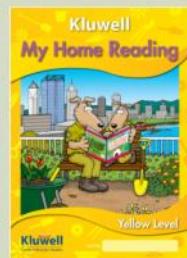
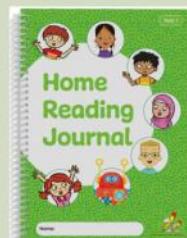
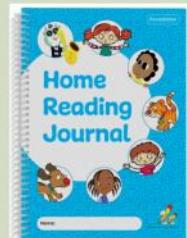


Winners Week 7 Term 3 Principal Award



HOME READING

Remember to fill in your child's home reading log.



"Just 10 minutes of listening to your child read makes a big difference."

4 Reasons to Read with Your Child

1 Helps your child learn to read



2 Spends quality together



3 Makes reading enjoyable



4 Boosts imagination and thinking



FROM THE MINILIT AND MACQLIT TEAM
TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

Numeracy Tutoring Groups

We have been learning to skip count by 10s from any number between 0 and 120.

We have been using both bundling sticks and number charts to practise this skill.

Students have been working hard to identify 10 more and 10 less of a given number between 10 and 120.

We have also been practising our automatic recall of addition facts to 5 by completing addition equations and trying to beat our personal best time.

Well done, to all the students in Numeracy Tutoring!

$$0 + 5 = 5$$

$$5 + 0 = 5$$

$$1 + 4 = 5$$

$$4 + 1 = 5$$

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

$$3 + 2 = 5$$

Bonds of 5

5	
4	
1	
3	2



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 5 AT KFPS.

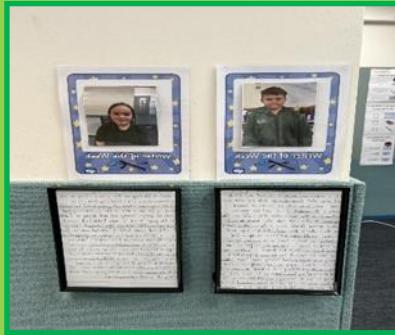
In Grade 5 Term 3, students have explored a range of engaging topics across different subjects. We have enjoyed Science Night, a Science incursion on States of Matter as well as Book Week celebrations.

In mathematics, we have focused on telling the time, multiplication, division and measurement concepts. Students have been engaging in our maths daily reviews, retrieving previous concepts in order to store these in long term memory. Reading fluency has been a big focus this term.

Every morning, we engage in paired fluency practice to develop students' accuracy, expression and comprehension. Students have also learnt about Australian History and Geography through reading and writing about migration, beginning with Aboriginal history and Sahul Migration, then the First Fleet and British Colonisation.

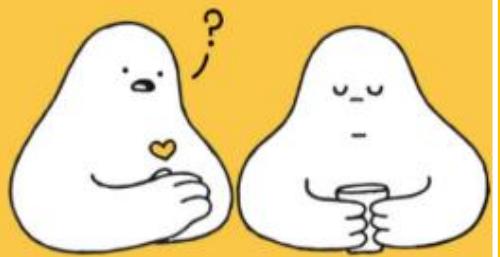
In Writing, we have worked on creating summaries and using conjunctions, adverbial phrases and upgraded verbs to enhance our writing. We have also begun celebrating our fantastic writing with a Writer of the Week.

Students work is displayed along with their photo.





National day of action
11 September
2025



R U OK? Day 2025

**Wednesday, 10th September, we recognised R U OK? Day
at Kangaroo Flat PS.**

R U OK? Day is a national day of action that reminds us all to check in with the people around us and start a conversation that could change a life.

This year's message is simple: "A conversation could change a life."

Today students took part in age-appropriate activities that promote kindness, listening, and looking out for one another.

Together, let's create a caring school community where everyone feels safe to ask the question: "Are you OK?"



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.



Breakfast Club.

8:30am – 8:50am.
Mon-Fri

We are now 5 days a week!

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:

Faye Martin
(Acting Executive Officer)

Melissa Cusack
(DET Representative)

Annie Serjeant
Emily Edgar

Victoria Curnow (President)
Jacqui Anderson (Vice-President)

Damien Irving

Peter Barrow

Rebecca Gregg

Helen Davey

Danielle Snowdon

Vacant Position

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

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

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



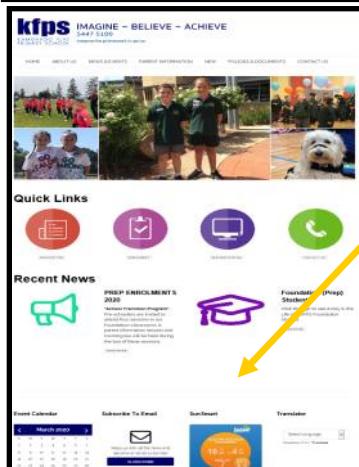
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How To Order From The Canteen



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 Raylene 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.: apply 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 Raylene. 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 Raylene or return the slip below with your details.

Canteen Helper Name: _____ Phone No _____

Canteen closed Week 8 10th September-12th September

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.



SCHOOL CAN'T

WHEN:

SATURDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME:

11AM-12PM
Followed by a
Light Lunch

WHERE:

LAKESIDE
HOTEL
286 Napier Street
Bendigo

IS YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG
PERSON STRUGGLING WITH
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?

Come along to this event and hear Tiffany Westphal, Director, School Can't Australia, talk about the experience of school can't.

Learn about tools, support, and resources to help you feel empowered and confident to advocate for your child.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



www.trybooking.com/DEJNP



Save the Date

Sunday 14th September

10am - 1pm

Golden Square Kindergarten



Golden Square Kindergarten

KANGAROO FLAT FIRE BRIGADE
JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER
COME AND TRY SESSION

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 12:00PM-2:00PM

27-31 HELM STREET, KANGAROO FLAT



Please email your interest to
juniors@kangarooflatfirebrigade.com.au

We hope to see you there!

Be the Difference
Junior Coaches Wanted 2026

Golden Square Junior Football Club is calling
for Expressions of Interest for coaching roles
across our junior footy teams for 2026 season.

Available Roles

- Under 9/10 Mixed
- Under 12 Girls
- Under 12 Mixed
- Under 14 Boys
- Under 15 Girls
- Under 16 Boys



Register your interest
via the QR code or email below

Expressions of interest close September 30th 2025



Email: gsfncjuniors@gmail.com