



"Working Together for a Better Future"

MONDAY 2nd October

TERM 4 2023

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School Dates:

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

Festival Of Fun (FOF)

- Thursday 7th
December 4 pm-7pm

2024 Foundation Sessions

9:45am - 10:45am

- #1 - 15th November
- #2 - 22nd November
- #3 - 29th November

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 19th November

Wednesday 20th December

- Last Day of Term 4
- Assembly 9 am
- Finish at 1:15pm

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a great school holiday with your families. It was lovely weather towards the end of the break and a BIG grand final over the weekend. It was lovely to see our whole school celebrate Team Colours Day on the last day of Term 3 and run a whole school parade.

Here we are in October and Term 4 2023! Only 12 weeks of the school year to go. Please set a family goal for your child to attend EVERY DAY this term unless they are unwell. Attendance is very important and if a child even arrives late at school this can impact their whole day and the minutes and hours they miss start to add up.

Please log in to Compass and check how many days your child has been absent this year. Sometimes we forget until we add them up. If your child is missing 25 days a year and continues this pattern over their 7 years of schooling they will miss 35 weeks that is around three and a half terms! Nearly a full year of schooling missed!

EVERY DAY COUNTS! If you need support engaging your child to attend school contact Sandra Allison - Wellbeing AP.

Book Week

Last term we celebrated Book Week. We had a dress-up day and as always were very impressed with the creativity of our families with their child/ren's costumes. Our whole school had a parade on the basketball court which culminated with a parent nutbush which many students joined as well.

Check our website for more dates.



TERM 4 PARENT CYBER SAFETY SESSION

WE HAVE PAID SO ALL
OUR FAMILIES HAVE
FREE ACCESS.

Log in to Compass to
get the code.

You can also log in and
watch Term 1, 2 & 3's
sessions if you missed
them.



Our students also had a special session with our guest author Ben Woods. Ben is a children's book illustrator based in Melbourne, Australia. Ben has illustrated picture books, junior fiction and non-fiction titles. He has worked with top publishers such as Hardie Grant Children's Publishing, Scholastic and Penguin Random House. Ben's work has had notable listings for the Children Book Council Australia, been shortlisted for Readings Children's Book Prize, and shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Awards in 2019 and 2020.

Best known as the co-creator of the bestselling series REAL PIGEONS by Andrew McDonald, the series is published in 23 languages and sold in 24 territories. A film and TV series is also in development with Nickelodeon and Fulwell 73 Productions.

We also ran our Book Fair at this time which provided families with access to purchase good quality books for their families and raise money for our school at the same time. Thank you to Tracey Nihill for coordinating these events and all her support staff especially Sandra Hosking and Tracey Triffet for their Book Fair organisation.

Our Connections with Wallan SC

Towards the end of Term 4, I have been a challenge partner on the Wallan Secondary College school review. This is a process that occurs every four years. It was great to see how our local secondary school operates, celebrate their success over the past four years and support them to set goals for 2024 and beyond. It was also great to chat with many of our previous students to get their opinions and ideas. Michael Ritchie, Wallan SC Principal, was also part of our review and we have started to plan more opportunities for our schools to connect into the future to support our students.

Requests for 2024

Term 4 involves the school's Long Term Planning for 2024. This involves developing the grade structure and programs of the school, creating classes for 2024 and assigning teachers to classes. Your child will be asked this week to provide 5 names of friends they would like to be/learn well with.

Creating classes takes into account a number of criteria including academic progress, social and emotional needs, additional needs etc.

If you have specific educational requests for the placement of your child, could you please include these in an email to me and this will be considered when planning classes. Please note we do not take requests for teachers. You can email me at Tanya.Kirkright@education.vic.gov.au

Leaving in 2024?

If you are planning on moving schools in 2024, please contact the office and speak to Allison so that our records can be updated. Students moving can have an impact on our planning, classes and also on other students' friend requests. Therefore if we know early, we can plan around these changes.

WOW!

Look at some of the opportunities we provided students and staff last term in Term 3!

- Prep BBQ - Camping Program
- Book Week - Dress Up day and author visit
- Book Fair
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Introduction of our weekly 'Warm Welcome.'
- Student Led Conferences
- Student Leaders Day - Kilmore PS
- Student Leaders Day - Wallan PS
- 100 Days of School for our Foundation students
- Year 3 Pizza and Movie Night - Camping Program
- Year 5/6 visit to Wallan SC Production
- Super Hero Dress Up Day
- Team Colours Day
- Year 3 Orienteering Incursion
- Year 3 Safety Pillow Case Incursion
- Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion
- Year 1 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion
- Year 5/6 Healthy Harold Visit
- Year 3-6 District Athletics
- Cultural Dress Day
- Father's Day Stall
- Year 3-6 Maths Competition
- Ongoing visits to the Mitchell local library
- Year 4 Tennis program
- Year 4 Polly Woodside Excursion
- Year 5/6s attended the WSC "Peter Pan" performance
- Year F-2 Ditto performance, Personal Safety program
- Student Leaders visited "Love In Action" to donate goods
- Football Gala Day for selected students
- T-ball Gala Day for selected students
- Visits from 2024 kinder students
- ES members, Teachers and Leaders had lots of Professional Learning opportunities eg:
 - Literacy and Numeracy Community of Practice
 - Wellbeing Community of Practice
 - Mitchell & Murrindindi Common Curriculum Day - various presenters
 - Disability and Inclusion PL (DI)
 - NAPLAN Data Sessions
 - Autism PL
 - Anaphylaxis training - ongoing
 - HIWS PL (High Impact Wellbeing Strategies)
 - IEP PL (Individual Education Plans)
 - OoHC training (Out of Home Care)
 - NCCD training (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data)
 - MHIPS training (Mental Health in Primary Schools)

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - *Principal*

Can you solve these riddles?

1. How many months of the year have 28 days?

Answer: All of them! Every month has *at least* 28 days.

2. What has hands and a face, but can't hold anything or smile?

Answer: A clock.

3. It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?

Answer: Your name.

4. Kate's mother has three children: Snap, Crackle and ___?

Answer: Kater! It's Kate's mother, after all. (This is a good example of how riddles use your existing expectations to trick you. Even though the answer is right in front of you, you're tempted to continue the pattern instead.)

FAF creates FOF!

The Family and Friends (FAF) group will run our 1st Festival of Fun (FOF) on **Thursday, December 7th**. The event will run from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Families can attend with their children and participate in mini games, purchase items from our stalls and food from our canteen and food trucks! We are raising money for our school whilst also running raffles and opportunities for families to come and have fun at the school with other families. To run such a BIG event we need help from families. How can you help?

- Donate a voucher or prize from your business for our raffles and other prizes.
- Donate 30 mins to an hour of your time to help on a stall. Each class will pair up with another class and run a stall with the support of parent helpers.
- Join Jade and our FAF team to help create this event. You do not have to attend multiple meetings maybe it is just a quick chat and then helping to organise donations or food trucks etc.

If you are interested in helping please email Jade.Griggs@education.vic.gov.au with the email subject 'FOF'.



Kilmore SES Open Day

Saturday October 28th, 2023
10am to 12:30pm
and
2pm to 4pm

We're excited to invite you to the KILMORE SES Open Day, a thrilling event that offers a captivating insight into the world of emergency response. 🚒 Get ready to witness the dedicated volunteers of the Kilmore SES as they showcase their incredible skills and life-saving techniques.

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