

Kindergarten **INFORMATION** 2023

Kindergarten TEACHERS

Kindergarten Skippy - Mrs Katrina Sexton
Assistant Principal

Kindergarten Daisy - Mrs Melissa Davies

Kindergarten Fraser - Miss Elizabeth Furnell

Kindergarten Poppy - Mrs Brooke Pennay

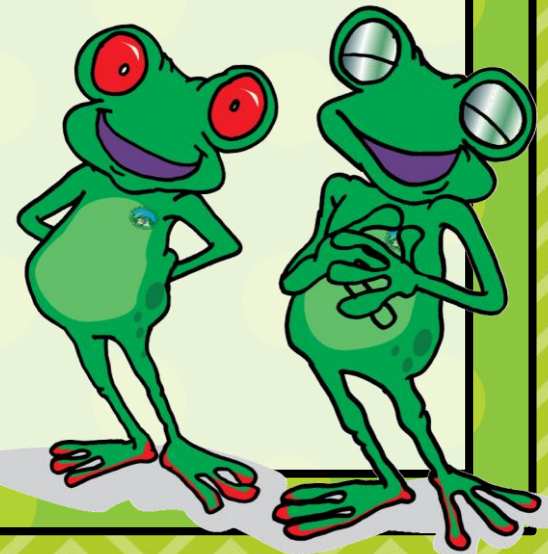


School VISION

Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning.

Our purpose...

- *Confident, successful, inspired learners*
- *Expert teaching and visionary leading*
- *A connected learning community*



Successful LEARNER HABITS

We are explicitly teaching our students the skills they need to be the best learners they can be.

These include:



Goal-setting

Focus

Feedback

Observing

Collaboration

Questioning

Courage

Connections

Self-Reliance

Thinking/Monitoring

Empathy

Persistence

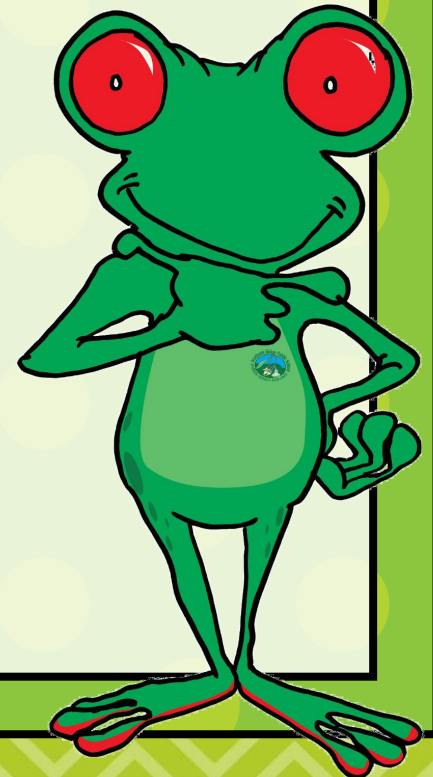
Specialist PROGRAMS

Mrs Beth Greentree – Rel. Assistant Principal, Learning and Support

Mrs Kathy Van Buizen – Learning and Support Teacher

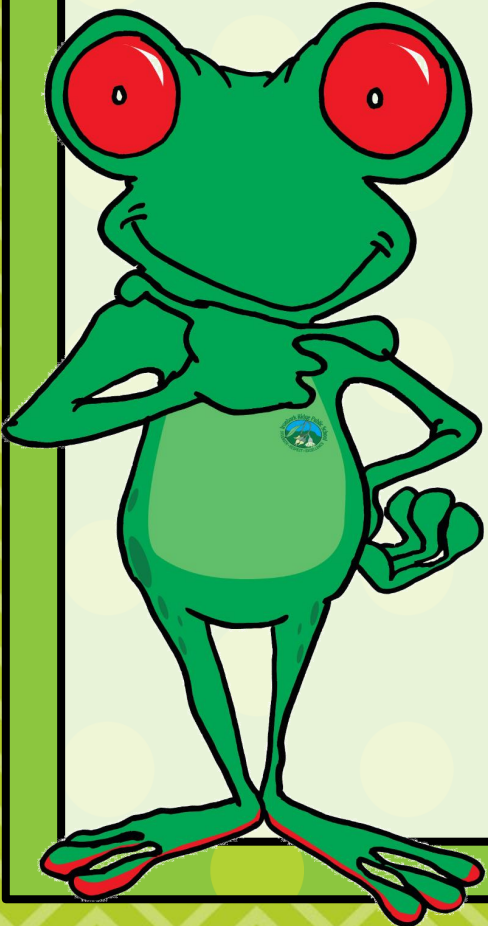
Mrs Natalie Childs – EAL/D Teacher

- *Reading and Maths Intervention Programs*
- *English as an Additional Language / Dialect
(EAL/D)*
- *In-class learning modifications and support*



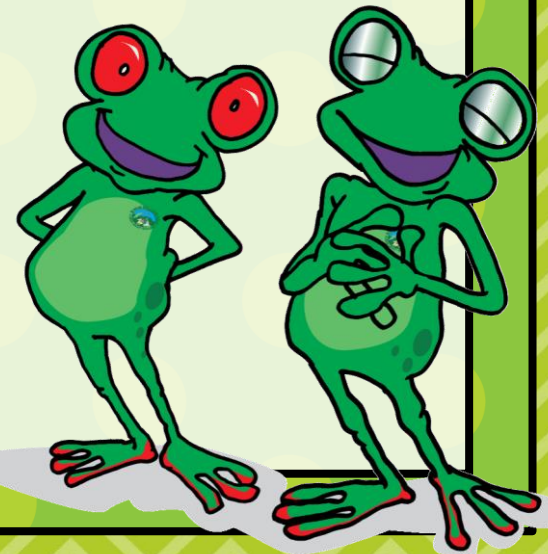
Key Learning AREAS

- *English*
- *Mathematics*
- *Science*
- *History and Geography*
- *PD/HIPE*
- *Creative Arts*



English PROGRAM

- *Phonemic Awareness and Phonics*
- *Reading – concepts and skills; factual and fictional texts; modelled, guided and independent reading; decodable texts.*
- *Writing – imaginative and informative.*
- *Handwriting*
- *Speaking and listening – formal and informal.*

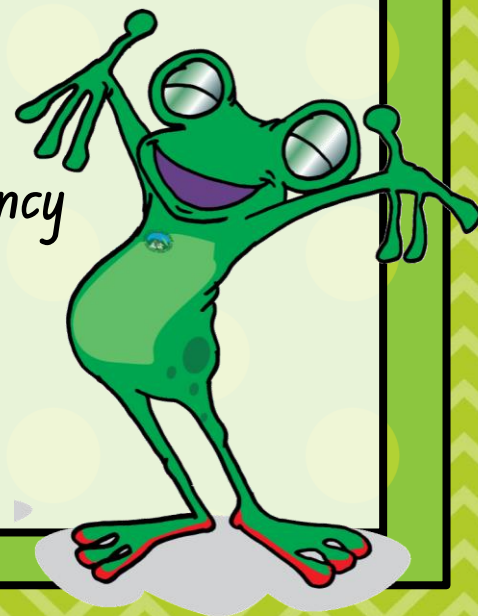


Mathematics PROGRAM

Through the study of mathematics, students develop essential concepts and skills and apply them to deepen their understanding of the world.

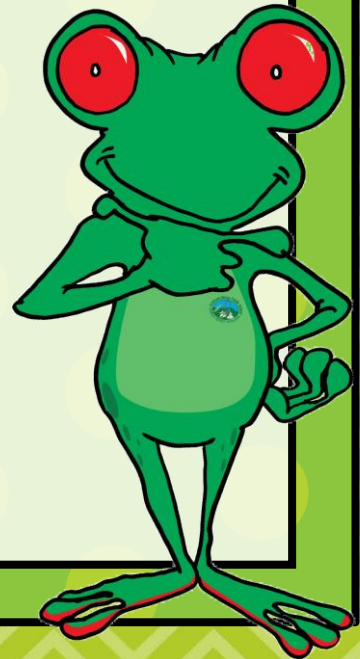
Kindergarten students:

- develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency
- identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships
- develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills



Science & Technology **PROGRAM**

- *Earth and Science – Weather and the Environment*
- *Material World – Properties of Materials*
- *Living Things – How Living Things Meet our Needs*
- *Physical World – How Things Move*
- *Digital Technologies – Everyday use and following steps to achieve goals.*



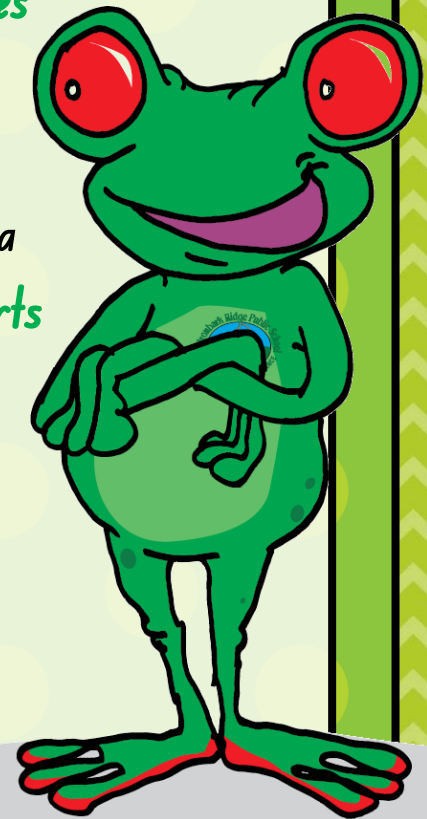
History & Geography PROGRAM

- *History – Personal and Family Histories*
- *Geography – Importance of Places to People*



P.D.H.P.E PROGRAM

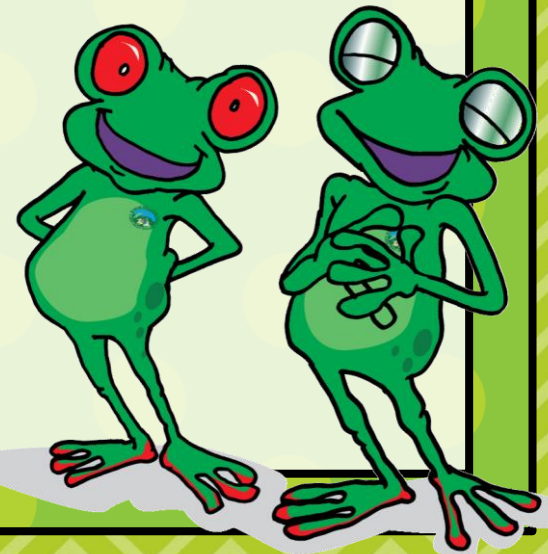
- Fundamental Movement Skills of catch, run, jump and balance are explicitly taught during sport time. *Sports uniform and running shoes to be worn on Tuesdays for all classes.*
- Planned fitness activities are incorporated daily and each class has a 40 minute fitness session with a specialist teacher on Friday. *Sports uniform can also be worn for this day.*
- Safe and Healthy Choices
- Growth and Change
- Child Protection
- Building Relationships



Creative Arts PROGRAM

*Creative Arts is integrated throughout all Key Learning Areas.
Students also participate in an 80 minute creative arts session with
a specialist teacher once a week.*

- *Dance*
- *Music*
- *Visual Arts*
- *Drama*



Additional PROGRAMS

- *Library - books are available to be borrowed from the school library.*
- *Kindergarten Poppy and Kindergarten Fraser will require their library bags for borrowing each Tuesday.*
- *Kindergarten Daisy will require their library bags for borrowing each Thursday.*
- *Kindergarten Skippy will require their library bags for borrowing each Friday.*



Scripture

- Scripture classes are held weekly on a Wednesday.
- Where available, classes include Catholic, Combined Christian, Islamic, Sikh, Buddhist and Hindu.
- Children not attending one of these groups are supervised by a teacher during scripture time.



Arrivals & DEPARTURES

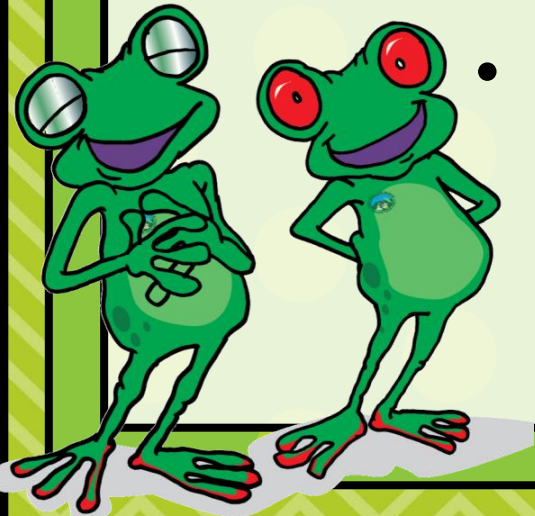
- Arrival to school for Kindergarten is between 8.30am and 9.00am. Supervision in the playground commences at 8.30am. KTOOSH services are available if you need to drop your child before 8.30am.
- Students are to walk to the basketball each morning and place their bags in class lines.
- Afternoon departure is at 3.00pm. Students will be walked by teachers to the basketball court to meet parents.



Communication

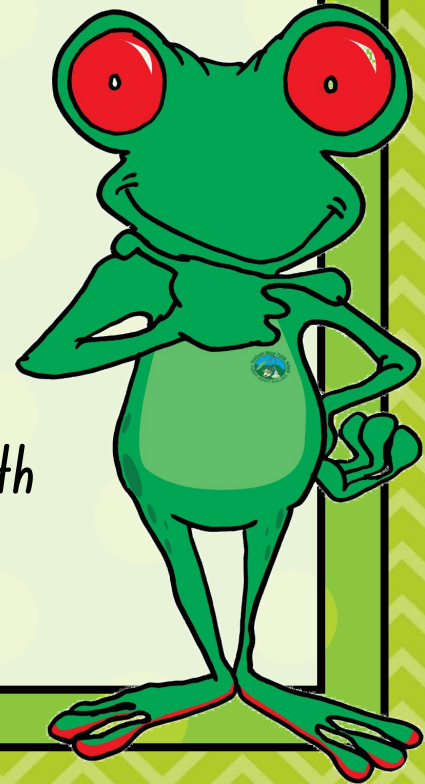
- *Sentral Parent Portal and app*
- *Direct contact - notes, phone or email the office*
- *School Facebook page*
- *Ironbark website*
- *Ironbark newsletter - fortnightly*

P & C Meetings



Healthy LUNCHBOXES

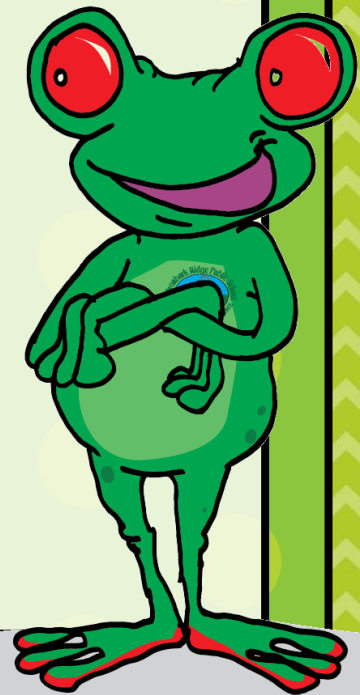
- *Fruit Break* - small fruit or vegetable snack that can be eaten during class and doesn't make a mess in a separate container.
- Recess snacks that students can open and don't take too long to eat.
- Healthy options for lunch that can be eaten easily.
- Not too many items to choose from.
- Please be aware that there are a number of students with allergies - particularly nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish.



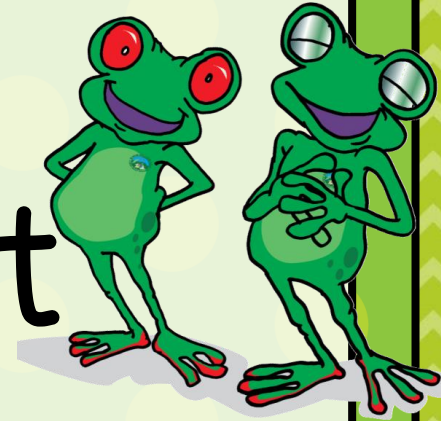
Birthdays AT SCHOOL

If your child wishes to share their birthday celebration, please send along individual items such as cupcakes, donuts, frogs etc.

Cupcakes can also be ordered through the school canteen.



Welcome to Kindergarten Night



Thank you for viewing the Kindergarten 2023 Information Package.

*We would love to have you join us on **Thursday 23rd February at 5pm** for our **Welcome BBQ and Information Night**. It is an opportunity to hear information from your child's class teacher followed by a BBQ dinner with other Kindergarten families. Students and siblings welcome.*

We are looking forward to partnering with you throughout the year to assist our Kindergarten students to achieve their best.