



KONDININ PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

2nd - Last Day of Term 1

21st - First Day of Term 2

23rd - ANZAC Day Service

27th - Public Holiday

May

7th - Outdoor Classroom Day

WEEKLY REMINDERS

Tuesdays

8:15am - Running Club

Wednesdays

8:00am - Breakfast Club

Thursdays

Sport
Library

Hello/Kaya Parents, carers and community members

Wow! Term 1 flew by and now we are all ready for well deserved break. It was fabulous hearing about all the learning the students have been engaged in at the Magpie assembly especially with interruptions such as swimming lessons. Congratulations to our students who received a merit certificate at the assembly: Kyson, Ruby, Synthia-Rose, Avnita, Isaac and Emilee.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Yesterday, our school held parent-teacher interviews, which provided a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to connect and discuss student progress and learning goals. Thank you to all families and staff for your time and support in making these interviews a success.

School Closure

Please note that the school will be closed from Friday, 2 April and will reopen on Tuesday, 21 March. During this time, staff will be participating in Tracks for Two Way Learning on Monday, 20 March. This professional learning supports staff to continue strengthening inclusive and culturally responsive teaching practices.

Staffing News

We extend our warmest thanks and best wishes to Bronwyn Murray, who has recently retired. Bronwyn has made a valuable contribution to our school community, and we are very grateful for her dedication and service over the years. The school will be hosting a retirement function next term to celebrate Bronwyn's career and achievements. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

We are also pleased to congratulate Nadia Mortimer on her appointment as a permanent, full-time Mainstream Education Assistant. This is a well-deserved achievement, and we look forward to Nadia continuing her excellent work supporting our students and staff. Congratulations to both Bronwyn and Nadia on these important milestones.

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ANZAC Day Service

Our ANZAC Day Service will take place at 10:30am on Thursday, 23 April. This important event allows our school community to come together to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country.

Thank you to the Kondinin PS P&C for catering for the event. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Student Leadership Camp

Our Student Leaders recently attended a Leadership Camp in Hyden on 19 and 20 March, where they participated in a variety of activities designed to build leadership, teamwork and confidence.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Shire for the use of the community bus and to Mr Steve Norris for driving the bus and supervising students overnight. Your support helped make this experience possible.

Home Reading

Congratulations to Synthia Rose for completing 25 nights of home reading—a fantastic achievement!

We remind families to please record reading sessions in your child's diary, as classroom teachers regularly tally this information. For Kindy and PP students, this includes parents reading to their children.

Thank you to the parents who completed the Home Reading Parent Information Session survey. This session will be held in the library on Tuesday, 5 May at 9am. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

The Resilience Project

This year, at Friday checkout, I will be expressing gratitude by presenting a GEM Certificate to one student for a positive contribution they have made within the school or the wider community. My Week 7 GEM certificate went to Mackenzie and my Week 8 GEM certificate went to Aisha.

MACKENZIE

Thank you for demonstrating our value of Service when out in the community. You make us very proud every time you go to the Yeerakine Sundowners.

AISHA

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS VOLUNTEERING TO HELP AROUND THE SCHOOL.



CARES Award

Congratulations to our students who have reached over 1 000 stamps collectively. We will be celebrating with an Easter theme reward. Thank you to Vanessa, Jenna, Carla and Heather for supplying eggs and to Hannah and Jenna for supplying Easter craft supplies so that students can design their Easter Hat.

CARES VALUE POINTS



Well done to the following students who have reached 25 and 50 stamps since our last newsletter.

PTS	Mudlark	Mallards	Magpies
25	ABRI, JOSEPH, CONNOR, ALBA, MAC	OCEAN, GREGORIN, ELIJAH, SYNTHIA, AURORA	MACKENZIE, HANK, LACHLAN, OLIVIA, OLLIE, WILLIAM, BRAYDEN, ROMAN, TATE, ISAAC, TAYLOR, AISHA
50		TAHJ	AISHA, EMILEE, HANK, OLIVIA, OLLIE



Values

Each fortnight the students will focus on one of the school's values and a connecting virtue. Each fortnight parents will be sent information about what the upcoming value is.

WEEKS	VALUE	FOCUS
8 and 9	ATTITUDE	Follow instructions

Attendance Matters

- Our attendance Business Plan target is to **increase the portion of students in the 'regular' attendance category annually.**
- 90%+ is 'regular' attendance. This equates to less than 5 days off per school term

2026 Classroom Attendance

Week	Magpies	Mallards	Mudlarks
6	81.4%	93.3%	96.9%
7	98.6%	82.9%	92.8%
8	87.1%	94.2%	96.2%

Wishing all of our families a wonderful holiday. We look forward to hearing all about it when students return on 21 April 2026.

Boordawan (Talk-later)

Aleks Mutavdzic

Music with Mrs Bailey

We have started our journey into learning about the different elements of music. All classes have been doing activities around why the beat and rhythm are so important to keeping music going. We have clapped and walked the beat to different styles of music, then walked the beat and clapped the rhythm. We have used popsticks to represent clapped rhythm patterns and played rhythm bingo to test out our listening.



We have been doing a lot of singing including a great song called 'V-E-G-E-T-A-B-L-E-S' and our own version of 'A Sailor Went to Sea' with pirates



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 6



Week 7



Week 8



MUDLARKS CLASS REPORT



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we have searched the classroom to find many different circles and rectangles as well as recognising different lines with the playdough. We are practicing our days of the week and understanding the difference between near and far.



TALK 4 WRITING

Talk for Writing has us memorising the events in Jack and the Beanstalk which we have practiced sequencing and reciting in small groups. We then changed the story to include different characters and animals and used pictures to map it out. There were many different animals swapped for magic beans!

SCIENCE

In Mudlarks, we have been looking at biological sciences with focus on animal appearances. We have guessed animals based on descriptions and drawn new animals by choosing features from 2-3 different animal types and combining them together. We know that animals need food, water, air and shelter to grow and survive.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

21st April

1st Day of Term 2

23rd April

ANZAC Day
Service 10.30am

26th April

Public Holiday

7th May

Outdoor
Classroom Day

HASS

In Humanities and Social Studies (HASS), our Mudlarks class has been looking at our families and the different roles each family member takes on such as who cooks dinner, who mows the lawn and who packs their bag for school. It is great to hear how helpful the students are at home.



Magpies Class

Report



COUNTING DOWN

Term one is fast finishing in the same frenetic pace as it began 8 weeks or so ago.

Thursday and Friday of Week Seven saw our Year 5's and 6's travel to the Hyden PS for an overnight leadership camp where they were able to meet lots of other senior students from across the district.

They were also able to meet successful adults from a variety of different occupations who had all spent their primary school years in small Wheatbelt schools.

HARMONY DAY

All of this followed a great day on Wednesday where we listened to the traditions and cultures from three different countries as we celebrated Harmony Day. We learnt about life in Spain, Germany and New Zealand from some passionate and knowledgeable adults.



SUPER 6'S

The Year Sixes went to Kulin DHS on the Monday of Week 8 to gain a better understanding of life next year in a high school and seemed relatively proud of the fact that they can make burgers from scratch.



MAGPIES ASSEMBLY

- Finally, we ran the first
- assembly for the year
- where congratulations need
- to go to Isaac and Emilee
- for being the Magpie Merit
- Certificate winners.
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- Hoping you all have a great
- Easter Holidays and take
- the chance to recover from
- a very busy term.





Magpies Class

Report



LEADERSHIP CAMP

On Thursday afternoon, the Year Five and Sixes went on a Leadership Camp at District High school on the Kondinin Shire bus. Before we got on the bus, we had to pack our belongings and on the bus we sang songs.

When we arrived in Hyden everyone had to grab the girl's stuff to put in the Sport Centre. After that everyone had some lunch then everyone went inside. The principal of Hyden told us on what was going to happen for the rest of the day, and we did a program called Burn Bright.

Everyone socialised and had so much fun. In the end, there were about 60 other students from different schools in the local area.

By: Aisha, Willliam, Ollie and Roman



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On Tuesday Kondinin P.S had Footy Colours Day, a fundraiser for the Make a Wish foundation.

Kondinin P.S had to wear their favourite footy teams colours eg so if their favourite team was Eagles, they would wear blue and yellow.

We had lots of fun in clothes that weren't our school uniform while fundraising for Make a Wish.

From Olivia and Lachlan



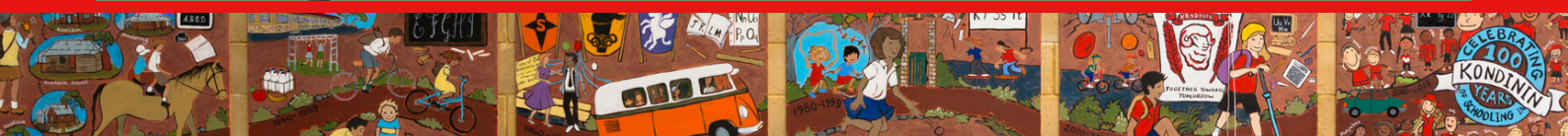
MALLARDS

TERM WRAP UP

What a term! Mrs Boxall, Miss Mortimer and Ms Dixon are so proud of our class. Term 1 has been BUSY (in the best way possible).

In Science, we have been diving into life cycles and learning to sort the world into living, non-living and once living things. Ms Dixon is also still adjusting to sharing the classroom with Mrs Boxall's very large stick insects. Our Kondinin "then and now" project has been a highlight, the Mallards have loved stepping back in time and we are excited to continue this learning into Term 2.

Maths has had a strong start with our 'Explicit Maths Program', expertly led by the ever-so-talented Mrs Boxall. There has been lots of thinking, explaining and "aha!" moments happening across the room. In literacy, we have been taking a clear and structured approach to literacy, helping students build their skills step by step. It has been wonderful to see engagement grow, along with confidence and a willingness to have a go. We are already seeing fantastic progress. We have worked very hard on establishing routines and behaviour expectations aligned with our Kondinin values. The Mallards are becoming a team we can truly rely on, and our classroom is a calm and focused place to learn. Thank you to all our Mallards students for a fantastic first term. What a start to the year
- bring on Term 2!



Harmony Day

When we arrived at school on Wednesday 18th March there was a buzz in the air. The students were excited to be learning about the cultures of other people. It was Harmony Day for us here at Kondinin. We all came to school wearing some orange in recognition of the many cultures that make up our school community.

We met in the Library at the commencement of the day to see numerous flags displayed along our wall. All these flags represented the different cultures within our school. Today we were going to learn more about the New Zealand, German and Spanish cultures.



When we visited the Pre-Primary we learnt about New Zealand:

Ms Harrison and Ms Durbin taught us how to make a poi, this involved learning to plat and we used recycled materials to make the ball. We also had a traditional “tattoo” drawn on our face. We learnt about a few traditions of the Mori people of New Zealand.

In the Library we were introduced to a German celebration:

Mrs Lucas explained a few traditions of Germany to us and shared some pictures of these events, too. We really liked setting up for a parade and Mrs Lucas walking between us and throwing lollies to the “crowd” as is traditional in Germany.

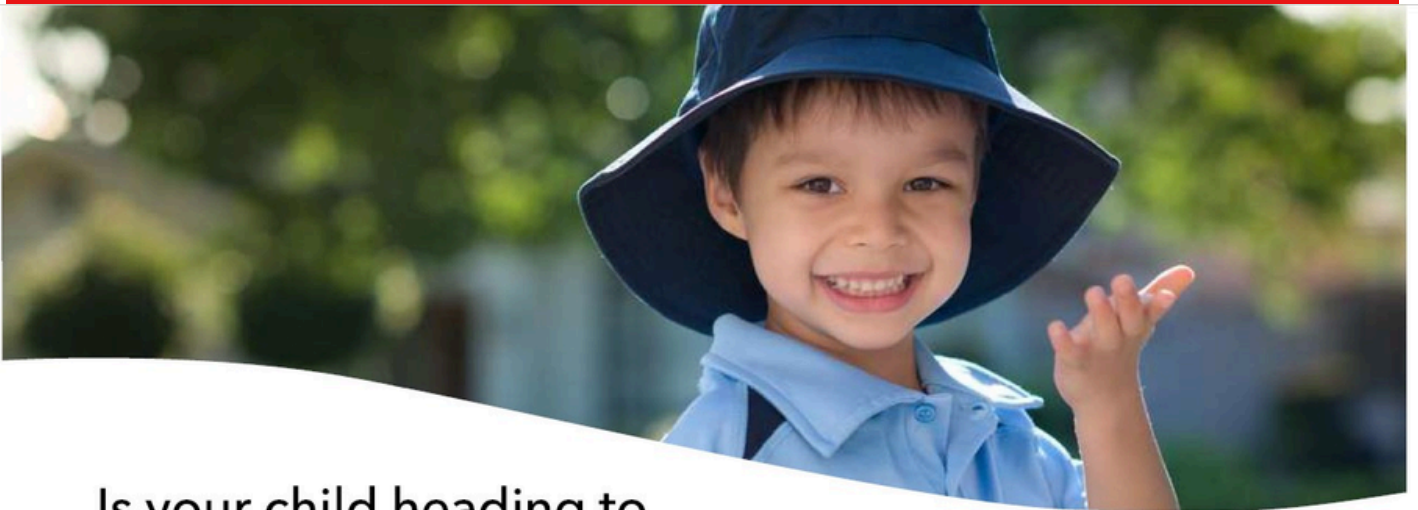


Room 1 was all about Spain and the way they celebrate Christmas:

Mrs Mutavdzic share her experience recently when she visited Spain during its Christmas season.

We were entertained by the regular mention of “pooping logs” and even a “pooping figurine”. We loved hearing about the care given to a very special log that is wrapped in a warm blanket and painted very carefully. On Christmas Eve, the family sing to the log and strike it with a stick to make it “poop” nougat or coal.





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KULIN KONDININ JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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2026 SEASON

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★ 2026 SEASON ★



MINKEY KK VIPERS HOCKEY CLUB

Come and try hockey for the
2026 season!

Who: Pre-Primary to Year 2

When: Thursdays during Term 2

Start date - Week 1, 23rd April
10 week program, finishing 25th June
Final session includes a Parents vs Kids game and wind-up

Where: Kulin Town Oval & Kondinin Town Oval
(alternating weekly)

Equipment: Sticks and shin pads available to borrow
from the club. All participants will need a mouthguard.

Coordinators: Jane, Rach and Hayley
Parents/guardians are required to assist during sessions,
and all communication will be shared via our WhatsApp
group.

Come along, have fun, and give hockey a go!

REGISTRATION:

Registration is through the revSPORT website
All registrations MUST be completed before the
first session on 23rd April
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/kk/vipers/registration>

For more information call Hayley: 0488 792 005



Kulin Auskick 2026

WHEN: Fridays 4-5pm. The first session will commence in Week 1 of Term 2, Friday 24th April and will run for 10 sessions. There will be no Auskick session on the weekend of the long weekend, Friday 29th May. The final session date will be Friday July 3rd with the Neutech Cup footy carnival in Corrigin on Sunday August 2nd. The Auskick Windup will be confirmed later in the season.

WHERE: Kulin Town Oval

WHO: Pre-Primary to Year 3. All year 3's will be playing Auskick this year, however, the junior coach may decide during the season if some year 3's will be invited to train/play with the junior team depending on numbers.

REGISTRATION: There is also only one registration option for Kulin Auskick.

Auskick Registration will be through the PlayHQ website. The fee is \$65 and includes the 2026 NAB AFL Auskick Pack. The pack contains an AFL T-shirt, lunchbox, footy cards and more. To register, please follow this link <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/e9afa0>

All kids wishing to participate will need to register online by week 3. Payment is made at the time of registration.

COACH: Ben Whisson will be running the sessions, and parents/guardians will be required to assist in training sessions. This will help make the sessions run smoother and everyone should have fun.

Please remember that every child needs to have a parent or guardian with them each week.

COACH: I will be communicating predominantly through a WhatsApp group, so please give me a call or send me a text via the number below if you would like to be added to the group. We also have a Facebook page called Kulin Auskick.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone for the kickoff of the season.

Ben Whisson
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VIPERS HOCKEY CLUB

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS
YEAR 3 - 13 YEAR OLDS

TRAININGS WILL BE HELD
ON THURSDAYS
STARTING 19TH MARCH IN
KULIN 4PM ROTATING BETWEEN KULIN AND KONDININ

GAMES WILL BE PLAYED
ON SATURDAYS

PLEASE TEXT CHAD ON
0428 303 130 TO
REGISTER INTEREST



Save the Date

KONDININ PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE

THE KONDININ COMMUNITY

TO OUR

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2026

Let us come together as a community to honour
the courage, sacrifice and legacy of the
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

10:30AM

Service and Wreath-Laying Ceremony
ANZAC Day Address

**Please join us for light refreshments
after the service.**



EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER



MARCH
2026

What has been happening

It's hard to believe Term 1 has already come to an end. Our numbers continue to grow, and it has been wonderful to see so many new families returning each week—even during our busiest, most energetic sessions. At this rate, we may need a bigger building!

Throughout the term, the children have enjoyed a range of activities celebrating St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day and Easter. The Sensory Tray remains a favourite, always sparking curiosity as the children explore the treasures Toni thoughtfully prepares.

We wrapped up the term with an Easter egg hunt outside the Early Years room. The children had a fantastic time searching for eggs, although convincing them to place the eggs in the basket rather than their mouths proved to be our biggest challenge.

Thank you for supporting our phone-free zone during Early Years sessions. We will continue this expectation for the remainder of the year. It has been lovely hearing the conversations and connections forming between parents—something that simply can't happen when everyone is on their phones.

Looking ahead to next term, we will be focusing on encouraging children to remain seated at the table during fruit time until their friends have finished eating. When some children leave the table early, it can be distracting for those still eating. Your support in helping your child develop this routine will make a big difference

Toni Smeed



Look what we got up to



Easter Egg Hunt



Look at all our little ones

When did Lucy get so big?



Charlez

Darcie playing hairdresser

Maggie and Ava

Keep Informed

Join the Early Years Facebook page to keep up-to-date with Early Years happenings.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/351152775084080>

Important Information

Term 2 Early Years will start on Monday 4th May, which is the third week of school. This is due to a school development day on 20th April and the ANZAC Day holiday on 27th April.

Feel free to come to Early Years on a Friday during school terms. Just let Naomi at the office know, and she will open the door for you.

