Cycle 5, 2022 Newsletter

Coming to Light Winter Gathering:
Whole school mandala chalk drawing

Important Dates for Cycle 6, 2022

Monday 22nd August
First Day of Cycle 6
Princess OAP Rehearsal Out & About
Nightingael OAP Rehearsal Out & About
Whole School One Act Play Performance
Foster One Act Play Festival
Basketball Friendly Out & About
Level 4 Bear Gully Camp
Sun Room Out & About
Level 3 Walkerville Camp
Student Free Planning Day
Cycle Break
First day of Cycle 7

Monday 22nd August
Tuesday 25th August
Friday 26th August
Saturday 27th August
Monday 5th September
Wednesday 7th September to Friday 9th September
Friday 16th September
Tuesday 20th September to Thursday 22nd September
Friday 23rd September
Saturday 24th September to Sunday 2nd October
Monday 3rd October
This cycle has disappeared in a flash!

The highlight of this cycle was definitely the Coming To Light Winter Gathering, that was held in week 5.

The One Act Plays have taken centre stage in the Triskel Space this cycle. 27 students have been working extraordinarily hard, learning lines, developing characters and slowly building two incredible plays.

There will be an opportunity for our community to see these plays in the first week of Cycle 6, and we will be performing them in the Foster One Act Play Competition on Saturday the 27th of August.

Camps return next cycle, and we will be completing the Paddling and Bushwalking PLPs that needed to be postponed last cycle.

I am ready for a rocking cycle 6!

Welcome

to our new students and their families!

Congratulations!

to Tom & Laura on the birth of Stella Quinn
We are so happy for you both!

Coco Queen

CHOCOLATE STALL

At the end of every cycle!

Don't forget to bring your money and see Orli & Evie
50% goes to help endangered animals.
Cycle Five? Well that flew by!

It was chilly and frosty outside but inside the Sun Room it was a cavalcade of creation with the Puppet Show, our special Cycle 5 sparks, in full swing. Students played with an array of hand puppets, finger puppets, and they created puppet self-portraits!

The excitement continued as students explored the depths and complexities of indigenous history in Humanities and created artworks influenced by Indigenous artists, illustrators, and picture books.

This theme extended to our Out N About to the Wonthaggi Arts Centre where we were able to view an array of art, the NAIDOC Indigenous Art exhibition. An awesome experience, as a facet of the day, was local artist Fiona Kennedy, at the library, where we were privileged to tune into her talk about what inspires her work and the messages embedded within her spectacular artworks. Then it was off to Rainbow Park for a sun-shiny play and seriously fun run around.

Winter Gathering rounded off the cycle with momentum, beauty, and sparkle.

Wishing all the Sun Room families a fantastic break and check you in cycle 6!
The Triskel space this cycle was once again a flurry of activity and excitement.

For many students, this cycle has first and foremost been centred around one key event; the One Act Play. It is so amazing to see the transformation of our Triskelions as they don their costumes and channel the personalities and quirks of their characters on the stage.

We have two plays in the production pipeline – ‘A Crown Does Not a Princess Make’, performed by Level 2 to Level 4 students and ‘The Nightingale Play’, performed by Level 4 to Level 6 students. We are excitedly anticipating seeing both of our plays being performed at the One Act Play Festival at Foster Hall on the 27th of August, and we hope to see you there!

In the Triskel learning spaces this cycle, the Art Shed has once again been a buzz of activity, with students working hard to finish their lino-cuttings, which will be used to create quilts for Level 6 graduation.

In Cognition and Connection, the focus has been on connection to self – with students learning strategies to manage times when they are emotionally dysregulated. We have also been creating self-portraits in Art to connect with this theme of connection to self.

In Writing, students have been writing stories to create picture story books and have also been hard at work to write short stories for the Fish Creek ‘Fishy Stories’ competition.

Numeracy has seen us diving into the world of probability, which has involved playing games of chance involving dice and coins and determining the probability of different chance events.

Humanities has finally returned, and we have started off by looking at rules and laws. Level 2 to Level 4 students have looked at the differences between rules and laws, while Level 5 to Level 6 students have explored how laws are created through the House of Representatives and the Senate.

In all of this, we still managed to somehow fit in some Out N Abouts, including paddling at Tarwin Lower, and bush walks down to Tongue Point at Wilsons Prom!

It was yet another packed cycle for the Triskels, and we can’t wait to see everything that Cycle 6 will hold for us!
I say this every cycle, but this was my favourite cycle!

The theme of the kitchen presentations this cycle: pasta; the interns: Level 6; the beneficiaries: the whole school!

Linguine, lasagne, cannelloni and ravioli, all hand made with premium ingredients and a whole lotta love!

It was a great experience for me (and hopefully the students too) to share stories, experiences and skills and be a working part of something that comes together perfectly delicious!

More popular still are Leah’s Level 2 and 3’s who provide a huge array of sweet treats for our shared Friday morning tea with our play group pals! The Quince Jam Oat Slice was a particular winner!
Passion Projects Update by Craig

After the success of Celebration Night the Triskels have been developing Passion Project ideas thick and fast... which is just the way I like it! So, where to begin with my update? Let’s start with what you may have seen at celebration night.

Rowan and Mergie are so close to finishing their model sailing boat; stay tuned, because thanks to the Fairlie family, the boys will get the chance to restore a timber Gwen. Thanks to this project and the passion from these two boys, I'm learning a suite of brand new sailing lingo.

Dan has developed a handbrake for his billy cart and has designs for some righteous flaming bodywork.

Rosie and Orli hosted an on-site meeting for their water feature/pond with two parent volunteers. These students have kept up the momentum with their planning and problem-solving and are going to visit another school that have developed something similar... then it’s on to producing a pitch to Sarah.

Onto some fresher projects now... Aiden is exploring jet powered flight and is going to use the old classic bi-carb and vinegar in a bottle experiment to propel his design off across the oval.

Evie and Orli have been busy in the kitchen working with Declan to create delectable chocolate creations; be on the lookout for marketing posters about an end of cycle chocolate stall.

On a similar theme, if you came to Winter Gathering, you may have been warmed by a hot chocolate produced by another sweet treat business: Q and E's Sweet Treats. Quillah and Eva have also been spending time with Declan refining their delicious hot chocolate recipes. It must be tough for Declan having to find stomach space for all of the taste testing!

Onto our final flurry of projects... Connor is designing a space-themed skateboard, Asha and Gus have started carving out the shape of their finger board skate park, Jimmy learnt to solder a motor, switch and battery pack for his model aeroplane, Izzy has insulated and boarded up one wall of her dog house and Phoebe has created her own sausage dog ramp for the family's new pup.

Well, that about wraps up the Passion Project update for last cycle. Onto next cycle and I can’t wait to see what blossoms from these ‘Sparky Seeds’.
How good was this night! Our first community gathering for two years, and it was so incredible.

Bubbles filled the air as we danced the night away to SMILK! Fire twirling was a hit and the Flash Mob wowed the crowd.

Ariel face-painted with aplomb and the costumes were brilliant! Greg lit the night alive with our bonfire and who can forget the food! The tables groaned under the weight of the most amazing array of desserts, and we all left full of joy and blazing with good vibes.

We realized that this was the first time some of our families have experienced a KVS Gathering and we hope that you enjoyed the whole experience.