

Dates to Remember...

Public Holiday

Monday 9th March - Labour Day

Harmony Day

Friday 20th March

Last Day Term 1

Thursday 2nd April - Early

Dismissal 1.50pm

NAPLAN 2026

Wednesday 11th

Friday 13th

Monday 16th

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Official Opening Event

On Wednesday 25th February we hosted many special guests and visitors as part of our Official Opening Event. Thank you to those members of our community who were able to attend. We received lots of positive feedback about this wonderful new learning community. A big pat on the back to Shanzay Ali and DeAndre Carew for their impressive hosting skills on the day!



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2nd March
2026



Stop & Drop

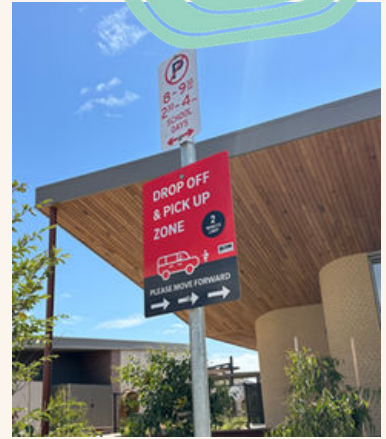
A reminder to our community that our Stop & Drop area is in use.

Stop & Drop is located on Trickett Drive – this is an area that is used in the morning to assist in managing school traffic.

From 8.00am until 9.30am and again at 2.30pm until 4.00pm, parents cannot park and leave their vehicle.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children if you intend on using this space as part of the morning or afternoon routine. At the end of the school day, the children are to walk out to the front of the school and stand next to the staff member supervising to wait for their parents to arrive.

The Stop & Drop area is lined in red on Trickett Drive. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Wombat Crossing

Wombat crossings are raised pedestrian crossings designed to enhance safety by reducing vehicle speeds and improving visibility for pedestrians.

On Trickett Drive, we have two wombat crossings.

I strongly encourage our parents to speak with their children about how to use these crossings if their car is parked on the opposite side of the road to our school site.

Parents are also encouraged to use these crossings to safely cross the road with their children.



School Council Ballot

Today School Council ballot papers have been sent home with our students. Our community will have two weeks to vote and return the ballot paper. All votes must be returned to school by 16th March at 4pm. Votes will then be counted on 16th March – scrutineers are welcome for this count, beginning at 4pm. After which our appointed Councillors will be shared with the community via Xuno.

Each voter must complete a ballot paper by placing a mark next to the name of each candidate standing for election for whom the voter wishes to vote, up to the number of vacant positions. (3)

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Student Leaders 2026

At our assembly on Friday we congratulated our first student leaders at Mindalk Primary School! This impressive group of Year 6 students will now undertake their responsibilities in partnership with our senior leaders.

Congratulations to:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	VALUES CAPTAINS	LIBRARY CAPTAINS
<p>Shanzay Ali Aarjav Kuma</p>	<p>Ikjot Brar Kyra Pahuja</p>	<p>Rosie Williams Seenu Thalor</p>

Student Awards

<p>Foundation A Mannat Gill Xavier Toko</p>	<p>Foundation B Amira Redman Jazlyn Kaur Sidhu</p>	<p>Foundation C Ayla Palovic Atticus Tomlin</p>	<p>Foundation D Neiva Sreeraj Mohamed Mohamed</p>
<p>YEAR 1/2A Diana Zilic Angela Garcia</p>	<p>YEAR 1/2B Lisa Isaia Elsie Ayo</p>	<p>YEAR 1/2C Eva Adhikari Kaea Ngaranoa- Hibbert</p>	
<p>YEAR 3/4A Virasat Pawar Yaqub Yenus</p>	<p>YEAR 3/4B Mayiik Robert Gelila Engida</p>	<p>YEAR 3/4C Sargi Kaur Tiare Ngatamariki Zoe Siron</p>	
<p>YEAR 5/6A Venba Raja Rosie Williams</p>	<p>YEAR 5/6B Zephaniah Toavalu Jazz Sudan</p>	<p>YEAR 5/6C Amen Fekadu Ikjot Brar</p>	
<p>Science Ksharaa Kharatmal Misaal Husan</p>	<p>Physical Education Capri Coffey Sahana Karthik</p>	<p>Social & Emotional Learning Amen Fekadu Ikjot Brar</p>	



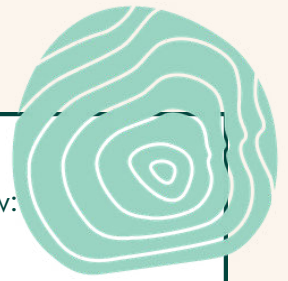
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NAPLAN Reminder

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN during the upcoming assessment window:

- Writing - 9am on Wednesday 11th March
- Reading - 9am on Friday 13th March
- Language Conventions - 9am on Monday 16th March
- Numeracy - 9am on Wednesday 18th March

Families can assist by:

- Maintaining consistent homework routines
- Encouraging calm and positive conversations
- Ensuring strong sleep and wellbeing routines

Technology Supporting Teaching & Learning

At Mindalk Primary School, our digital platforms are carefully selected to strengthen classroom instruction, reinforce learning at home, and align with Victorian Curriculum 2.0 and DET Victoria priorities around evidence based teaching and strong home-school partnerships.

Our technology directly supports our instructional model and whole-school priorities.

Mindalk Instructional Priority

To deliver consistent, explicit and knowledge-rich instruction that builds strong foundations in literacy and numeracy through:

- Structured literacy aligned to the Science of Reading
- Explicit teaching and guided practice
- Fluency development (automaticity in reading and number facts)
- Deep conceptual understanding in mathematics
- Low-variance routines across classrooms
- Strong home-school learning partnerships

Our technology platforms strengthen this work by providing deliberate practice, consolidation and extension aligned to classroom teaching.

Mathematics:

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

TTRS builds rapid recall of number facts - an essential foundation for numeracy success and problem solving.

Supports:

- Automaticity and fluency
- Confidence in number facts
- Preparation for assessments including NAPLAN

Students are encouraged to practise several times per week.

PRIME Mathematics

PRIME is our core mathematics program aligned to the Victorian Curriculum 2.0 and grounded in the explicit teaching approach.

It strengthens:

- Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract learning progression
- Mathematical reasoning
- Problem solving
- Vocabulary development

Families can support learning by asking:

- "How did you work that out?"
- "Can you explain your thinking?"
- "Is there another way to solve it?"

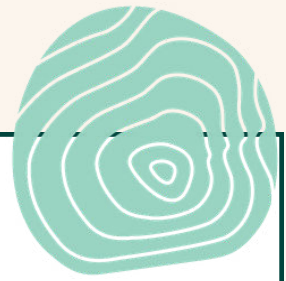
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Technology Supporting Teaching & Learning cont:

English

Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL Online)-

Our structured literacy platform supporting phonics, spelling and word knowledge.

Aligned with the Science of Reading, it builds:

- Strong phoneme-grapheme knowledge
- Decoding and encoding skills
- Spelling accuracy
- Reading fluency

Families can support by:

- Listening to daily reading
- Encouraging children to “say the sounds”, followed by blending the sounds to “say the word”
- Practising weekly focus sounds and heart words

Sora Digital Library

Sora provides access to eBooks and audiobooks to build vocabulary, comprehension and a love of reading.

We encourage:

- Daily reading
- Shared conversations about books

•To support purposeful home learning, here are some prompts you may use when reading with your child:

•Before Reading - What do you predict this text might be about? What clues help you?

•During Reading - Can you break that word into sounds? Does that make sense?

- What is happening now?

•After Reading - What was the main idea? What evidence supports your thinking? What was the most important part?

Access & Logins

To ensure student safety and correct access levels:

Please contact your child’s classroom teacher for login details and access requirements for each platform.

Teachers will provide individual login information and guidance on recommended usage.

Together, through strong instruction and purposeful technology use, we continue building confident learners who embody our values of: Learning. Adventure. Responsibility. Inclusion.

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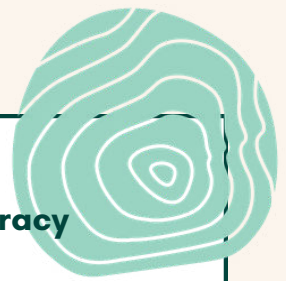
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Mindalk NAPLAN Timetable

Wednesday 11 March - Writing

- Year 3: 9:00-9:40am
- Year 5: 9:00-9:42am

Friday 13 March - Reading

- Year 3: 9:00-9:45am
- Year 5: 9:00-9:50am

Monday 16 March - Language Conventions

- Year 3: 9:00-9:45am
- Year 5: 9:00-9:45am

Wednesday 18 March - Numeracy

- Year 3: 9:00-9:45am
- Year 5: 9:00-9:50am

Thursday 19 March - Catch-Up Testing

- Year 3: 9:00-10:00am
- Year 5: 9:00-10:00am

Breakfast Club is Starting in Week 6!

We're excited to launch Mindalk's Breakfast Club, helping students begin their day feeling nourished, settled and ready to learn.

Students are welcome to visit the Student Kitchen (near the Science and Art rooms) before school every **Tuesday and Friday from 8.10am to 8.20am** to enjoy a healthy breakfast and a positive start to the day with friends.

On offer will be:

Toast with Vegemite or honey
Fruit cups
A variety of cereals with full cream or lactose-free milk
Small milks

Breakfast Club is completely free - and all students are welcome. Just bring yourself and a smile!

We extend our sincere thanks to Foodbank for generously supplying the food that makes this program possible all over Victoria.

If you are interested in volunteering, please ensure you have a valid Working with Children Check and contact the school office.



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