



kfps Bushfire Policy

Purpose:

- To ensure the safety of children and staff in a bushfire emergency
- Kangaroo Flat Primary School is listed on the DEECD bushfire at risk register. (BARR)

Aims:

- To provide updated information to parents.
- To ensure necessary checks and procedures are followed
- To ensure all staff are clear of their responsibility in the case of a bushfire emergency

Implementation:

ON CODE RED DAYS:

- Kangaroo Flat Primary School will be closed on days that are determined by fire authorities to be Code Red.
- Where possible we will provide parents with up to three days' notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA.
- Families will be contacted directly by both phone/sms and a letter sent home with their child with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.
- Once confirmed the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.
- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan.

On such day's children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

During the Bushfire Season:

- Kangaroo Flat PS will have a current Emergency Management Plan that reflects our school's bushfire status.
- Gutters will be cleaned at the beginning of each fire session

- Kangaroo Flat Primary School will regularly manage materials that may easily be ignited around buildings and facilities.
- Kangaroo Flat Primary School will comply with local bushfire regulations for building, facilities and grounds.
- Any Flammable materials will be stored appropriately in a clearly labelled building and be marked on the Evacuation Plans that are displayed in each Learning Space.
- The Emergency Management Plan will be reviewed in fourth term each year. Staff will review the plan, their role in the plan, use of fire blankets and extinguishers on the first combined Staff Meeting each year and in Term 4.
- Emergency Drills will be conducted each term with outcomes recorded on the school's OH&S Log
- The Kangaroo Flat Local brigade will be contacted annually to make a visit to discuss our plan.
- This policy will be included in our school information book and on our school website.
- Parents will receive formal information as to what to do on a Code Red day via our schools newsletter.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year cycle review.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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