



## Kawana Waters State College eNewsletter

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## P-12 College News

### Executive Principal's Report



Dear parents, carers and community,

Welcome to our March college newsletter.

With assessment time upon us, I believe it is timely to look at some **tips for students** as they prepare for end of term.

- **Review** the subject material - go through all the course materials and take notes. Highlight important concepts, formulas, and definitions to help your recall

- **Practice regularly** - set a schedule to practice regularly (should already be in place, but starting now is better than not). Use past papers, quizzes and tests to practice and review what you have learned
- **Seek help** - if you have any doubts or questions, seek help from your teacher, tutor or classmates. They may be able to offer insights and clarify any issues
- **Stay organised** - organise your study space and create a study plan. This can help you stay focused and on track
- **Manage your time** - set a realistic timeline for your assessment preparation. Break down the material into manageable chunks and allocate time to each. Also, make sure you take breaks and rest properly. At Kawana Waters State College we recommend up to an hour per week in Prep -2 where parents reading to and with students is important. In Year 3 – 6 we recommend between 30 and 50 minutes per day. In Year 7, approximately 70 minutes per day and this increases progressively to Year 11 and 12 where we recommend at least 2 hours per night if students are going to achieve their best

- **Relax and stay positive** - anxiety and stress can negatively affect your performance. Take time to relax and stay positive before and during the assessment.

## Building Positive Relationships between School and Home

Positive and open communication between home and school helps provide students with the best chance to succeed. It is important for parents and schools to work together so that expectations are consistent and children are aware of appropriate and inappropriate behaviour, and the relevant associated disciplinary consequences.

Please see below our college wide expectations and processes for managing behaviour, including communicating with parents. If at any stage you have a concern, please contact a specific staff member or the school direct via phone or email. We endeavour to return all parent communications within 24 hours where possible. Sometimes the resolutions may take longer.

[Click here to College Wide Expectations](#)

## Secondary Campus Hours 2025

Since 2022, we have been consulting with key bodies including P&C, College Council, Parent Engagement groups and Sunshine Coast Indigenous educators as recently as yesterday. As you know our regular hours are 8.50am to 2.50pm, however on every day we have a number of classes starting as early as 7.30am and finishing as late as 4.00pm.

The proposed change is for **students only**, to finish at 1.30pm on one day of the week. In consultations so far, the preferred day from families and community is for this to happen on a Friday. All 4 classes would still run on this day, however they would each be 10 minutes shorter. School Zone times on Nicklin Way, Sportsmans Parade and Meridian Street will be changed to support this change.

Staff would remain on site for collaborative planning in teams around curriculum, pedagogy, student well-being and professional development. These collaborative planning teams are referred to as Professional Learning Teams (PLTs). Current industrial laws only allow for staff to meet for 1 hour per week. This proposal would almost double this collaborative time and allow teachers to better support the

needs of students at our college.

For any students who are not able to leave at 1.30pm there will be a range of options:

- Supervised homework and study room
- Some tutorials
- Some students may be required to remain behind if they are not up to date with assessments

Our Primary Campus have already been running PLTs for a number of years and this has resulted in significant improvements in academic and well-being outcomes for students.

We will continue to run parent, student and community consultations where this will be a topic, however if you have any questions or concerns, or points for us to consider in our planning, please email to [principal@kawanawaterssc.eq.qedu.au](mailto:principal@kawanawaterssc.eq.qedu.au).

## Finance

2024 [Student Resource scheme fees](#) are due for full payment by 31 March. Each month the finance team sends invoices to ensure transparency. If for any reason, at any time, you have any financial difficulties, or questions, please contact Mrs Joylene Whyte on 5436 9332 or email [accounts@kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au](mailto:accounts@kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au). Items provided by the student resource scheme are listed by subject, by year level, and are available [on our website](#). Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

## QParents App

All payments can be made via this app. Queensland State Schools are moving towards online permissions for excursions, managed through the QParents app. We believe that moving to digital consent for excursions, SRS and Third Party Consent would be beneficial to all. It would remove the need for paper-based permission forms to be printed, distributed, signed and returned.

Many in our community already have a QParents account but for those who do not, an invitation will be sent to your email address in the near future. By signing up you will not only have access to digital permission forms but also attendance, absence notifications and history, finance lookup

and payment portal as well as report cards. Please [click here](#) to see the registration process explained. If you have any questions, please contact the secondary administration team.

We understand that everyone is busy, and we hope that by streamlining our services online where we can, we will better service our community.

**Brett Burgess**  
**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL**

[Click here to view the Event Calendar](#)

<https://kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Eventscalendar/Pages/Eventscalendar.aspx>

## Primary News

### Primary Campus News from the Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal



#### Year 3 Beach Excursion

Year 3 students had a very creative visit to the beach last week. They looked for inspiration for their current poetry writing unit of work in English. We are looking forward to seeing their poems presented at the Celebrations of Learning at the end of the term.



### Student Leaders Frozen Cordial Cup Sales

The student leaders have become very professional frozen cordial cup sales people. They have made

cordial cups for three weeks and sold them at the gates. They are helping to raise money for our partner international charity 'Growing Cambodia'.



### National Young Leaders Day

Student Leaders had a very educational day at the National Young Leaders Day at the Convention Centre in Brisbane. They learnt about leadership qualities and how to effect change. Leaders loved the guest speakers who inspired them to do great things in life.



### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all the parents who booked a time to meet with the teacher of their children for Parent Teacher interviews over the last week. Valuable, worthwhile sharing of information occurred. If you have anything you would like to discuss with staff there are a few ways to do this.



- Email your child's teacher
- Make an appointment for a chat
- Please note that dropping in for a chat is sometimes difficult if teachers are trying to get ready for lessons or are due at after school meetings

### NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance; however, students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

The table below shows the duration of each test:

Writing	Reading	Conventions of language	Numeracy
Year 3: 40 min (paper)	Year 3: 45 min	Year 3: 45 min	Year 3: 45 min
Year 5: 42 min	Year 5: 50 min	Year 5: 45 min	Year 5: 50 min
Year 7: 42 min	Year 7: 65 min	Year 7: 45 min	Year 7: 65 min
Year 9: 42 min	Year 9: 65 min	Year 9: 45 min	Year 9: 65 min

Over the test period, that is 13 – 22 March, all students in Year 3 and 5 are asked to ensure that:

- their laptop is at school everyday
- their laptop device is fully charged and joined to the college network
- that the device meets the minimum requirements (general and technical)
- that the 2024 Locked Down Browser is loaded onto their device (advice will be provided by the school)
- they have working, wired earphones or headphones for all tests, including practice tests.

#### NAP online schedule KWSC 2024

Week 1	Tuesday	Wednesday (Day 1)	Thursday (Day 2)	Friday (Day 3)
<b>Test session 1</b> (Starts 9:10)	Preparation day	Yr 3 Writing – written – 40 min	Yr 5 Reading – 50 min	Yr 3 Lang Conventions – 45 min
<b>Test session 2</b> (Starts 11.45)	Preparation day	Yr 5 Writing – online, 42 min	Yr 3 Reading – 45 min	Yr 5 Lang Conventions – 45 min
<b>Test Session 3</b> (Starts 12:40)	Preparation day	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Test session 1</b> (Starts 9:10)	Yr 5 Numeracy – 50 min	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up
<b>Test session 2</b> (Starts 11.45)	Yr 3 Numeracy – 45 min			
<b>Test Session 3</b> (Starts 12:40)	Year 3 & Year 5 Catch Up			

## Morning Reading

Did you know that reading with, or to your child, is one of the greatest gifts you can give them? Children who read regularly, or who are read to regularly, have:

- An extended vocabulary
- Perform significantly better at school in all learning areas
- Are better spellers
- Write with more detail and depth

It does not matter what you read. Pick something of interest to your child, surfing magazines, motorbike magazines, comics, anything really. Give your child a head start, READ, READ, READ.



## Staff Carpark

Parents, please be reminded that the staff carpark turn around area is not a drop off and pick up zone. This is a Work Place Health and Safety Risk on the Primary Campus. We ask that drop offs and pick ups are done in the designated areas provided.



## Bus Zone

Parents are reminded that the bus zone is not a waiting area. Police will be monitoring this area so please observe signage and do not wait in this zone.



## HPE Feature

### Celebrations of Coastal District Trials

Congratulations to Finn Goold who trialled for AFL as a 10 year old in the 10 – 12yrs age group. Finn was chosen in the Coastal District Team and was excited to play AFL at the Regional Trials. A great effort from Finn as one of the youngest in his team. Well done Finn.



Congratulations to Max Mitchell who trialled for the District Rugby League Team. Max was successful and was chosen to play at the NRL Regional Trials. Max reported that he had a great time and it was a good experience. Well done Max.



Congratulations to Max Weatherstone for also being successful and being selected in the District NRL team. Max also got to enjoy playing at the Regional Carnival. Well done Max.



Congratulations to Bronte Llewellyn, Aoife Llewellyn, Aaron Mathee and Dylan Worthington. These four swimmers attended District Swimming and qualified in their events for the Regional Trials. All swimmers walked away with an explosion of coloured ribbons after coming first, second or third in their races. Aoife was our schools first Multi Class swimmer and was awarded the 12yrs Multiclass Age Champion. Watching these students swim was a pure delight. After a successful campaign at the Regional Carnival in Burpengary, I am so pleased to announce that they all qualified for the Queensland State School Swimming Trials in Brisbane on 26 March 2024. We wish them all the best of luck and cannot wait to hear how they perform. Dylan, Aaron, Bronte and Aoife, we are all so proud of you. Well done.

### Cross Country

We will be conducting our cross country Run for Year 3 to 6 students on Tuesday 26 March. All students are encouraged to participate, whether they are competing to participate in the District Cross Country trials or participating to have fun with their friends. Dressing up in house colours is encouraged. Pacific Swordfish – Blue, Taman Sharks – Yellow, Coral Stingrays – Red.

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a fun rotation

on our oval at their junior cross country on Wednesday 27 March 2024.

## Water Polo

Jacques Coetzee, the Head Coach of Water Polo at the Kawana Aquatics Centre, very kindly offered our students free morning skill sessions for Year 5 and 6 students in Water Polo. 22 students have taken advantage of this amazing program and are reporting that it is so much fun. Students participate on Wednesday and Friday mornings and are having a great time. Thanks Jacques, for being the most fantastic coach on the pool deck for our students, teaching them the skills of Water Polo.

**Lyn Duffy & Chris Humphreys**

**Acting Principal & Acting Deputy Principal**

## Secondary News

## Head of Secondary Campus Report



### 2023 Next Step Year 12 Completers Survey

All students who completed Year 12 in 2023 will soon receive an invitation to do the Next Step survey. The short five-minute survey asks graduates about the study and work they have been doing since finishing school. The

results from the survey help our school improve our senior programs and prepare students for work and further study.

We ask parents, siblings and friends to encourage our graduates to complete the survey. The survey can be completed online or by phone.

For more information about Next Step, including previous results, **visit the link below.**

Click here to view more information

<http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep>

## Coastal Waters Hairdressing Salon

It's officially opened!

Our grand opening of the Coastal Waters Hairdressing salon took place last night. Many thanks to Jarrod Bleijie, industry reps, school staff and community groups for their attendance. Special thanks to Deputy Principal, Mrs Chloe Brown, and VET Head of Department, Ms Melanie Colquhoun, for their leadership and vision.

Opening hours to the public will be released prior to term 2.



## Parent Engagement Meeting

Our first Parent Engagement Meeting for 2024 was held yesterday. Topics included Strategic Direction for the secondary campus, Co-curricular programs and Coastal Waters Concept. It was great seeing so many of our parents attend and give feedback to our work.

## Assessment

Assessment calendars have been downloaded onto our website, under the 'curriculum' tab and were also sent out a number of weeks ago through the Weekly Update. Please take the opportunity to sit with your child and support them in getting organised. Good study skills are imperative to achieve great results at school.

## Reporting

The Interim Student Report will be emailed home to all parents/carers on Thursday 28 March. It is imperative that families have their email details updated so reports are deliverable.

An accompanying letter with information regarding the Student Performance Interviews will also be sent. Please read this carefully as it will clearly inform you of how to book interviews so you can discuss your child's progress. The Student Performance Interviews will be held Wednesday 24 April. If you are unable to attend this scheduled interview time, please make alternative arrangements with your child's teachers.

## Excellence Programs

Applications open for our 2025 Excellence Programs on Friday 19 April. These programs include: Academic Curriculum Excellence (ACE), Aquatics Excellence, Football Excellence (Soccer) and ARTs Excellence (Drama or Dance). Application forms are available on our website or a hard copy can be collected from the secondary office. ACE, ARTs and Football excellence applications close on Friday 2 August and Aquatics closes on Friday 16 August.

## Attendance

This term our college has undertaken a strong campaign to remind parents/carers of their obligations around student attendance. I would like to congratulate parents/carers for your ongoing commitment to support this very important

requirement. Research tells us very clearly that high attendance equals better student outcomes.

Parents, please make contact with the school by 9.00am if your child is absent through the absentee line number on 5436 9366. Ultimately, it is parents/carers responsibility to ensure their children attend school. If your child is experiencing difficulties with regularly attending, please make contact with the school.

*Elly Gerbo*

*Head of Secondary Campus*

## Arts Faculty News

Mid-term 1 has all our students working hard on their assessment tasks. The visual art students have been super impressive with their self-portraits.



The FTVM students have plunged into the water to explore underwater photography. The drama students are working hard rehearsing for their upcoming public performance, a night at the cabaret – Une soiree au cabaret – Week 8, Friday 15 March. This promises to be an exciting evening with some special performances by some incredible teachers.

The dance students have learnt choreography from a range of guest choreographers and are now working on their own choreographic tasks. We are always excited when they move into the space of choreography, as the work is as impressive, as it is expressive.

If you are looking for something for your creative child to do in the holidays perhaps look into what is on offer through artsQueensland:

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

**SING, Dance PERFORM**

Do you sing when no one is listening?  
Do you dance in your bedroom?  
Are you a natural-born storyteller?  
Does the idea of performing in front of an audience excite and scare you at the same time?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, make sure that you come along and join our 4-day intensive workshop in song, storytelling and dance. Come and learn in a fun, culturally safe space alongside other like-minded students your age, and work towards a final showcase performance for your friends and family! Being a part of our group workshops is a great way to build your confidence and grow your ability in the performing arts as you learn from industry experts. Be sure to bring your friends and get a taste of what ACPA is all about!

**SOUNDS LIKE FUN?**  
Join our School Holiday Workshop Program is just for you! Limited spots available, so book in fast. Come and express all your emotions in song, dance and performance.

**DETAILS:**  
Dates: 03 - 05 April 2024  
Time: 9am - 3pm  
Cost: \$220 for the 4 days. \*Includes lunch  
Final Showcase Performance: 05 April 2024  
Contact us: admin@acpa.edu.au or register online: www.acpa.edu.au

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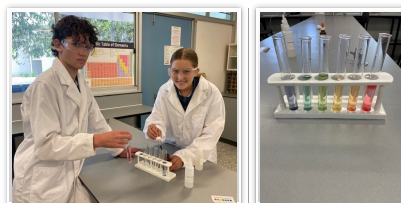
**Peta Boboe**  
Head of Department – The Arts

## Science News

### A Day in the Life of Chemistry with 9I

Students in 9I have recently explored concepts related to acids, bases, neutralization, and indicators. Through hands-on experimentation in the laboratory, these students have gained a deeper comprehension of the subject matter and achieved impressive results, as depicted in the accompanying images. Employing universal indicators and various acid-base solutions, the class observed distinct

colour changes corresponding to different pH levels. Drawing upon their classroom learning and employing critical thinking skills, they successfully produced neutralised solutions and a spectrum of pH solutions bridging the initial acidic and basic states. Their ability to analyse and interpret data was evident in the colour spectrum they generated, showcasing their excellent analytical skills and understanding of the topic. Below, Lacey and Charlie are depicted, demonstrating their proficiency in laboratory techniques.



## 2024 New Science Teacher's

In 2024 we have four great teachers joining our team. These teachers bring a wealth of industry and curriculum experience building our capacity within Senior Physics and Junior Science.



<b>Name:</b>	Eric Munoz
<b>Subject teaching areas:</b>	Physics and Science
<b>Before KWSC:</b>	I worked as a Mineral Resources & Energy Engineer and have taught Mathematics, Junior Science and Physics at schools nearby.
<b>What I like about KWSC:</b>	The atmosphere!
<b>When I am not working at KWSC you will find me:</b>	Surfing





<b>Name:</b>	Tali Liiv
<b>Subject teaching areas:</b>	Junior Science, Physics & Biology
<b>Before KWSC:</b>	I was a Nuclear Medicine Scientist
<b>What I like about KWSC:</b>	Everyone has been incredibly welcoming, friendly and helpful ☺
<b>When I am not working at KWSC you will find me:</b>	In my pottery studio



<b>Name:</b>	Andrew McAleer
<b>Subject teaching areas:</b>	Science, Chemistry, Biology and Physics
<b>Before KWSC:</b>	Mountain Creek SHS
<b>What I like about KWSC:</b>	Great students and staff at this school. I am really enjoying being a teacher here.
<b>When I am not working at KWSC you will find me:</b>	Cycling around the sunshine coast.



<b>Name:</b>	Glenn Bryant
<b>Subject teaching areas:</b>	Science
<b>Before KWSC:</b>	I have taught in the Northern Territory and Central Queensland as well as Southeast Queensland. Teaching Marine Science and Chemistry as well as General Science and Maths.
<b>What I like about KWSC:</b>	The great staff and students.  Effective procedures that are in place to ensure teaching and learning occurs smoothly.  The location.
<b>When I am not working at KWSC you will find me:</b>	Spending time with my wife, family and friends including looking after our grandson.  Fishing, swimming, snorkelling, and boating.  Being an active member of Coast Guard Mooloolaba as part of a boat crew.  Practicing Mindfulness.

**Janelle Greenhalgh**  
**Head Of Department – Science**

## Mathematics News

### Mathematics Competitions

The Mathematics Department are running the International Mathematics Competition and Assessment for Schools

(ICAS Maths) for Years 7-9 students in Week 8, Term 3 (26-28 August). If your child is interested in entering this competition, please register to Ms Cluer (V-Block Staffroom or via [dclue@eq.edu.au](mailto:dclue@eq.edu.au)) by 22 April (Week 2, Term 2) so that ordering can be finalised.

The Mathematics Department are also running the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) for Years 10-12 students on Tuesday 6 August, Week 5, Term 3. If your child is interested in entering this competition, please register to Ms Cluer (V-Block Staffroom or via [dclue@eq.edu.au](mailto:dclue@eq.edu.au)) by 22 April (Week 2, Term 2) so that ordering can be finalised.

## Learning Enhancement News

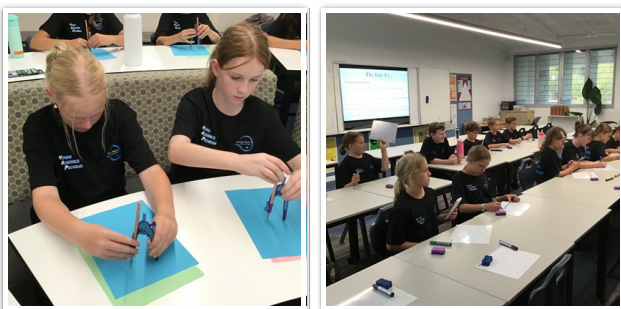
### Young Academics Program

Our first YAP session of the year was full of fun and excitement as students engaged in challenging mathematical tasks. Our Year 6 students' used trigonometry to estimate how high structures were. They also measured distances and angles of elevation to calculate the heights of buildings, trees and the construction crane at Bokarina Beach.

Our Year 5 students investigated the sacred geometry principles of the seed of life and its connection to mathematics.

**Our next YAP session is on Thursday 21 March and students will enhance their inferencing skills through art and film.**

We look forward to seeing you there.



### Year 7 ACE Incursion

Our Year 7 ACE students recently participated in an incursion with Character Builders where they worked on growth mindset, forming connections, problem solving and the importance of

getting out of your comfort zone. It was a great day for all involved.



### Gubbi Gubbi Club – Secondary Campus

Each Thursday at first break, all students are invited to come along and participate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance, art, music and craft activities with our Community Education Counsellor, Jo Thorley.



*Lisa Hardidge*

*Acting Head of Department – Learning Enhancement*

## School TV News

### This month on School TV – Respectful Relationships

Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in nurturing respectful relationships in the hearts of all young people. In a world brimming with diverse perspectives and evolving dynamics, guiding children towards understanding, compassion and empathy is paramount. It is important to teach the nuances of communication, consent, boundaries, and equality. By fostering open dialogues and setting

positive examples, we can equip young people with the tools to navigate friendships, family bonds and romantic connections with respect and kindness. Initiating these conversations is crucial to a child's emotional and social development. Teaching respect from an early age, empowers young people to recognise and value their own feelings and those of others, cultivating an ongoing positive and harmonious approach to all relationships.

For more information visit:

[Click here to view more information](https://schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships)  
<https://schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships>

**Rob McLean**  
**Guidance Officer**

## Finance News

### New Accounts Receivable Email Address

We now have a dedicated email address for parents to contact us about student invoices and payments. This will go directly to our accounts receivable staff.  
[ar@kawanawatersssc.eq.edu.au](mailto:ar@kawanawatersssc.eq.edu.au)

We can also now accept payments at the primary campus office if you cannot make your payments electronically.

## Chess News

### Make the right move.... Play Chess!

On Monday 13 May (Week 5, Term 2), Kawana Waters State College students (Years 7-12) will compete in the Sunshine Coast Individual Chess Championships at Sunshine Coast Grammar. Students will compete in 7 round robin games and conclude with a closing awards ceremony. This tournament will provide students with an opportunity to think strategically, foresee consequences along with a mix of fun, high level competition and learning. Students who are interested in participating in the tournament are encouraged to contact Ms Dianne Cluer ([dclue2@eq.edu.au](mailto:dclue2@eq.edu.au)), to receive the permission forms and further details. Don't forget to join our Chess Club on Tuesdays @ first break in the Secondary

School Library during Term 2.

**Ms Cluer**

## International News

### Become a Host Family

Education Queensland International (EQI) promotes programs for international students to study at Queensland Government schools. Since 1999 Kawana Waters State College has hosted students from a wide range of countries including Germany, Italy, Brazil, Austria, Norway and Japan. Our 2024 Program is well underway and we are urgently seeking new host families to accommodate the growing number of international students wanting to study at our college. If you are interested in hosting international students for 3 months to 2 years contact Vanessa Longo Moraes on [vlong13@eq.edu.au](mailto:vlong13@eq.edu.au).

## Community News

### C & K Kawana Community Kindergarten

**C&K Kawana Community Kindergarten** is taking waitlist applications for our 2025 groups!

We have 2 groups:

**Blue Group** – Monday & Tuesday 8.00am – 3.30pm

**Yellow Group** – Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays 8.20am – 2.30pm.

Our programs run for 40 weeks over the year (following Qld School Terms – We are closed for Public and School Holidays).

If you have a child that will be of eligible Kindergarten age in 2025 (that is, they will turn 3 before 30 June this year), and would like to find out more, or would like to consider enrolling a child for next year, please come along and join us



for our open morning...

***When: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024***

***Time: 9.00am – 10.30am***

***Where: Kawana Community Kindergarten***

***141 Sportsmans Pde, Bokarina (next to HTK Church)***

***What: A relaxed morning of play, meeting our educators  
and other families, and  
exploring our homely and natural environment.***

Please bring a hat and water bottle (and snack if you would like) and note that children must have a parent/carer with them during the morning.

If you can't make it but will like to find out more information, please call us on 5493 3566, email [kawanakindy@bigpond.com](mailto:kawanakindy@bigpond.com) or visit our website [www.kawanakindy.com.au](http://www.kawanakindy.com.au).

We look forward to meeting you soon 😊