



Kerang Primary School 1410 News

Our Values: Compassion Accountability Respect Inclusiveness Nurture Gratitude

Important Dates

Nov 25 –29: Gr 5/6 Melbourne Camp
Dec 3: Pupil Free Day
Dec 3-11: Somers Camp
Dec 4: "Frozen 2" Swan Hill P/1&2
Dec 8: Community Carols Atkinson Park
Dec 10: Statewide Step Up Day
Dec 20: Last Day Term 4

Jan 29: Students start 2020

2020 KPS School Structure

With current anticipated student numbers for 2020 the decision to is to have 4 classes of students at KPS in 2020.

The classes and teaching staff will be as follows.

Principal – Mr. Taylor

MARC- Mrs. Leahy

Prep- Miss Duffy

1/2- Miss Bradley (0.8) Mr. Taylor (0.2)

3/4- Mrs. McDonald (0.6) Mr. Adams (0.4)

5/6- Ms. Closter

School Specialist Programs and Student Intervention (0.6) Mr. Adams.

Pupil Free Day Tuesday Dec. 3rd

Students are not required at school on Tuesday December 3rd as this will be a Report Writing Day for teachers.

Mr. Taylor on Melbourne Camp

Mr. Taylor is still accompanying the gr. 5/6 students on the Melbourne Camp. All of the students are learning so much about city life and key features of our state capital.

A wonderful adventure for them.



School Swimming Reminder

School swimming & water safety instructions begins on Monday 9th December. We have managed to acquire the services of Katrina van Eyk of Regional Swim Clinic to support us in this 5 day program.

The cost of this program to cover pool entry for non-season ticket holders is \$12:50 for the entire program, OR \$2:50 per day.

Any concerns re the payment, or use of CSEF funds, please see Mrs. Hopkins at the school office.

School Council Fundraiser

Raffle Tickets to support our new playground need to be returned by Monday 2nd December.

Prize-Draw on Wednesday 4th December.

All Families were provided with a book of tickets to sell.

Please return the books plus money asap. Extra books are available from the school office.

Building Update

Work began on the two portables that are currently being demolished as part of the State Governments Refurbishment program of our school. The two buildings would certainly hold many school day memories for a lot of folk, some who are still living locally.

The doors and signs of Culfern and Wedderburn Junction have been retained and will be donated to Kerang Historical Society Museum.



Mr. Taylor. Principal.

Foundation/1 Fantastic

The weeks have flown this term and as exciting as it is for the children to be going into a new year, it is also sad to think the end of the year is so close and I will certainly miss all of these wonderful and clever children. It has been an amazing and fulfilling two years, and I am very proud of how they have grown. Thanks for having me Grade Prep and 1's!

Learning:

Maths: we are loving position and location. Maps, coordinates, directions, location, left, right, behind, in front of etc. this has been so much fun! Today we visited a zoo and worked our way around the map finding each animals enclosures according to the zoo's coordinates.

Spelling – we are doing “ow” sound as in the word “owl” & “noun” revision as well as tricky words.

Writing – we are starting to look at how to write a letter, the format of setting them out and the many reasons why we write letters 😊

Keep reading with your children each night and engaging them

into any writing or real life maths situations (e.g. shopping etc) - it helps build and concrete in the learning at school!

Don't forget:

We have swimming forms due

We have Swan Hill excursion forms due

We have lunch money due for Swan Hill

We have swimming money due

Regular hair checks

Name all clothing

Keep your unwell child home as we have a few bugs here at the moment

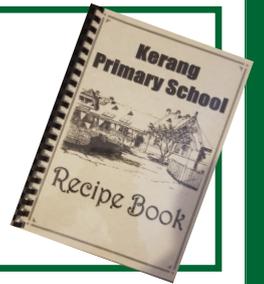
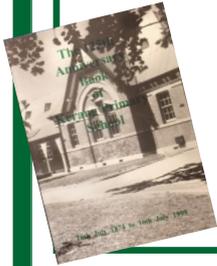
Any questions feel free to pop in at anytime. 😊

Ms. Closter & Mrs Lake.

Parents Club:

During our clean up recently we have found some 125 year celebration books from 1999 and Recipe books from 2004. These are available in the office for \$10 each on Fridays.

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with the delivery of catalogues next week. Its an easy fundraiser for the school. If you think you will be able to assist, contact Brooke and she will arrange a map and catalogues for you.



Rotary Young Achievement Program

Well done Matilda, Bainli, Bobbi-Jade, Chelsea, Malachi, Isabelle, Phoenix and Koby on completing the work to attain your certificate.



Pupils of the Week

Jack Hogg, Blake Williams, Matilda Hall

Congratulations!



Magical Grade 2.....

We are all getting pretty excited about our end of year celebration to see Frozen 2, play mini golf, walk in the park and have a special lunch together with the prep/ones. Thank you everyone for returning all the notes and money for this. It will be a very special day for us all.

We have been completing our final assessments and it is very rewarding to see so much growth in our learning. We continue with lots of curriculum stuff but now we are throwing in a few special Christmas/holidays/end of years fun activities. We are talking about similes and metaphors, rhyming words and remembering all our VCOP knowledge when writing. Poetry is the go! We are talking about Visualising when reading. It is fun to see what each reader is thinking in their head when we read.

In maths we are talking, flip, slides and turns. We are also continuing division as equal shares and practising our vertical addition and subtraction skills.

We have been experimenting with ipad apps. We have found one called "Elf yourself" We had lots of giggling happening when we did this. We are also making an unusual Christmas tree in our room. If you have any small Christmas type ornaments maybe you could send them in for us to decorate our "tree".

Let the countdown begin!

Stay excited, Jen and Peter...and the amazing learners in Grade 2.x

What's been happening in Grade 3/4?

Happy Week 8!

Remember students need to be reading as often as possible for our 35 nights reading goal this Term. Trackers and diaries MUST be brought to school every FRIDAY to be checked.

Welcome to Phoebe who has joined our class this week!

In writing we have been working on direct and indirect speech and writing sentences using both direct and indirect speech. We even used the Library to get books off the shelves to read and identify these types of speech.

In Maths we are working on Area. It has linked in nicely with our multiplication we have been practicing throughout the year and we are looking forward to going outside and using different measuring devices to measure the area of things in our school.

The garden for our Stephanie Alexander Program is looking absolutely fabulous. Thank you to those who water it for us of a morning and after school it is much appreciated. We went out and picked some radishes, lettuce, 3 different types of beans, spinach and strawberries. Over the next few weeks some fruit should be appearing on our trees and hopefully our carrots, tomatoes and zucchini should be ready to pick!



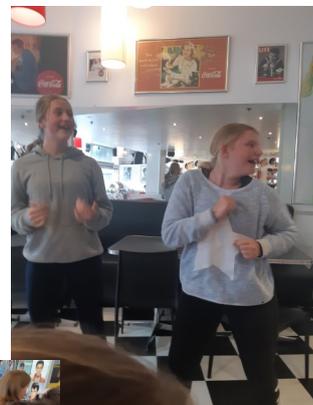
5/6 Brilliant!!!!

We have had an eventful few days at camp so far. Navigating the city together has certainly been an experience, but we are having a great time.

So far the highlights have been the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and Soda Rock Diner. We had some great food, listened to some retro music and even had a surprise performance and showed off some dance moves.

Our class is enjoying their much earned camp and will have great stories to share from this week.

Thank you to our whole school community for supporting our fundraising this year and making such a great experience possible.



KERANG PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM

The Kerang Primary Swimming Program will be on Monday 9th Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Monday 16th December at the Kerang Pool. Students will need to bring their bathers, towel, sunscreen, a plastic bag for wet gear, a rashie or t-shirt. Teachers will be in charge of the groups but if any parents can help on any day(s) please return the note on this newsletter. The cost is \$2:50 per day or \$12:50 for the 5 days. It is free for students who have a seasons ticket. Students must return the CASES permission note by Monday 2nd December. A note with a list of parent helpers will be sent home on Monday 2nd December.

Peter Adams
Swimming Co-ordinator

KERANG PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM.

I.....
can help with the swimming program from 2:00 to 3:00 on the following days. (Please tick days that you can help).
..... Monday 9th December
..... Wednesday 11th December
..... Thursday 12th December
..... Friday 13th December
..... Monday 16th December

MARC Library News

Term 4, 2019

This term, the **Grade 5/6 children**, have been looking at a selection of picture story books by the Author, Gary Crew. His unusual storyteller prowess leaves the reader questioning and sometimes astonished as to how the stories end. This is promoting a lot of questions for discussion and interesting research. We have also created our own comics and shared these with our classmates.

The **3/4 children** have been looking at some history such as Lightning Jack, Ned Kelly and Phar Lap. We have also learnt how to make our own comics with Comic Creator and Book Creator. We have found a few graphic novels in the MARC van and the children have enjoyed borrowing these.

The **Prep/One/Two children** have been enjoying listening to a selection of quality Australian picture stories that are continually arriving at school through Australian Standing Orders.

We will be beginning some **Christmas craft shortly** and look forward to hearing some Christmas stories.

Stocktaking will begin shortly so I would appreciate MARC books being returned promptly and please would families **let me know if books are missing** and cannot be found.

Thanking you all in advance,

Mrs. Kylie Leahy

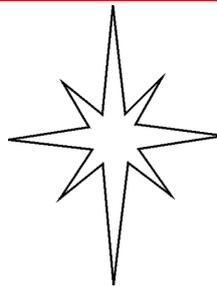


**Doxa Holiday Camp
Malmsbury**

Our Holiday camp program is for students heading into Years 4 – 6 and is specifically designed for young people from challenging life circumstances.

Choose a camp between January 3—18. Interested?

Call in at school and get more information. There is funding available to make the camps accessible for families.



Christmas Services

Tuesday December 24th

4.30 pm Children's Service

9pm Carols

9.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday December 25

8am Holy Communion

Come and Worship: Anglican Parish of Kerang

St John's Church, Cnr Victoria and Wyndham Sts.



Child Safety

Kerang Primary School is committed to Child safety. The safety and wellbeing of our students is a primary concern. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. To ensure the safety and best interests of all students, we take into account the needs of those with an Aboriginal or Torres strait Islander heritage and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.