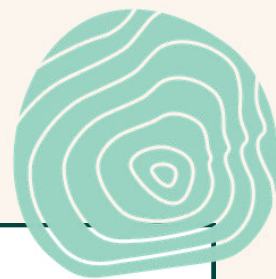


Mindalk Memo

16th March
2026



Dates to Remember...

Harmony Day

Friday 20th March

School Photo Day

Monday 23rd March

Last Day Term 1

Thursday 2nd April - Early

Dismissal 1.50pm

NAPLAN 2026

Monday 16th

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

School Council Ballot

Congratulations to our parents who have recently been voted as parent members of our School Council:

- Uma Gupta
- Devang Bhatia
- Navneet Kaur

I look forward to working with these parents to establish our School Council to ensure that good governance strengthens community confidence in our school as we continue to grow.

NAPLAN 2026

This week we continue our testing window for all Year 3 & 5 children as part of The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). I have been impressed by the way in which our children have conducted themselves during testing sessions. This can at times be stressful for children and I applaud their attitudes and behaviour. A big thank you to our staff for their support of assessment sessions and a special thank you to our Assistant Principal, Belinda Williams who has worked hard to ensure that we are compliant and well organised. Good job Everyone!

Learning on Show

Each term at Mindalk we will be holding 'Learning on Show'. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom to view student work and look at the termly learning focus within the classroom. Each year level will have an allocated time in the morning or afternoon for parents to attend which will shortly be communicated on Xuno. We hope to see our families there!

END OF TERM

Unbelievably, we are already looking ahead to the end of our first term on Thursday 2nd April - there is no school on Friday 3rd April. On the last day of term we will hold an assembly at 8.40am. We will also have an early dismissal at 1.40pm. Have a phantastic week Everyone!

School Attendance

At Mindalk Primary School we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future. We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour. We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Xuno so we can work together to support them. Remember, **Every Day Counts.**

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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 Photo Day

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

At Mindalk Primary School



All children will be photographed individually, and as part of their class group.

Please register for sibling photos by scanning the QR code.

Photos will be available to purchase via a private gallery after photo day.

QR codes will be provided to access your child's gallery.



Monday 23rd March 2026

Photography by: www.littlebigadventures.com.au

We are pleased to share that we will hold our school photos on **Monday 23rd March**.

Please scan the QR code or head to this link: <https://rainbowswandlollipops.proofpix.com/> to register for sibling photos.

No payment is needed before photo day - photos will be available to purchase via a private gallery after photo day which will be shared with our community on Xuno.

Please make sure that all children are wearing their soft shell jacket, ¼ zip windcheater or long sleeve polo on photo day.

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Every Day Counts at Mindalk Primary School

Being at school every day, and on time, helps our students make the most of every learning opportunity. From our morning routine and Mindalk Morning Circle, through English and Mathematics blocks, to specialist classes and Humanities, each part of the day builds skills, friendships and confidence.

Our gates open at 8:10am, classrooms open at 8:20am, and learning begins at 8:30am sharp. Arriving on time and coming every day ensures children don't miss important learning, connection and the experiences that help them thrive.



Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.



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Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

This term, students are participating in the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program. Eliza, our Social Emotional Learning teacher, leads weekly one hour sessions, with classroom teachers reinforcing the learning throughout the week.

Students have recently completed Topic 1: Emotional Literacy, where they learned to recognise, understand and respond to their own emotions and the emotions of others.

They are now beginning Topic 2: Personal and Cultural Strengths, exploring their own strengths and positive qualities, and learning how the values and strengths gained from family and culture help them treat others with respect.

These lessons support students to build self awareness, empathy and respectful relationships, key foundations for learning and wellbeing at Mindalk. We encourage families to talk with their children about what they are learning in Social and Emotional Learning to help strengthen these skills at home.

**RESILIENCE
RIGHTS &
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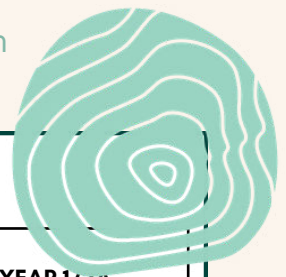
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Student Awards

Foundation A Angeline Aiono Trinity Sangar	Foundation B Tanush Narra Oscar Te Aarii	Foundation C Beyona Yofiahe Sofia	Foundation D Janvee Vivek Ash Singh	YEAR 1/2A Evie Erdeg Joshua Tutu
YEAR 1/2B Siena Zilic Aarav Kumar	YEAR 1/2C Naima Mohamed Wasay Khan	YEAR 3/4A Fateh Brar Keanu Ngatamariki	YEAR 3/4B Iliana Cantsilieris Simon Vuang Tu Chung	YEAR 3/4C Somiya Gandhi Zoe Siron
YEAR 5/6A Kyra Pahuja Seenu Thalor	YEAR 5/6B Christian Toki Shanzay Ali	Science Jase Alaoui Tiffany Nekzada	Physical Education Vrushali Patel Oliver Lee	Social & Emotional Learning Edmin Galvez Samuel Nekzada



Numeracy at Mindalk - Building Strong Number Sense

At Mindalk Primary School, our mathematics program prioritises the development of strong number sense. This helps students understand how numbers work, recognise patterns and apply mathematical thinking with confidence.

Our approach aligns with the Victorian Curriculum 2.0 and the Department of Education's focus on strengthening numeracy foundations.

Our Whole School Approach

At Mindalk, numeracy learning is supported through:

- PRIME Mathematics - our whole-school mathematics program that develops conceptual understanding, problem solving and fluency.
- Explicit teaching aligned with the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM 2.0).
- Assessment to inform teaching, including:
 - Acadience Mathematics assessments
 - PRIME assessment
 - PAT Maths adaptive
 - PAT Early Numeracy Screener - Year 1 DET Trial (2026)

These assessments help teachers monitor student progress and provide targeted teaching to support every learner.

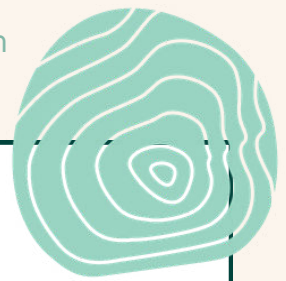
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Digital Tools Supporting Learning

Students may also access online platforms that strengthen mathematical fluency:

- NumBots – builds early number understanding and mental calculation.
- Times Tables Rock Stars – supports the development of multiplication fact fluency.

These tools provide engaging opportunities for students to practise mathematics skills both at school and at home.

Strengthening Number Sense at Home

Families play an important role in supporting children to develop number sense through everyday experiences.

One important early skill is one-to-one correspondence – matching one number to one object when counting.

For example, pointing to each person in a picture and counting: “1...2...3 – there are three people.”

This helps children understand that the final number counted tells us how many there are altogether.

Simple Ways to Practise at Home

At home

- Setting the table: Count plates, forks or cups together as you place them on the table.
- Packing toys away: Count each toy as it is put away.

At the supermarket

- Count items as they go into the trolley (e.g. apples or oranges).
- Compare checkout queues by counting how many people are waiting.

At the park

- Count leaves, rocks or sticks you find.
- Count the number of steps to the top of the slide or rungs on the monkey bars.

These simple conversations about numbers help children build confidence and understanding in mathematics.

Families can explore more practical activities through the Department of Education’s Mathematics and Numeracy at Home resources.

If you have questions about your child’s mathematics learning, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Hopkins Road Level Crossing Removal Project

The Hopkins Road Level Crossing Removal Project will be implementing a 24/7 road closure from late April to Mid May. During this time, Hopkins Road will be closed between Meskos Road and Grand Boulevard. For anyone travelling from north of the Western Freeway, this will impact your travel time to school.

In the coming weeks, the project will release further information including exact dates for the closure and detour routes.

To ensure you stay up to date with impacts relating to the upcoming major road closure, we recommend you sign up to the SMS disruption updates by scanning the QR code below or register for email updates. This way, the project can update you directly about the upcoming road closure.

Additionally, feel free to read the most recent works notice, attached for your reference.

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Level Crossing Removal Project on 1800 105 105 or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au



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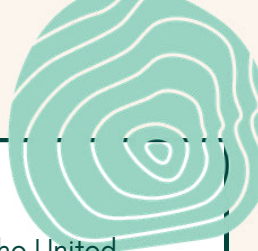
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United Nations' World Autism Awareness Day

April is recognised worldwide as a month to promote better understanding of autism. It begins with the United Nations' World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April. In Australia, the focus is increasingly shifting from awareness to understanding and acceptance.

At Mindalk Primary School, we support autistic students through inclusive classroom practices, personalised learning adjustments and a strong focus on wellbeing. Our staff work closely with families, allied health professionals and support staff to ensure every student feels safe, understood and able to participate in learning. Through our positive behaviour approach, sensory supports and flexible learning environments, we aim to create a school where all students can belong, learn and thrive.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



2nd April

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HARMONY DAY @ MINDALK

This year we will celebrate Harmony Day at Mindalk on Friday 20th of March. All are encouraged to wear cultural dress or something orange, symbolising respect, communication and meaningful conversations that help foster understanding between cultures.

Mindalk families are invited into classrooms for a Harmony Day activity with their children from 8:30-9:15am.

HARMONY DAY @

MINDALK

Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity

Wear traditional cultural dress or something orange.

Families are warmly invited to join their child in the classroom for a Harmony Day activity.

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026
AT 08:30 AM- 9:15 AM



everyone BELONGS
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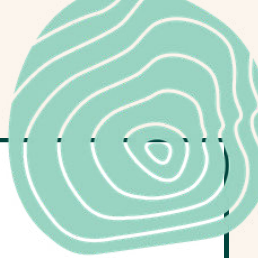
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CSEF - Camps / Sports / Excursions FUND

A reminder to families holding a current Health Care Card.

Please complete the below form and return to the school office with a copy of your card. Paper forms can also be collected from the office.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

MINDALK PRIMARY SCHOOL 015616

School Name

School Ref ID

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

**Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ___/___/2026

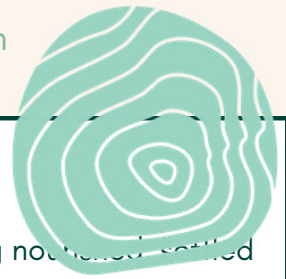
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Breakfast Club

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.



Flyers for KIDS

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Mindalk Primary

Science

For Curious Young Minds!
A fun, hands-on science program where kids explore astronomy, chemistry, and physics through exciting experiments that make learning unforgettable!

Day: WEDNESDAYS
Time: 2:50 - 3:50
Cost: \$200 for 8 weeks
Starts on: 29 April
For Years: Years 1 - 6
Location: To be confirmed

Chess

Think Smart, Play Smart! Our Chess program helps kids sharpen their minds, build confidence, and have fun! Guided by expert coaches, students learn strategy, problem-solving, and focus.

Day: THURSDAYS
Time: 2:50 - 3:50
Cost: \$180 for 8 weeks
Starts on: 30 April
For Years: Preps - Year 6
Location: To be confirmed

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OUR CORE PROGRAMS

<h4>Chess</h4> <p>Think Smart, Play Smart! Our Chess program helps kids sharpen their minds, build confidence, and have fun! Guided by expert coaches, students learn strategy, problem-solving, and focus.</p>	<h4>Coding</h4> <p>Code, Create, and Have Fun! Kids learn to design games and animations with Scratch MIT in the fun course - building creativity, problem-solving, and tech confidence along the way!</p>	<h4>Robotics</h4> <p>Build, Program & Explore! In this fun program, kids use LEGO Mindstorms to build and program their own robots - boosting creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving while having a blast!</p>
<h4>Science</h4> <p>For Curious Young Minds! A fun, hands-on science program where kids explore astronomy, chemistry, and physics through exciting experiments that make learning unforgettable!</p>	<h4>Animation</h4> <p>Bring LEGO Characters and Story Software to Life! Using LEGO characters and story software, kids build characters and settings, then bring their stories to life!</p>	<h4>Electronics</h4> <p>Discover the Fun of Electronics! A Beginner's Guide to Electronics, kids use safe, hands-on kits to build cool circuits and projects - one-milly-ohms, just creativity and fun!</p>
<h4>Dance</h4> <p>Move, Groove & Express! Our Dance program lets kids show their style while learning cool moves like popping, locking, and trendy ballroom. It's all about creativity, rhythm, and having fun with hands-on the dance floor!</p>	<h4>Drama</h4> <p>For Building Performance! A fun, confidence-boosting drama program where kids explore acting through improvisation, role-play, and creative activities - perfect for young stars who love the stage!</p>	<h4>Soccer</h4> <p>Kick, Score & Have Fun! Our soccer program helps kids build skills, teamwork, and confidence through exciting drills, friendly games, and expert coaching - all while having loads of fun on the field!</p>
<h4>Arts & Design</h4> <p>Let that creativity shine! Kids explore drawing, painting, and crafts through fun, hands-on projects - building skills, confidence, and self-expression along the way.</p>		

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