



Kerang Primary School 1410 News

Our Values: Compassion Accountability Respect Inclusiveness Nurture Gratitude

Important Dates

June 26: Last day of Term 2

Lunch at 1:30pm. Students dismiss at 2:30pm. Students going home for lunch at 1:30pm are to bring a signed note for their class teacher.

School Web-page

During the recent pandemic time we have become more reliant on digital learning and methods of communication.

We are excited about the recent upgrade to our school website. I urge you all to have a look at this and work through the links to find out more about our school.

This will be updated regularly with school newsletters, photos and information.

Today's newsletter is the home page of our website. Visit kerang.ps..... and be surprised.



About Us



Enrolments



Covid-19

Welcome to Kerang Primary School



A School Where Every Child Counts

Est: 1874

[2021 Foundation Transition Dates - Click Here](#)

School attendance

When students are absent please notify the school prior to the day or contact the school by 10:00 a.m. of the absence day. Prolonged absences without substantial reasons will be followed through by appropriate Department Channels. Please read the article. **"It's not OK to be away"**.

2021 Prep Enrolments

Term 3 will see a new beginning at Kerang PS. To help in our forward planning we would like to know of future Prep enrolments as early as possible.

If you have a child beginning Prep in 2021 or you know of someone who has. Then please don't hesitate to enquire or enrol today.

Lower Tree Trimming

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are not able to hold a much overdue working bee at school. A contractor has been doing regular grounds maintenance. However the lower section of the peppercorn trees have gotten out of control in the recent wet, and sunny weather. Individual parents who would like to come in during out of school hours and trim some of these lower suckers on the trees would be most welcome. Please contact the school first if you are able to assist in this way.

Thankyou to the Ash Family who have already made a start on this.

Mr. Taylor.Principal.

Amazing Prep!

Welcome to Week 10!

We would like to welcome Ivy to our classroom 😊
We are very excited to have her join our classroom.

The Preps would like to thank Stella and Nicki for knitting them each a scarf. It is very much appreciated and will keep us warm in this cold weather.

The Preps would also like to thank Chloe for contacting their inquiry books.

Next week we have a very special week planned and each day of the week we will be focusing on a picture story book by an Australian author. We will be reading; Possum Magic, Wombat Stew, Diary of a Wombat, The Magic Hat and The Very Super Bear.

IMPORTANT:

School starts at 8:45 and **students must be here before then** so they can be lined up and ready for class when the bell goes.

Please ensure you are **logged on to our class Seesaw page** as updates are posted on

there regularly. I have sent out invites to all families so if you are having trouble logging on please let me know.

Please also ensure you are reading students readers as well as their **golden words, red words, blue words** or **Green words every night**. This needs to be documented in their reader diary.

Check your child's reader folder each night as notes go home in them regularly.

Students need to be **bringing a drink bottle to school every day** as they cannot use the bubble taps.



Magical Grade 1/2.....

Hello everyone,

This week has been a good learning week. All the students are trying their best to get through to the end of term for a well earned rest.

This week in Literacy we are reading books written by the Australian author Graeme Base. His books have amazing pictures and are very funny. We have read The Eleventh Hour, My Grandma lived in Gooligulch, Uno's Garden and The Waterhole are just a few of his books.

In Maths we are practising time and times tables. They are doing a great job

with working on calendars.

Gecki has been there 96 days, Lizzie is at 64 days, Charlie has been hanging on for 51 days, Britney has been up there for 42 days and last of all Axxel has been hanging around for 28 days.

It is really important that you remember to send:

- *Drink bottles*
- *Reader - signed by an adult*
- *Appropriate shoes for school*
- *MARC books before every Monday*
- *Jumpers need to be labelled*

Miss Janelle and Mrs Lake

Pupils of the week

Elaina - For settling into our school

Grade 3/4incredible!

Congratulations to Levi Hodge on being our 'Student of the Week' as he has been a great helper to other students as a 'Super Mathematician'.

In English we have continued focusing on the structure of narratives. The students had to pick a favourite picture story book, then break down the structure of it. In maths we have continued to work on time, with the students having to write both analogue and digital times we have for bell times at school.

Our geography studies is about Australia's neighbouring countries with this week looking at Africa. This week we looked at features of Africa.

In Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden the big cook off challenge happened as group 2 had to see if they could make the silverbeet and cheese pie to the standard of group one.

We couldn't split them as they both tasted great.

Mr A and Mrs Mac.



Enjoying lunch together thanks to what we have grown in the Stephanie Alexander Garden

Calling all space cadets from **grade 3 and 4.**

You are required to come dressed up in **Full Space costume on Wednesday 24th June.**

We shall be celebrating the most out of space experience we have ever had... the end of term 2, 2020.

Cadets are asked to dress using their spacey imagination.

This will be part of our full week of "Space theme" learning.

Over and out Space cadets
Captain and commanders,
Adams and McDonald.

Lunch Orders:

We are currently waiting to hear back from KTHS on when lunch orders will return. Please keep an eye out on the newsletter for updates!

Continue your learning journey at KPS...

Visit & Find Out Session for Pre-schoolers:

Friday 17th of July

9:30—10:30am

***Students only**



5/6 Brilliant!!!!

Spelling: spelling we are doing "ui" words and soft g words.

Reading: we are practising asking questions to comprehend what we are reading.

Maths: this week is division. What fun we have had dividing up food and turning it into an equation! – making connections to real world learning. Four processes 😊

Writing: neat, neat, neat, formation, formation, formation is the focus, as well as touching on procedures.

Natural disasters: researching all about our natural disasters, making cause and effect charts, researching the effects on humans and the environments etc.

Just a reminder:

Please name your child's jumpers and jackets.

Exciting week ahead:

The last week of term (next week) we are finishing off our theme for the term – Natural Disasters, by making the whole week about "Natural Disasters". To help get into the spirit of things, I have spoke to the children about creating something over the weekend related to this topic. This is **NOT** compulsory, however it would be great. Some ideas may include – paper mache volcano with lava, diorama, project on paper, power point slide, create lava lamp, make a

hurricane in water etc. there are a few that are very easy and very quick to do. I have some sites listed below – have fun and thanks 😊

<https://sciencing.com/science-experiments-art-projects-natural-disasters-kids-12006531.html>

Easy Baking Soda Volcano

Step 1: Tape the cup to the center of the paper plate.

Step 2: Cover the cup and plate with a piece of foil and fold the foil around all of the edges of the plate.

Step 3: Cut an X in the top of the foil and fold down the tabs and tape them to the inside of the cup.

Step 4: Put your volcano in the center of a large cookie sheet and add the water, baking soda and several drops of red...

Step 5: Slowly pour in the vinegar.

Step 6: Watch your volcano erupt again and again.

My boys continued to make...



Pupils of the Week



Connor Goodson, Emily Matarazzo, Elaina Phersson and Levi Hodge
Congratulations!

Fundraiser for Kerang Girl Guides.

Everyone welcome!

Full First Aid course, update or join continuous learning.

Run by Rich River First Aid.

Please contact Linda Davey for enquiries and/or list of available courses and costs:

lindad83@hotmail.com or
 0429900494.

Sat 18 July 2020

Kerang Girl Guide Hall, Maxwell Street, Kerang

Staff Member Profile: Amanda Lake



By the school leaders: Hunter, Liam, Harley and Aleyah.

What's your full name? : Amanda Gayle Lake

What's your favourite food? : Sea food - fresh prawns.

Where were you born? : Dalby hospital (in Queensland).

What schools did you go to? : East state primary school, Mount Lofty High School and Caloundra high school (in Queensland).

What was best memory of your school days? : Friends and the cross country team.

What is your favourite pastime? : Reading, gardening and scrapbooking.

What do you enjoy best about K.P.S? : All the gorgeous kids and staff.



Gannawarra Health & Community Services Update

Local Health and Community Services are continuing to work together to respond to the change in restrictions as we all adjust to the next phase of our COVID-19 journey. Reconciliation Week has just been celebrated across our services with the theme 'In this together', resonating across our communities.

Slow and Steady

Well Done! Our community, Victoria and Australia at large has risen to the challenge and succeeded in flattening the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's keep up the good work as restrictions gradually ease.

Stay COVID Free - Do the Three

As you begin to get out and about more remember to use these excellent practices that you most likely know by now.



Kerang District Health

Kerang District Health are carefully planning the re-introduction of visiting specialist services, planned for late June early July. Elective surgeries will recommence soon. The aim is to coordinate services in a 'slow and safe manner' due to enforced visitor restrictions to public health facilities. The Rita Hall Op Shop continues to operate on a Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 pm for winter woollies. For Visiting Hours at KDH please refer to our website.

Gannawarra Shire Council

Meals on Wheels have returned to a 5 day a week service.

Cohuna District Hospital

Similar to KDH; a slow and cautious reinstatement of services at CDH. Some theatre services have already returned. The Maternity Antenatal Clinic is still operating (under social distancing and screening measures) which is also available through telehealth appointments and in person consultations as required and is unlikely to alter until July.

CDH strongly encourage community members to get the Influenza Vaccination. Gannawarra Shire residents have done an amazing job in increasing the vaccination rates this year, which will help reduce the spread and the burden on local health services. Of note, it will also be an ongoing requirement across the Flu Season to have had an immunisation undertaken if you want to visit any Residential Aged Care residents over the coming months.

Northern District Community Health

Allied health services are starting to see patients face to face, particularly podiatry and occupational therapy. Counselling services are continuing to do most of their work via tele-health and video conferencing, but some face to face counselling is slowly returning. The Medical Clinic is also transitioning to more face to face, but still able to do telehealth.

Stay Well

Please don't put off a visit to the doctor or hospital if you have a pre-existing medical condition. Taking medicines and reviews with health professionals are still vital.

Be sure to LIKE our Facebook pages for our latest news



Men's Health Week: 15 - 21 June

PAUL LACY – PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR TACTICS FOR TOUGH TIMES PROVIDES SOME TIPS ON HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF



Doctor's visit: When was the last time you visited the Doctor for a checkup? You should visit at least every 12 months. Get them to check your blood pressure, heart, lungs and perhaps a cholesterol check. If you are struggling with mental health now would be a good time to mention it.

Exercise: Make a plan. Make it achievable and part of your routine. Walking the dog each day or riding to work. Build up the intensity slowly. Don't overdo it. Soreness or injury will only put you back further on your fitness goals. Benefits of exercise include, improved sense of well-being, feeling more relaxed and positive, increased energy, better sleep and can even help with many common mental health challenges.

Diet: Dieting is not about detoxing or cutting out carbs. For most of us it's simply portion size, variation and reducing the fat, salt and sugar in our meal choices. It can be that simple to make better choices.

Alcohol Consumption: Do you really need to drink as much as you do? Need? Perhaps that's the wrong word. We don't need it. But we make a conscious decision to drink or not. Noting the health and social impacts associated with alcohol; maybe we should be asking ourselves that very question?

Hydration: Is so important for your body to run properly. At least 2L of water per day is recommended.

Fresh Air: Don't underestimate the power of fresh air and sunshine. Get out and enjoy it at least once a day. It will benefit your physical and mental health.



www.ndch.org.au

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.

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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