

***We are a Child Safe School.
All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.
We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.***

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th November	Speechmasters 11.30am—1.30pm Assembly, 3.00pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am School Council Meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 23rd November	Canteen open for sales STOMP continues
Monday 27th November	Assembly, 3.00pm
Wednesday 29th November	Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 30th November	Canteen open for sales STOMP concert/performance, 2.30pm—3.30pm

From the Principal,

Hopefully every-one had the opportunity to have a look at our last newsletter that had pictures of Numeracy throughout the school. We also hope that you have had the opportunity to have a look at our Billboard out the front on Maryborough Avenue.

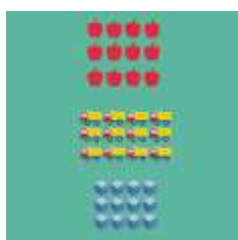
As well as celebrating the fact that our students have done a great job with Numeracy it also shows how great maths learning should take place. The key features are.

The students are working together on a maths problem.

The students are directly linking the written responses with the concrete materials.

The students have produced two different solutions to the same problem that both make sense.

The other really important element is that the students are using arrays. These are dots or objects that are set out in rows.



Multiplication arrays make it easy for kids to see the commutative property in action. The commutative property says that you can multiply numbers in any order and still get the same answer. For example, 4×3 and 3×4 both equal the same answer: 12

They can also then move on to division problems, skip counting and a whole lot of other math skills. So if you would like to do some practical maths at home, arrays would be a good place to start.

Some might say “Everybody loves Arraymond!”

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From the Principal (continued)

Thanks for the feedback!

Recently we fielded a number of calls regarding confusion around Pupil Free days. This was caused by an incorrect email that was sent out via by our OSHC provider. I have had a conversation with Their Care and asked them to try and ensure that it doesn't happen going forward. We will always let our families know about Pupil Free days well in advance and through Compass and our newsletter.

Please note our next Pupil Free Day is Friday December 8th.

Starting Off 2024

Every year around this time we have lots of queries about starting dates for the 2024 School Year so here they are loud and clear.

School Office Open Monday January 29th

Teachers Start Monday January 29th.

Grade 1-6 Students Start Tuesday January 30th.

Preps start Thursday February 1st.

All the best

Brett Millott

Principal

Quick Hits

Year 6 Graduation

Invitations have been sent home via the students for the upcoming Year 6 Graduation to take place on Monday 18th December 2023, at the Kingsbury Bowls Club, commencing at 5.30pm. Please organise your guests as soon as possible and return all notes and money to the office by Monday 4th December.

STOMP

Parents are invited to attend a special performance, involving our students who took part in STOMP as part of our Performing Arts Program. This will take place on Thursday 30th November 2023, commencing at 2.40pm, in the Isurava building

Speechmasters

Speechmasters is a public speaking program aimed at developing student confidence. This will take place on Monday 20th November, commencing at 11.30am. All Year 6 students will present a 3-5 minute speech on a topic of their choice. Guest judges will decide the best two speakers on the day. All parents are welcome to attend. Students will receive their award at our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Swimming Program

Swimming program is beginning December 4th. Payments can be made via compass or in the office. Please come see us in the office if you need any assistance.

Yarning Conference

On Tuesday the 7th of October the Grade 5s went to Bundoora Park for the Yarning Conference. We walked there from our school, even though it was raining. We brought our posters that we had made, and then they took us to a pavilion, and we sat down with 20 other schools. Some of the elders and people from Clothing the Gaps read out speeches, and then it was time for the workshop.

The schools went into different workshops. Ours was with Aunty Kathy, an elder, and she had a fun program. First, she painted ochre on our faces if we wanted it, red for the boys and white for the girls. After that, we did a small play of Tiddalick the frog. We were divided into groups, and all had different costumes and were different animals. Lucas Z was Tiddalick!

Then we regrouped in the pavilion again to sing Colour of Your Jumper, a song written by Archie Roach. Aiyanna went up and sung at the front into the microphones!!! We had the march next and paraded around showing our flags. We had two laps of the pavilion and some of the other area, and then we went back to the pavilion.

After the elders said some closing words, we had a smoking ceremony. They lit a fire and we walked through the smoke to the exit, which was cool. Altogether it was an amazing experience, and we had a great time. It is a pity we can't go back next year because it was really memorable.



Getting ready for our art show!!



Our 5/6 students with their amazing watercolour paintings inspired by Sidney Nolan.

Preps so proud of their wonderful drawings of tigers peeping through jungles.





On the 10th of November at 11 am we held a remembrance ceremony at our school to remember the Anzacs that had fought in both the World War 1 and World War 2. We read out poems related to Remembrance Day, Flanders Fields by John McCrae and The Fathers Somb by Vance Palmer then followed by The Ode. We then did a minute of silence and sang the Australian national anthem. Each class then got asked to lay their wreaths that there class had made one by one.



Late breaking news!



Mr Millott is on sad face for making a poor choice!



We went a bit cARRAYzy with the milk!