



KONDININ PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Attitude Respect Excellence Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

13th

- Mother's Day
Afternoon Tea

21st

- Walk 2 School Day
- Outdoor Classroom Day
- P&C Thankyou
Morning Tea

27th

- National
Simultaneous Story
Time

WEEKLY REMINDERS

Tuesdays

8:15am - Running Club

Wednesdays

8:00am - Breakfast Club

Thursdays

Sport
Library

Hello/Kaya parents, carers and community members

We have had a wonderful start to Term 2, with students and staff settling back into school routines with enthusiasm and a strong focus on learning.

School Development Day – 20 April 2026

This term began with a meaningful School Development Day focused on strengthening our commitment to cultural responsiveness. Our staff engaged in professional learning on Tracks for Two-Way Learning, presented by Dr Glenys Collard alongside Department consultants Patsy Konisberg and Sandy Catlin.

Tracks for Two-Way Learning is about working together to value both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal knowledge and cultures. The approach supports schools to build strong, respectful relationships with families and communities and helps ensure that all students feel valued, included and proud of who they are.

This professional learning will assist our school in continuing to strengthen culturally responsive practices, supporting positive relationships and inclusive learning environments for all students. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage in this important work and look forward to continuing our journey together with our community.

Celebrating the Special Adults in Our Lives

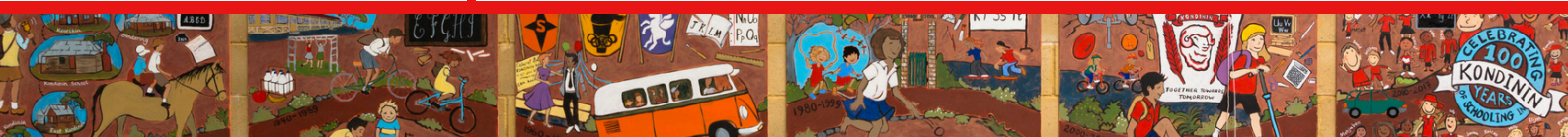
Following feedback gathered through parent forums, informal conversations, surveys and staff feedback, we have made the decision to introduce a new way of celebrating the special adults in our students' lives. Each year, we will alternate between celebrating mums, dads and grandparents.

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This year, we are starting by celebrating our mums and will be hosting a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 13 May. If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please do so by tomorrow to ensure we have enough delicious food prepared.

Mums can also look forward to being well and truly spoilt, with hand massages and fingernails being painted by our students. We look forward to welcoming our mums for a lovely afternoon of celebration together.

Kondinin PS School Board

At our last School Board meeting, Bev Stanes was nominated as Chair, Don Pegrum as Vice-Chair and Yvonne Boxall as Secretary. I am also pleased to announce that Vanessa Pascoe (parent representative) and Nadia Mortimer (staff representative) have joined the Board.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Monday, 11 May 2026. You can also find our Board minutes on our website.

Kondinin PS P&C

A big thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising the Mother's Day Raffle and for their continued support of our school community. Funds raised through initiatives like this directly benefit our students.

Last chance to buy raffle tickets is tomorrow, so please jump in if you haven't already.


Our 2026 P&C Executive Committee is:

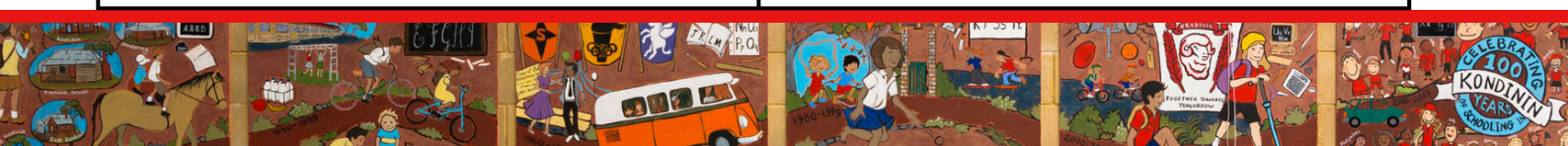
- President: Jenna Whyte
- Vice President: Helen Crane
- Secretary: Jen Henderer
- Treasurer: Vanessa Pascoe

We sincerely thank this year's executive and all P&C members for the time, effort and care they give to supporting our school.

The Resilience Project

Students have been introduced to the four elements of The Resilience Project (TRP): Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy. Ask your children about what they learned in their TRP on Mondays.

This week's GEM Chat	Next week's GEM Chat
 <p>A white chat card with a yellow background and orange confetti. At the top left is a circular logo with 'G.E.M.' in the center and 'Gratitude Empathy Mindfulness' around the perimeter. The text on the card reads: 'What are you looking forward to today/tomorrow?'. At the bottom left is the 'RESILIENCE PROJECT.' logo.</p>	 <p>A white chat card with a yellow background and orange confetti. At the top left is a circular logo with 'G.E.M.' in the center and 'Gratitude Empathy Mindfulness' around the perimeter. The text on the card reads: 'What was the funniest thing that happened today?'. At the bottom left is the 'RESILIENCE PROJECT.' logo.</p>

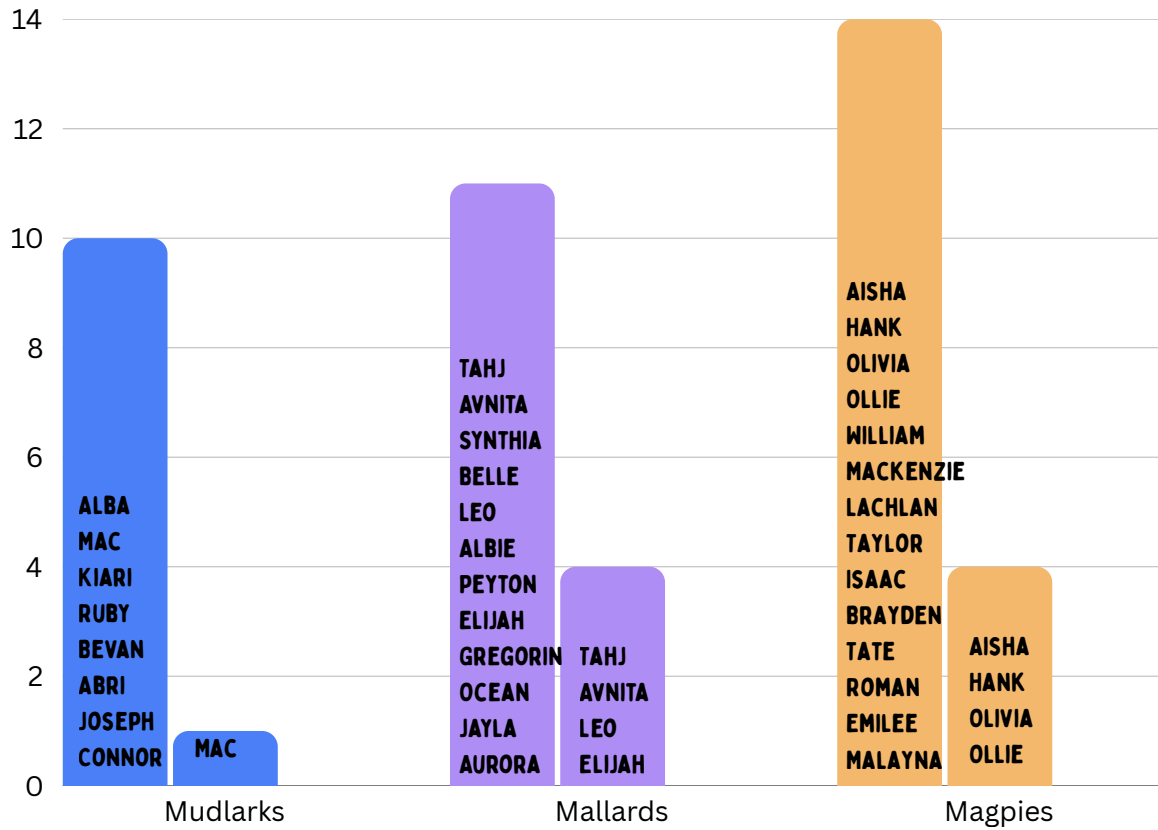


CARES Award

Congratulations to our students who have reached over 1 000 stamps collectively.

CARES VALUE POINTS

● Mudlarks ● Mallards ● Magpies



PTS	Mudlark	Mallards	Magpies
25			TATE, ISAAC, TAYLOR, BRAYDEN, ROMAN, WILLIAM
50		TAHJ, ELIJAH, AVNITA	OLLIE, OLIVIA, HANK, AISHA

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



Values

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.

WEEKS	VALUE	FOCUS
4/5	Courage	If you find something hard, keep trying.
6/7	Respect	Speak kindly to and about everyone.
8/9	Excellence	Follow all school rules, routines and expectations.
10/11	Attitude	Accept responsibility for your behaviour.

Attendance Matters

2026 Classroom Attendance

Week	Magpies	Mallards	Mudlarks
9	83.9%	87.5%	75%
1	76.8%	75%	69%
2	92.9%	87.5%	92.3%

Boordawan (Talk-later)
Aleks Mutavdzic



Music with Mrs Bailey



Later this term, through the Musica Viva program, we will have the pleasure of having a group called Music of the World come to visit and perform for us.

Prior to that, each class will be learning about the group, the sort of music and instruments they play and about their musical journey.

We have a passport that we will be filling in with what we have learned. So far, we have 'travelled' to Moldova and listened and moved to a song called 'Hazam, Hazam'.

We have started looking at the structure of songs and will be writing our own lyrics for one of their songs.

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/kkVIPERS/registration>

For more information call Hayley: 0488 792 005

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

NETBALL

training

WEDNESDAYS
NETTA - 4:00PM - 4:30PM
JUNIORS - 4:30PM - 5:30PM



STUDENTS of the week

Week 9



Week 1



Week 2



MUDLARKS CLASS REPORT



MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics the Kindy children have been cementing their knowledge of counting to five with manipulatives. Week 3 has them moving onto simple AB patterns.

The Pre-Primary and Year 1 students are working hard at their Explicit Maths Program now counting to 19! We have introduced working with 10 frames which will help us with counting and recognising numbers.



ENGLISH

So far this term the Mudlarks have worked hard to participate in our Initialit and PreLit learning programs. Initialit 1 has a focus on recognising sounds in words (phonemes) to help with reading and writing. Initialit F has had activities around rhyming and syllables to form the foundations of spelling. PreLit is learning the difference between spoken and written words and why they are important. It is great to see the Mudlarks students being so engaged!



HASS

This term, in HASS, we are focusing on past, present and future. The Mudlarks have been learning how things change over time including us! Mrs Head and Miss Hayes showed the class pictures of how they have changed over time looking at past baby photos and comparing them to the present.

SCIENCE

The Mudlarks class has started their investigation into how things move. Through taking on the role of scientists the children have experimented with and observed different objects to find out what happens when they are pushed and dropped. We are building our vocabulary around describing the movement of objects.

Mallards

Class Report



In English, we have continued to work through our InitialLit spelling lessons with many of the recent lessons focusing on word building skills, which the students are becoming more confident with. It has been good to see several of the students completing their spelling homework and bringing it back for us to see.

Our reading is now focusing on the strategies we need to use to help us understand what we are reading. At the moment, we are using our predicting skills and working with narratives. The students are working confidently with these skills.

In writing, we are excited to let you know our work is based on the text "Adventure at Sandy Cove." We have been working on our actions and learning to retell the story.

My oh my, where is this year going! We are already well into Term 2 and our students have been working very hard. We have seen many of you looking at your child's work on Seesaw. The students are always very excited to get to publish their work here for you to see.

In Mathematics, we have continued to develop many new skills and at the moment we are concentrating on subtraction with regrouping along with improving our basic facts.



Students working together in Science. Working out push and pull movements.



Magpies Class Report



MATHS & ENGLISH

The Magpies class has slid easily back into school and classroom routines this term.

All whole-school English and Math programs are being delivered with fidelity with Mrs Holmes and Ms Butler taking over the teaching of EMP with one group whilst I work with another group. This allows for level-appropriate lessons to all students in the class.

WORKING WITH I.T.

We are currently learning how to use iMovie efficiently as an avenue for displaying researched projects to the rest of our class. With the option to add a soundtrack, sound effects, text on the screen and scene transitions, it's a powerful I.T tool with which to share knowledge. Who knows, perhaps we have the next Spielberg right here in Kondinin.



SPORT

This term, we have started consolidating basic netball skills, much to the delight of Aisha, and will finish with basic football skills to backup what the students play outside of school at the moment.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We are all looking forward to the Mothers Day Afternoon Tea next Wednesday and would like to take the opportunity to wish all mums, nans, aunts and older sisters a happy day for this Sunday.



EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER



APRIL
2026

What has been happening

After a four week break due to school holidays, a school development day and a public holiday, we had our second Better Beginnings session for the year on Monday.

It was wonderful to see all the happy faces back and to observe what new tricks they are up to. Welcome to Summer and Bodhi and Corinna and Ollie who attended for the first time.

We made Mother's Day presents, and managed to get all the babies fingerprints on a card for mum.

All children took home a Little Fulla Yarns Reading Pack. These were developed in November 2021 to support Aboriginal families living in remote communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara to Read, Yarn, Sing, Draw and Play every day with their bub. The pack is now available across Western Australia. The Little Fulla Yarns reading pack has been developed in line with two-ways educational models, in consultation with communities, Aboriginal early years educators and early literacy experts at the State Library of Western Australia. If you would like a bag for your child please let me know as a new delivery has just arrived.

Currently our Sensory Tray contains musical instruments, rainbow ribbons and balls, and scarves.



Toni Smeed



Kondinin Early Years

Look what we got up to



Carter and Charlie



Lucy



Bodhi



Kendall



Victoria-Lily



Harper



Maja



Kyson, Amelia and Jarrett

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

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.

If you have any spare fruit or vegetables growing, we are always on the look out. It is not only good for eating, but also for art work.

ANZAC Service

We held our annual ANZAC Day Service to commemorate and remember the men, women and animals who have sacrificed their lives to ensure the world is a better place. The theme this year was 'Women in Service' and I would like to sincerely thank Lorraine Ardagh on her moving and informative speech. Thank you to the parents and community members who attended our service and to the Kondinin P&C for catering the morning Tea.



“In the second World War there was a lady with the nick name of, “The White Mouse”, she had been an Australian nurse, born in NZ and married to a rich French man. The enemy dubbed her “The White Mouse” because she was so elusive and they knew she existed but didn’t know who she was. She delivered secret messages, so that the airmen shot down over France could avoid capture and get back home safely. For years this lady was never caught and saved many lives. Her real name way Nancy Wake.”

“Thousands of Australian Nurses have served during the wars. They always sail from Australia on hospital ships flying a Red Cross flag. Everyone then knows it’s a ship carrying medical people. It’s a recognisable symbol of protection.”

“In the past, mostly men did the fighting, and the women were not at the battle front. So, what did they do? Well, when the men left their jobs and went to war, the women had to step up and fill their shoes. The post offices still had to work, the lights had to be kept on, the food had to be grown, the businesses had to open; all of the jobs needed to make our towns and cities work.”

“Women had to learn new skills, like mechanics, plumbing, welding and driving big machines. They also worked in factories, making things necessary for war, like aeroplanes, ships, guns , ammunition and the like.”



Cares Reward

We had a great second CARES Reward at the end of term 1 with students playing the egg cracking game and students making their own Easter hat for our hat parade.

Congratulations to our winners from each class!





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Protecting What Matters: Flu Immunisations Coming to Our Community

As winter approaches, it's a good time to think about how we can keep our children, families, and wider community well. One simple step we can take together is getting vaccinated against the flu.

Flu immunisation helps protect not only the person receiving it, but also **those who matter most to us** - babies, grandparents, family members with health conditions, classmates, teachers, and friends. When more people are protected, there's less chance of flu spreading through our school and community.

Getting the flu vaccine is about more than just avoiding a few days in bed. It's about looking out for those around us and helping keep everyone healthy:

- Helping keep children learning and playing
- Reducing time away from work and school
- Protecting vulnerable people who can become very unwell from flu

This year, FluMist® (the nasal spray flu vaccine) is available free of charge for children aged 2 to under 12 years. FluMist is a needle-free option, which many children find more comfortable and less stressful. Find out more: [FluMist: influenza nasal spray vaccination](#)

Flu Clinics Near You

Flu vaccinations, including FluMist for children, will be available at no cost:

Kondinin Hospital
18/05/2025
0800 - 1500

You can make an appointment by calling or SMS 0429 290 925.

If this date is unsuitable flu immunisation also available through fortnightly child health clinics – please contact me on above number to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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