

<b>Instrumental Students' Concert</b> 2.15-3.20	Tue 1 Dec
<b>Chess Tournament</b>	Thu 3 Dec
<b>Sheep shearing</b>	Thu 3 Dec
<b>G6 Graduation</b>	Wed 9 Dec
<b>5/6 Sustainability Expo 3.30-5pm</b>	Thu 10 Dec
<b>Drum &amp; Singing Concert</b> 11.00-11.30	Thu 10 Dec
<b>Guitar Students' Concert</b> 12.00-1.30	Thu 10 Dec
<b>School Picnic</b>	Fri 11 Dec
<b>School Council meeting 3.45-4.45</b>	Mon 14 Dec
<b>Parent Helpers' Morning Tea 11am</b>	Tue 15 Dec
<b>G6 Big Day Out</b>	Wed 16 Dec
<b>Grade parties</b>	Wed 16 Dec
<b>Last Day Term 4 Assembly 12.30 Dismissal 1pm</b>	Fri 18 Dec
<b>First day Term 1 2016</b>	Thu 28 Jan

Hi Everyone,

### ANNE'S RETIREMENT

As you can see we are losing Anne Fearnside at the end of this year.

Anne is retiring after an outstanding career as a primary teacher. Anne has been at KG for a number of years and has taught many children (and in some cases their children!) and will be greatly missed by our families and staff alike. We congratulate Anne on her career and wish her and her family well as she moves into a well earned retirement.

#### WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC – FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Our end of year school picnic will take place at Eltham North adventure playground in Wattletree Road, the same venue as in previous years. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend and if anyone is able to lend a hand cooking and serving sausages it would be appreciated – please let the office staff know if you can help. Children will begin arriving at approximately 10:00am and finish by

approximately 2:00pm.

#### PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA REMINDER

Please don't forget our Parent Helpers morning tea on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Community Room. If you have helped in any way this year – attending working bees, reading, fundraising, assisting with classroom cooking, electives, etc. please take the time to let us thank you for your valued contribution. We would like to have as many parent helpers as possible.

#### END OF YEAR CONCERTS

There are a number of musical concerts planned for the end of year. The guitar students' concert will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in the Community Room, the instrumental concert will be in the same location on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2:15pm to 3:20pm and the drumming/singing concert will be from 11:00am to 11:40am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the BER building. Parents and friends are always welcome to attend our students' musical concerts.

## 2016 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Next year we will operate a six grade school structure again. Variations in enrolment numbers are common in our district and next year is no different with a large Prep (Foundation) group starting. Our class sizes will range from 19 in the infant grades to approximately 25 in the upper grades which is ideal for the programs and classes we have on offer at KG.

The grade structure will be as follows:

2015 GRADES		SPECIALIST TEACHERS		INTEGRATION STAFF
PREP/1 T	Sarah Taylor	Art	Robyn Stevens	Rhonda Thornton
PREP/1 A	Antonietta Aviccolli	Music	Joyce Harvey	Jacinta Greenough
2/3	Laura Goddard	Science	Fenella Elsom	Ingrid Addison-Harris
3/4	Sam Fitzgerald 3 days Helen Dudley 2 days	LOTE	Christine Molinaro	BUSINESS MANAGER  Lisa Lyons
4/5	Narelle Wain	HPE	David Mathie	
5/6	Ian Jones			



As in previous years, parents have the opportunity to make requests for their child's placement. Requests need to be made on social or educational grounds and, as is the case in other schools, requests cannot be made to have or not to have a particular teacher. Children will be given the opportunity to identify friends to be placed with next year and our teachers will make every effort to accommodate those wishes, however it must be remembered that it is not always possible to fit every request into any given grade structure. Please put any parent requests in writing addressed to the Principal and submit them to the office by next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Thanks again,  
Laurie Murray

This week's newsletter is brought to you by the colour pink, and the letter **A** for Anne.  
Enjoy your retirement—we will miss you!







## JUDITH IRELAND STUDENTSHIP AWARD

Each year the Community and Volunteers of Eltham (CAVE) provide a Judith Ireland Studentship to a Grade 6 student in recognition of their academic application, social responsibility and community participation. The studentships are in memory of Judith Ireland, a past President of CAVE and a great woman who contributed so much and believed in the power of education and community. This year's deserving recipient is Charlotte.

# Students of the Week

## 2016 Family Camping Weekend

The KG school community camping weekend is booked next year for Friday March 4th at Jubilee Lake Holiday Park in Daylesford, ph: 03 5348 2186. This is the day of our Term 1 curriculum day so families can make an early start. Last year's feedback was that all who attended enjoyed themselves so please feel welcome to join in. Early bookings are a good idea, especially if you require cabin accommodation. You also need to mention that you're with the KG group so you can be located together.

For more information feel free to talk to Georgia Hunter (Noah, Kye and Wylie's mum)



Front: Bob Hudson Back: Felix Acacia Mikayla

## SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

On Monday, four of our students went to LaTrobe University to receive their bursary award for recognition of Their Science Talent Search project. It was an exciting morning and a proud one for parents, Mrs Elsom and Peter Raven, our Scientist in School. Congratulations again to all the Grade 5 students who entered. Science Talent search will be running again next year.



Amelia and Nathan with science teacher, Mrs Elsom



Bridget and Bridget with Peter Raven, our "Scientist in School"

## OSHC News

The school year is coming to an end and it's the time to remind parents to finalize their OSHC accounts. Any profits from the fees paid go directly back into the program. This year we have built the cubby, which is a well received resource for the children. We have also just purchased some ipads for the children to use in the program. If you have any queries about your fees or need an invoice, please come and see me at the program or contact me on either of the OSHC phone numbers.

Around this time we also like to say goodbye to the Grade 6 children who have attended the OSHC program over the years. We will do so on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December and invite all the Grade 6 children who have participated in the program over the years to come to OSHC for an afternoon tea in their honour.

As outlined in the last school newsletter (Nr 37), the OSHC program will be closed on a Code Red day and the same procedures apply as outlined in the newsletter by Laurie Murray. Every year we develop an Emergency Management manual which has to be sent to the Department by regulation. In the event of a bushfire approaching Kangaroo Ground whilst OSHC is in operation, and we are informed by the CFA of an imminent danger, the educators on duty will shelter in place in the BER building. The Department is asking us to inform you that when we are required to shelter in place you should for your own safety not try to collect your children until you are advised to do so. We will have your contact details in our emergency bag. We are practicing shelter in place during this school term and again at the start of the new school year. Please ensure we have your current contact details here at the service.

Marita

## **COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

### **BUNNINGS ELTHAM CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

#### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:**

(03) 9430 0100 or via our website

**Check out our website**

@ [www.bunnings.com.au/eltham](http://www.bunnings.com.au/eltham)

for further information and other in-store activities

Christmas Craft  
Colouring Competition  
Silent Disco  
Jumping Castle

Balloon Art  
Glitter Tatts  
Gift Wrapping  
BBQ Supper

### **Hurstbridge Hurricanes Basketball Club**

**We need players for all age groups: Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 both boys and girls**

Come and join us and make some new friends

Why should I join?

Basketball is an indoor non-contact sport that can be played throughout the school year.

Our committed coaches will teach you how to play basketball and in the process you will develop your skills, teamwork and fitness.

Your team will train with your coach for an hour, once a week at our Graysharps rd stadium.

Girl's games are held weekdays at the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, Civic Drive.

Boy's games are all on Saturday and are held at either the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, Community Bank Stadium (Diamond Creek) or at Parade College.

**Organise yourself and your friends to go online and register for next season**

For more information go to our website, download our team app or contact: Kayleen Jones (President) 0417 522 059 Kath Isaac (Development Officer) 0400 962 022

**Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Special Offer – book before December 18<sup>th</sup> and receive a 10% discount for Term 1, 2016.**

Call 9844 1839 or email [admin@wnh.org.au](mailto:admin@wnh.org.au).

#### **Playgroup (0 – 5 years)**

Give your children space to socialise and relax with free play and meet other parents from the local area. Two sessions to choose from:

**Mondays 10:30 – 12:30pm; or**

**Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am**

***Normally \$40 With discount \$36 Siblings only \$10***

***New Enrolments Only – Test Drive either session for only \$10 for Term 1, 2016***

#### **Childrens Drawing (6 – 12 years)**

A calm and relaxed class where your child can express themselves artistically.

**Tuesdays 4 – 5:30pm *Normally \$105 With discount \$94.50***

# Pre-order your copy of Kangaroo Tales 2015

Preparations are still underway for publishing a 2015 edition of Kangaroo Tales however it will be printed and distributed in early 2016.

You will only be able to purchase a copy of the book if you pre-order your copy now. I need an idea of the print run before I can accurately price the book, but it shall not be more than \$15.

The editorial team will be meeting soon to choose the front and back cover. I will also be asking the editorial team to write some extra introductions.

## **Orders are required by Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November**

If you would like to place an order please complete the slip below and return it to the office.

**Payment will be required before the end of term, once the exact cost is known.**

If you have any further queries about the book please call Rebecca on 0408 884 248 or email [kangarootales@outlook.com](mailto:kangarootales@outlook.com)

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### **I would like to pre-order a copy/copies of Kangaroo Tales 2015.**

My eldest child's name and grade is:

The quantity we wish to pre-order is:

If you will not have a child at Kangaroo Ground Primary School in 2016 please advise how you would like to receive your copies in 2016.

Contact Name:

Contact Number:

Contact email:

**Please circle the method of delivery you have chosen below.**

**COLLECTION:** Please notify us when the book is ready so that we can collect it from the school office.

**DELIVERY:** Please drop off our copy of Kangaroo Tales. (Write your address below)