



TOGETHER TOWARDS
TOMORROW

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

28th - Athletics Practice
with Yealering PS

September

1st - EA Appreciation Day

Mallards Assembly

4th - Faction Athletics

Carnival in Kondinin

7th - Open School Board

Meeting at Country Club

18th - Small Schools

Athletics Carnival in
Yealering

23rd - Public School
Review

WEEKLY REMINDERS

Tuesdays

8:15am - Running Club

Wednesdays

8:00am - Breakfast Club

Thursdays

Sport

Library

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Hello/Hallo parents, carers and community members

It's hard to believe we are already more than halfway through the term! Last week, students enjoyed our fifth CARES Reward, spending the afternoon making and decorating cupcakes. It was wonderful to see so many students being recognised for consistently demonstrating our CARES values and having fun celebrating their success.

Despite the term flying by, we have already packed so much into these first few weeks, and there is still plenty to look forward to. Next week, the Mallards will present their assembly on Tuesday, followed by a presentation for parents and community members on The Resilience Project. On Friday, 4 September, students will participate in our Faction Carnival at the Kondinin Town Oval, with further information to be sent home later this week.

We also invite community members to attend our Open School Board Meeting on Monday, 7 September at 3:30pm at the Kondinin Country Club. Looking ahead, our Interschool Athletics Carnival will be held on 18 September, with permission forms to be distributed through Compass shortly.

And, knowing our students, I suspect we may even fit in another CARES Reward before the term comes to an end! We look forward to sharing these exciting events with our school community over the coming weeks.

Student Wellbeing Survey Results

In Term 2, students participated in our Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience surveys. The results highlighted many strengths across our school, with students reporting strong relationships, a sense of belonging and positive connections with staff and peers. Students rated highly that they have friends at school, feel cared for by their teachers and feel safe within the school environment. Many of these results were above Wheatbelt and Level 3 school averages.



It was also encouraging to see improvements from last year in a number of areas, including students' confidence as learners, their ability to work with others, problem-solving skills and sense of belonging at school.

The technology survey showed positive trends, with fewer students using devices after bedtime and reduced time spent on gaming and social media compared to previous years.

The resilience and mental health surveys identified some areas that will continue to be a focus for the school, particularly student resilience, wellbeing and engagement in learning. While many students demonstrated positive coping strategies and strong connections with family, friends and the school community, the data highlighted the importance of continuing our work in supporting social, emotional and mental wellbeing.

These survey results provide valuable information that helps us to plan targeted supports and ensure Kondinin Primary School remains a place where students feel safe, connected, supported and ready to learn.

Staff Updates

We are pleased to welcome Mr Bob Lockyer to Kondinin Primary School as our new permanent gardener. Bob commenced on Monday and has already begun working around the school grounds. We look forward to having him as part of our team and know that his efforts will help keep our school looking its best.

I would also like to let families know that I will be on leave from Monday, 16 October until Friday, 13 November. During this time, Ms Ashleigh Dixon will be the Acting Principal. I am confident that the school will be in excellent hands while I am away and thank Ashleigh for taking on this role.

Telethon Fundraising Success

A huge thank you to our students, families and staff for their fantastic support of our Telethon fundraising efforts.

Our Lapathon was a wonderful success, raising an impressive \$2,573.95 for Telethon. Congratulations to Maggie, who was our highest fundraiser with an outstanding \$400 raised. Well done also to Ava, Albie and Roman, who were entered into our lucky draw for returning their fundraising money by the due date. If you still have any Telethon fundraising money to return, please ensure it is sent to the school by Monday, 31 August 2026.

Today our students enjoyed a fun-filled Yes Day, which was a fantastic reward and a great way to celebrate together. Thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our school community, we raised a total of \$157.00. We look forward to sharing more highlights from the day in our next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our school and the many opportunities we provide for our students. Your generosity and involvement make a real difference.



Mathematics Information Session

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend a Mathematics Information Session presented by Mrs Boxall on **Thursday, 3 September at 9:00 am in the school library.**

The session will provide an overview of:

- The Explicit Mathematics Program
- Bond Blocks

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the approaches we use to support students' mathematical understanding and success.

Kondinin PS School Board Update

The School Board met on 10 August and discussed a range of important topics relating to school improvement, student wellbeing and strategic planning.

Board members received an update on our playground improvement plans, including the establishment of a community playground committee made up of parents, staff and community members. The committee will work towards developing the playground in manageable stages as funding becomes available.

The Board also reviewed student wellbeing data from our school surveys. While there were many positive results, the discussion identified several areas for further investigation, including student resilience and wellbeing supports. The Board acknowledged the positive impact of initiatives such as The Resilience Project and discussed additional ways to support students.

An update was provided on preparations for our upcoming Public School Review. Staff are currently gathering evidence and reflecting on school performance across a range of areas as part of the review process. Board members will also play an important role in meeting with reviewers later this term.

The Board participated in discussions around the development of our 2027-2029 Strategic Direction. Members worked together to explore future priorities and how our school's vision will align with the Department of Education's strategic direction.

Thank you to our School Board members for their ongoing support, valuable feedback and commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for our students and school community.



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

CARES Award

Well done to the following students who have reached 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 stamps since our last newsletter.

**CARES
VALUE POINTS**

Well done to the following students who have reached 50, 75, 100 & 125 stamps since our last newsletter.

PTS	Mudlark	Mallards	Magpies
50	ABRI		MALAYNA, TAYLOR
75	MAC, RUBY	OCEAN, BELLE	BRAYDEN, WILLIAM
100		PEYTON	MACKENZIE, AISHA, HANK, LACHLAN, OLIVIA, OLLIE
125			OLLIE



CHAMPS

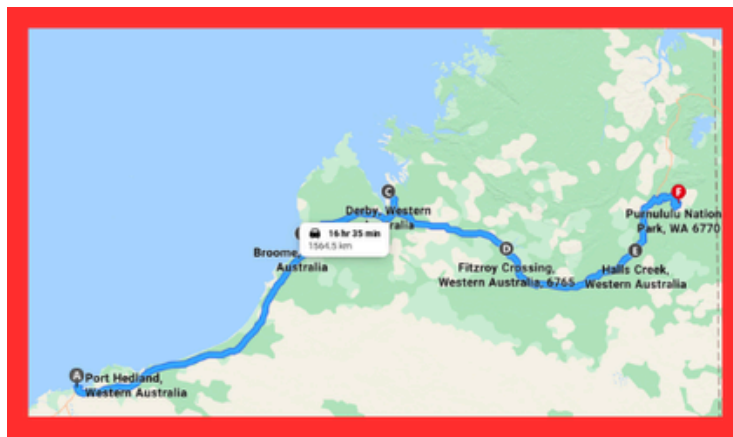
This year, we are running from Port Hedland to the Bungle Bungles, and currently, we are 173.2km away from our final destination of the Bungle Bungles. Since our last newsletter, the following students have reached the following clubs.

30km Club	40km Club	50km Club	60km Club	70km Club
William Lachlan Ruby Olivia Ava Albie Leo Isaac Mackenzie Alba Kiari Peyton Gregorin Synthia Belle Avnita Joseph Mac Bevan Tahj Malayna Taylor Maji Ocean Brayden	Hank Lachlan William Ollie Ruby Albie Olivia Mackenzie Isaac Avnita Leo Gregorin Ava Alba Peyton Synthia-Rose	Hank Lachlan William Ollie Ruby Albie Ava Avnita	Hank Lachlan William Ollie Ruby Albie Olivia	Hank William Lachlan Ollie

Wishing everyone a great weekend at football and hockey finals or relaxing.

Rede Bald/Talk soon

Aleks Mutavdzic
Principal



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



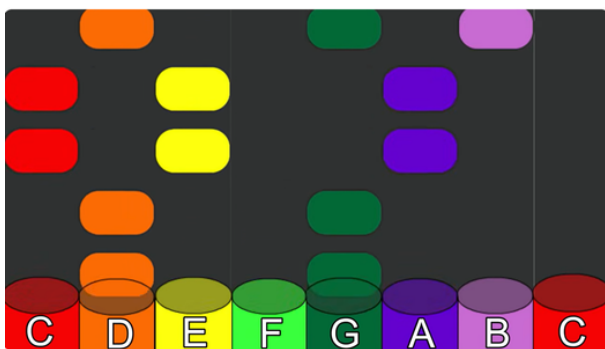
Week	Mudlarks	Mallards	Magpies
3	79%	85%	58.5%
4	57.5%	80%	78.5%
5	82.5%	78.2%	86.2%

Music with Mrs Bailey



Boomwhackers!

Our lessons have been full of the sound of coloured plastic tubes being 'whacked' on our body, hands, head, arms or other surfaces. They are different lengths to represent specific musical pitches. We have been following YouTube videos that are like karaoke - we play our coloured boomwhacker when the coloured ball drops down. We use warm up exercises (playing scales and chords) to help us follow our colour, sometimes with very fast rhythms. We have been playing along with some favourite songs including Hakuna Matata and Don't Worry, Be Happy.



MUDLARKS CLASS REPORT



MATHEMATICS

The Pre-Primary students and year 1's have been practicing their addition with our Explicit Maths Program. They are enjoying using this skill. The Kindy students have been practicing their one-to-one number correspondence with counting along with exploring patterns with shapes.



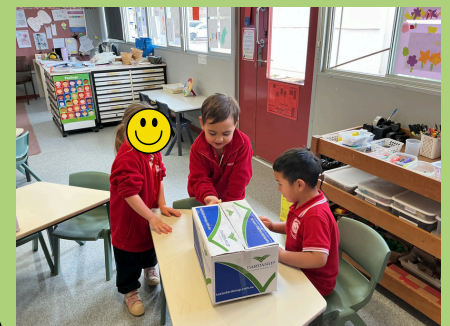
SCIENCE

The Pre-Primary and Kindy students have been learning about the different seasons. We began with Winter and have now looked into Spring and Summer. The year 1 students have been learning about the water cycle with a focus on rain clouds.



HASS

We are beginning to differentiate between natural, managed and constructed things within our environment. It is exciting to discover the world we live in.



ENGLISH

We have learned the story of Mr Big a gorilla who would like to have friends to be in a band with. We have mapped out the story and are all going well with our InitialLit and PreLit programs.



HEALTH

In Health, we have explored how things can make us feel uneasy through sensory play. It was messy but so much fun!

Class Report

MALLARDS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A quick note from Mrs Boxall and Ms Dixon to say how proud we are of our Mallards!

Students have shown fantastic enthusiasm and determination during sports practice in the lead-up to the Athletics Carnival. We love seeing them encourage one another, build confidence and have a go!

We are also incredibly proud of their assembly preparations. Students have embraced the opportunity to share their individual talents, helping to write their own performances and growing in confidence along the way. Lots to celebrate in the Mallards!



Classroom Highlights

Geography

We have just embarked on our new HASS strand, Geography, through our inquiry project Our Place in the World. Students will explore where we live and how we are connected to places across Australia and the wider world. Throughout the unit, students will develop their inquiry skills by asking questions, using maps, gathering information, comparing places and environments, and communicating their findings.

Spelling

This week in literacy, we have been exploring contractions! We discovered how two words can join together to make one shorter word, with an apostrophe showing us where letters have disappeared. Do not becomes don't, we are becomes we're and cannot becomes can't! Students have enjoyed becoming contraction detectives, spotting apostrophes and working out which two words have been combined.

Building Better Sentences

In English, our Year 2, 3 and 4 students have been exploring how adjectives can strengthen our writing. We have been learning to choose interesting and precise adjectives to expand nouns, add detail and help our readers create a clearer picture in their minds. Students are putting these skills into practice by transforming simple sentences into richer, more engaging ones.

MAGPIES Class Report



RUNNING CLUB

We reached Hall's Creek in Running Club and knew a lot about it already to tell the rest of the school. We've done a lot of running lately, for Telethon, for Hockey and for Athletics.

SCIENCE

The Science focus has been on the Earth. We have learnt about tectonic plate theory and how changes to the surface of the Earth occurs. After earthquakes, we have dived deeper into understanding tsunamis and volcanoes. This was interrupted by Science week, where we volunteered to help others do fun Science activities. We showed the school value, Service.

ADJUSTING WELL

Our class has adjusted well to having a new teacher, even though we really miss Mr Norris.

As part of the Resilience Project, we were able to send him an e-mail and say what we were grateful for. I'm sure we made him cry!

ENGLISH

In English, we have listened to *Black Cockatoo* by Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler. We have read aloud to practise our expressive, fluent reading and discussed the protagonist. Her name is Mia and she lives in Hall's Creek.



STUDENTS of the week

Week 3



Week 4



Week 5



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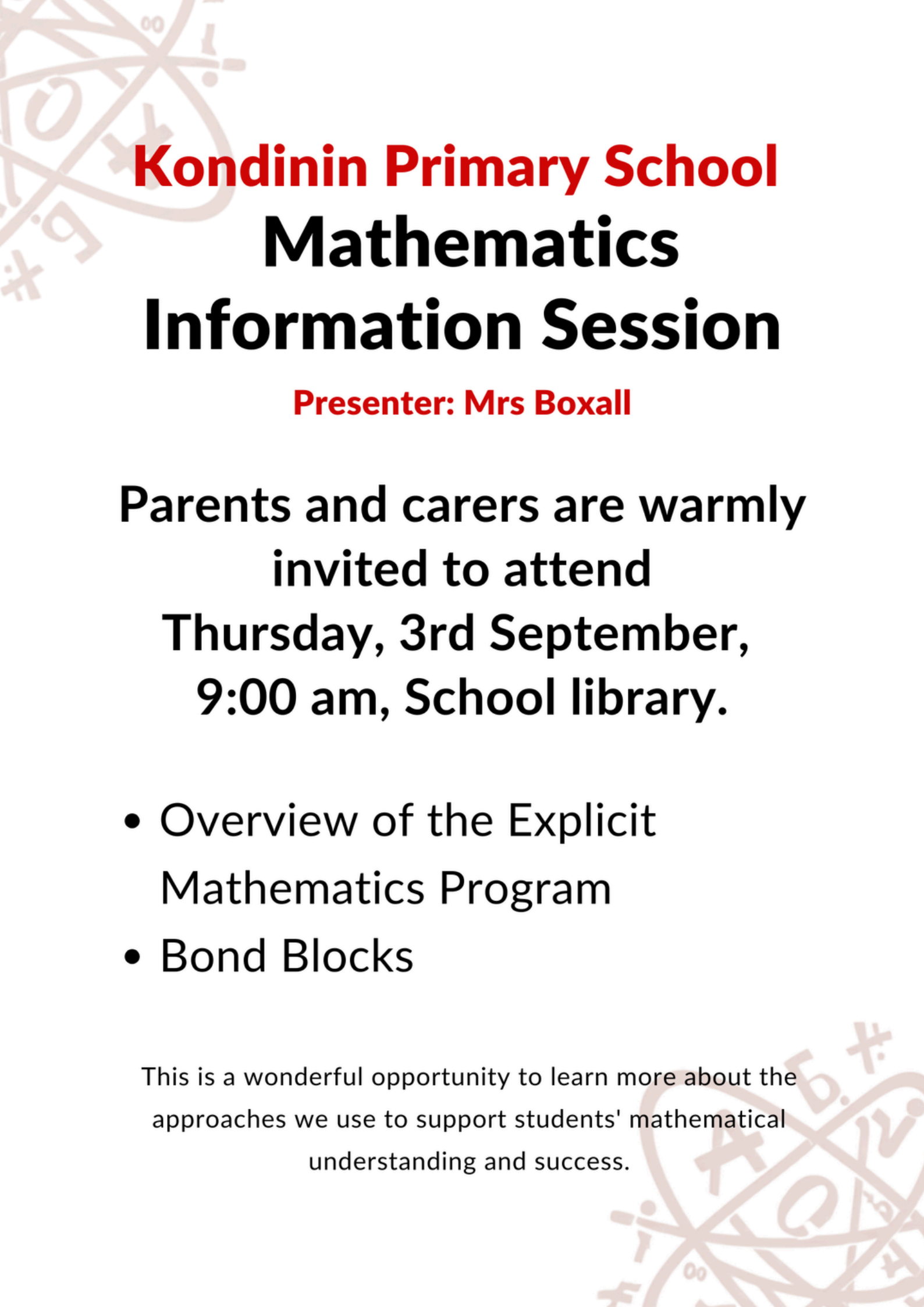
HOCKEY COMP



Earlier this month the Year 4s, 5s & 6s travelled to Narrogin to take part in the Narrogin Hockey Carnival. Kondinin PS entered two enthusiastic teams who thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks to Mrs Holmes who has been coaching us all in the lead up to the carnival, to Janna Lockyer who helped coach on the day and to Miss Butler and Ms Hockridge who helped and cheered us on throughout the day.

TREE PLANTING





Kondinin Primary School **Mathematics** **Information Session**

Presenter: Mrs Boxall

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EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER



AUGUST
2026

What has been happening

It has been a little while since our last update, with the school holidays and Toni's tonsillectomy creating a longer break for Early Years. We have also had a few seasonal bugs around, which has affected attendance.

The children have loved being back in the Early Years room, exploring the toys and activities, and creating plenty of fun mess before story time!

To celebrate National Science Week, our sensory tray has been filled with science-themed discoveries. Toni caught some tadpoles for the children to investigate, including a few that had already grown back legs. The tadpoles have since been returned to nature, with video evidence provided for Maja's approval.

Our stories and activities have focused on tadpoles and frogs.

Craft projects have included flyswatter painting, paper plate frogs, collaged tadpoles, and free collage creations using a variety of materials.

Dress-ups and the kitchen corner continue to be popular favourites. The children also enjoy joining in singing songs.

We are sad to say goodbye to Tulani and Amelia, who have moved from Kondinin. We warmly welcome Sadie Garlick and congratulate Jake, Naomi and Jarrett on their recent arrival. We hope to see you at Early Years soon.

With Father's Day approaching, we look forward to welcoming dads and father figures to Early Years on 7 August. We'll send an invitation soon.

Toni Smeed



Science Sensory Table



Levi, Silke & Lucy fishing



Kondinin Early Years

Look what we have been doing



Lily



Carter



Bodhi



Andie



Kendall



Lucy



Jobe



Gracie



Charlez



Levi



Maja



Ellis



Harper



Darci



Carter & Charlie



Busy playing
and learning



KONDININ PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

MORNING TEA DONATIONS



Kondinin Primary School P&C are asking
all school parents, Early Years parents
and any community members to
donate a plate of *morning tea*
for the Athletics Carnival on

Friday 4th of September



Morning Tea donations
can be dropped to the
KONDININ OVAL PAVILLION
from **8.30AM.**



CORRIGIN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

**RICOCHET
CIRCUS**

103RD

SATURDAY

**12 SEPTEMBER
2026**

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HALL**

& lots of displays



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& OLD
MACDONALD'S
RIDES**



**FOOD,
STALLS
& BAR**

Meet Liz Harfull!



SIDESHOW & SHOWBAGS

LIVE MUSIC

FROM

**SOPHIE
JANE**

**HAUNTED
HOUSE**



**WHIRLWIND
SWING**

**GUMBOOT
TOSS**



**THE
BIG ZIPPER**

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