



"Working Together for a Better Future"

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School Dates:

Friday 15th September
- Last day of Term

Monday 2nd October
- First Day of Term 4

Monday 9th October
- Chickens arrive in Foundation!

Monday 6th November
- Pupil Free day
- No school

Tuesday 7th November
- Public Holiday
- No school

Wednesday 20th December
- Last Day of Term 4

Check our website for more dates.



A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Our Future

We have been collaborating with Indigenous Artist Nakia Cadd. Nakia is a proud Gundiṯjmara, Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung and Bunitj woman living in northern metro Melbourne. Nakia is very passionate about sharing Indigenous stories with our community. We collaborated to create an image representing our school motto 'working together for a better future.' Our image is called 'Our Future.' Please read below for the description. Our school Captains will share this image with all of our students over the coming weeks.



The three gathering circles depict many people coming together to collaborate. The centre circle represents the school, the left circle represents the families and the right circle represents the wider community. The stepping stones connecting the circles show the opportunities that can be created in the future from these conversations and connections. The gum leaves around the gathering circles represent our local area, the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people.

Gratitude

Did you know that studies show that expressing gratitude can have benefits such as supporting physical and mental well-being, boosting self-esteem, and enhancing sleep quality; all of which contribute to happier, healthier children.

Practice gratitude at home with your child. At the end of each day in the car or over dinner see if every family member can express one thing they are grateful for. It may be the shoes on their feet, their pet or a subject at school. It is also good to explain why they are grateful for this person/item.

Please discuss this with your child/ren at home.

We have plans for our students who identify as indigenous to collaborate with Nakie to create artwork for our school grounds next term.

Common Curriculum Day

During our last curriculum day, our school worked closely with our 20 network schools and hosted approximately 450 people across the day! We had workshops at our school, Wallan SC and Kilmore PS. It was a great day for our teachers to see high-quality speakers on a range of topics and share ideas with other educators. We have had so many positive ideas and a renewed spark of enthusiasm from this opportunity.

Super Heroes Dress Up

Thank you to all the students and teachers who dressed up for Super Heroes Dress Up Day to raise money for National Bullying Prevention Week. It was great to see the smiling faces and be able to donate to a great cause. Thank you to our student leaders for running this fundraising event.

Parent Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Last year we used the survey results to plan improvements across the school such as around increasing technology, the introduction of Auslan, the introduction of a program to improve Literacy and our new Food Specialist class.

AP & BM

Congratulations to Tracy Nihill who was successfully appointed to our Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning position. If you see her around the school please congratulate her and let her know any areas that we should celebrate in teaching and learning or maybe any feedback on areas for improvement.

Hanane Darwiche will go on leave at the end of this term to have her baby. We wish her well with bubs! Alison Cumberland will step into an acting Business Manager role in the short term and Jade Griggs and Michelle Preston will step into the admin team to provide extra support.

Thank you and Best Wishes

Jenny Neri finished up teaching her Year 2 class for 2023 as she is preparing to have her baby. We wish Jenny well with Bubs and she tells us we will see her back in 2024. Cassandra Moustakaus will step in to take over the role of Classroom teacher for Room 7.

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - *Principal*

Our students are busy in Digi Tech planning new spaces for our school to engage our students through Minecraft!



Did you know we are now one to one from years three to six for devices and one to two in



Foundation to year two? This has been a HUGE job this year to purchase devices, set them up and allocate them to the right place. Thank you to our Tech and Digi Tech team for getting us to this point in under a year!

FOUNDATION 2024 ENROLMENTS

Thank you for all the Foundation 2024 enrolments. Please make sure you have collected your new 'Foundation' T-shirt which students can wear around the community. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

LOOK WHAT WE GREW!



Our kitchen garden program has been going so well this year and today our students picked some lettuce to share with others. Go team!

A DOZEN THINGS TO SAY TO YOUR KIDS AT BEDTIME



You're exactly who this family needs.



I love the person that you are.



Nothing could change how much I love you.



I never expect you to be perfect.



You worked so hard on ____ today.



You kept trying. It got easier.



I noticed your kind heart when you ____.



You spread so much love.



Did anything surprise you today?



What's one thing you'd like me to know?



Do you have a question about anything?



You can always share or ask me anything.