



We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet.
We would also like to pay our respects to their Elders, past and present and emerging

Important Dates

February 22: Foundation Students (ONLY) no school
February 24: Scholastic Book Fair
March 13: Labour Day Public Holiday
March 14: Pupil Free Day

Billy Tea Bush Band Day

Well done to all of our students, staff and parents who did an amazing effort to actively participate in the Billy Tea workshops and performances. Especially to some of our grade 6 students who did 3 consecutive sessions and were a great help to our younger students. A job well done. Was a tad warm evening but oh so many smiling happy faces. Well done on another KPS positive community learning event.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all parents who attended these very productive meetings. If you were unable to attend please respond to the teacher's request to have an interview at a later date. If you need to follow up further from the interviews please contact the school to arrange a further interview.

Student Toys

A number of students are starting to bring toys from home to school. This is ok if they use them only for morning news and they remain in a safe place in the classroom/bag for the rest of the day. As school can-not be held responsible for any damaged/lost toys we do not encourage the use of soft toys at recess & lunch time. This can also alleviate some conflict issues as well. We are buying new sandpit toys & the sports shed is open to borrow from at all break times.

Headlice

We are asking ALL parents to check their child's hair regularly for head-lice. Apparently it is the season for lice again. Children may stay at school if only eggs are found. Students with live lice are to be sent home to be treated and return as soon as that is done. (Can be same day)

Updated Student Forms

Please return these ASAP. Also student ICT Agreement forms. Thankyou.

Book Fair

Forward notice. The Book Fair arrives on Tuesday 21st Feb. Children will have time to browse and make their wish list.

Book Fair sales will be on Friday 24th February.

School Breakfast Club

School Breakfast Club will begin next week. Tegan and the school leaders will be facilitating this.

New Students

We welcome two new students to our school from Pakenham. Anatoia in grade 6 and Izzie in grade 4. Please make them feel welcome to our school.

Thank-you Miss R

We Thank Miss R (Lisa) for supporting our school these past weeks while Mr. A has been on leave. Miss R will start at Benalla P-12 next week and back to Kerang PS for a short time in mid-March. With teacher shortages our CRT's certainly get to see some of the state.

Tuesday March 14th Pupil Free day

Students will have a Pupil Free Day while staff do their First Aid and CPR Training that day.

School Council Membership

There is still a vacancy for one more parent rep on school council. If you are interested in this position please come and have a chat with the Principal or Gerard Hastie (School Council President)

School Council AGM

Monday 20th March

School Council election process and timetable:

Event	Date
b) Closing date for nominations	Friday 17 February 2023
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 20 February 2023
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Wednesday 22 February 2023
e) Close of ballot	Friday 3 March 2023
f) Vote count:	Tuesday 7 March 2023
g) Declaration of poll:	Thursday 9 March 2023
h) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside):	Monday 20 March 2023

Stomp Dance

The Stomp Dance Program that our school will be doing in conjunction with Koondrook and Cohuna will begin the week Monday 20th March. This program is being sponsored by the Barham Club. We Thank them for this generous donation to our schools.

Mr. Taylor. Principal.

Amazing Prep/1

Heel and Toe, Heel and Toe! We all had a great time with the Billy T Bush band on Wednesday. The students enjoyed their workshops during the day, and it was great to see the students and families who came along in the evening.

Just a reminder to please return all notes that have been sent home especially the ICT user agreement form. Without this form returned students won't be able to use the iPad's.

Please remember to listen to your child read each night at home and sign their diary for that night. It would be lovely to record a little comment about how they read if you have time.

Have a great week

Mrs Tieppo and Miss Hall



Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter... **Piper**



LUNCH ORDERS
TOMORROW'S
SPECIAL: Hamburgers

Magical 1/2

It has been busy in Grade 1&2 this week.

We focused on how to fill a bucket and acts of kindness this week. We have begun looking at timelines and how to order events chronologically, and in maths we began looking at length.

Some excellent efforts with our recount writing too! Well done everybody.



Grade 3/4/5....incredible!

It's been a busy week in 3/4/5!

Welcome back to Mr. A after his holiday.

English- We have had a go at creative writing this week. There were some great stories written by our students. Well done!

Maths-Working on place value again this week. It is great to see progress in this area.

Billy Tea Bush Dance-We had workshops during the day which all students tried their best in very warm weather. It was great to see lots of our

classmates there last night having fun.

Please return any notes such as ICT agreements ASAP.

Could all students please bring a shoebox into school as part of getting to know each other. It would be appreciated if this could be done as soon as possible.

Mr. A, Miss R and Mrs. Morris

5/6 Brilliant

Hello families,

It has been a crazy week with parent teacher interviews and Billy Tea Bush Band.

It was great having the opportunity on Tuesday to meet all of the families attached to grade 5/6 and I look forward to working with you to support your students.

Many students took to the bush dancing like a duck to water. I promise we have also been working. Students have been focusing on using paragraphs in their writing and in Maths have continued investigating place value.

Mr.Mangan

MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 1, WEEK 3

2023



Yummy food for teachers

Gross food for teachers

This week in MARC Lessons the **older grades** have begun to focus on Australian Authors, starting off with Jackie French. We have completed an Author study about Jackie French. The children already know her Wombat Series of books from the younger years, but we have also looked at her selection of Fiction books. Jackie French loves to write about history, including the war and also writes about peoples' lives-Biographies. We discovered she lives in the hills and has wombats frequently visiting her garden.

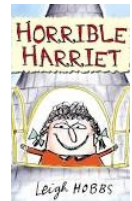
The **younger classes** have focused on an Australian Author also, Leigh Hobbs. Leigh Hobbs has written the Mr. Chicken series, as well as Old Tom and Horrible Harriet. We have focused on Horrible Harriet and the children have created their own recipe for the teachers, as Horrible Harriet did in the story. They have included some gross food as well as yummy food on their menu.

Borrowing is happening once again this Term and I encourage all children to borrow from the MARC van – there are some fantastic new books that I have purchased. Please remember to return your books on *Friday and some Monday's*, when the MARC Van is in Kerang.

PLEASE COULD ALL BOOKS stay at school, as too many went missing in 2022.

Thanks for staying up to date with MARC!

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)



Science with Mrs Mac....

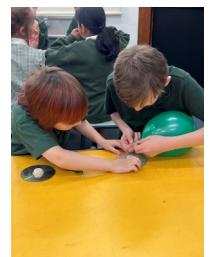
Our scientriffic sessions this week saw the F-2 students learning about the 3 body parts of an insect, the 6 legs and the fact that some insects have different classifications within their family group. Remember a SPIDER is Not an insect! No animals were harmed in these experiments!

We made some dragonflies and Mrs Dee stretched high to build us a tree habitat for display.

3-6 sessions involved us looking at reversible and irreversible changes including a demonstration of some burning materials...safety first in science always and no sirens went off! We then used our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to make an air powered hovercraft. We attempted our first scientriffic report as well.

Stay scientriffic.

Mrs Mac.



Pupils of the Week



**Mitchell Wilson, Sajeh Sandhu, Malahníe Clapham,
Jack Hein, Henry Hastie, Caden Chalker & Zain O'Regan**
Congratulations!

REMINDER!!

**Please ensure you've returned
your;**

- **Student Information Form**
 - **2023 Medical Form**
- **CSEF Application Form**
(if applicable).
- **IT Media Agreements**

As soon as possible please.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our [school's collection notice](#), found on our website.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



DANCESCAPE KERANG

Term One Dance Classes 2023

Commence Tuesday 7th February

Presbyterian Church Hall Victoria St Kerang

(Opposite Central Primary School)

For all enquires

Gabriela Vehlen 0438 568 592



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

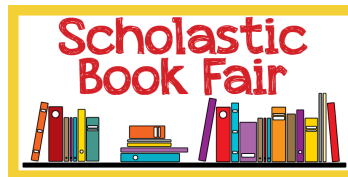
BOOK CLUB
ISSUE 1

SAVE THE DATE

IS DUE BACK DECEMBER
1st.

**Please don't forget orders can also
be placed ONLINE!**

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mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/
Parent/Login.aspx](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx)



February 24th

Zone Swimming Trials

Tuesday saw Peyton, Jack and Blake represent the school at the Zone Trials.

A big pat on the back to these 3 students who got behind each other and barracked the loudest out of everyone, for each other.

Jack was up first and swam a beautiful Freestyle recording a PB time of 1.05.04.

Peyton swam in Freestyle and Backstroke recording a huge 22 second PB in her Freestyle swimming a 1.05.29 and a 2 second PB with a 1.25.00 in her backstroke.

Blake swam in the Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle relay.

He swam a 46.01 in Freestyle, 59.07 in Backstroke and a 55.23 in Breaststroke.

Blake has qualified to swim in Swan Hill next Monday selecting to swim Backstroke, Breaststroke and in the Freestyle relay.



School Nurse Visit Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on March 6th this year.

Prep Grade Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Foundation grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before her visit. **If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse,** please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

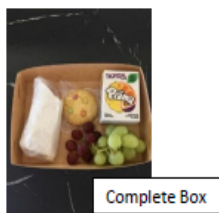
Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to March 6th 2023. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.



Lunch Order Price List

Fridays Only
Menu



Rolls

Cheese	\$3.50
Buttered	\$2.00
Chicken & Salad	\$5.00
Ham & Salad	\$5.00
Salad Only	\$4.50
Ham	\$4.00
Chicken and Mayo	\$4.00

Sandwiches

Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$4.00
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Hot Food

Nuggets (6)	\$4.00
Cup Noodles	\$2.50
Party Pies (3)	\$3.00
Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00

Alternatives

The Complete Lunch Box \$5.50
(Includes ½ wrap or party pies or chicken bits (this will depend on what Lisa has available)
- Prima – fruit – cookie or a mini muffin

Friday Special \$5.50

(Selected by canteen, unable to choose)
(Sweet Chilli Wrap – Lamb Souva – or some sort of Burger – Pizza – Wedges – Meatball Sub Pasta, etc.)

Drinks:

Water (Mt Franklin)	\$2.50
Prima:	\$2.00
(Tropical, Apple Blackcurrant, Apple Raspberry)	
Nippys	\$3.00
(Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb)	

All lunch orders on envelope with Name, Grade, Order and Money inside. Thank-you.

Art supplies needed...

For our art lessons we need clean yoghurt containers (especially the Gippsland Yoghurt type), egg cartons, ice-cream containers. Thanks.



30th Cohuna Bridge to Bridge Sunday, March 5

Ride / Run / Walk

Apex Park, Island Rd. Cohuna

- Mawsons Kids K
- thegannawarra.com.au 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- North Central CMA 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- AWMA Water Control Solutions 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual options for each event

Major fundraiser for the COHUNA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Neighbourhood Houses The Heart of Our Community

with proceeds going towards an upgrade to the outdoor area for the aged care residents in the nursing home.

Organised by the Bridge to Bridge Committee, under the auspices of Cohuna Neighbourhood House.

www.bridgetobridge.org.au for full details and to enter

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Saturday, March 4 at 3pm

Kerang girls football program

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Under 12s & 15s Girls for 2023!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

COME & JOIN THE FUN

Kerang Womens Football Program

Expressions of interest for season 2023

17 yrs & up

Training is on Tuesday nights in Kerang @ 6.30pm

Come & join the fun!!

Contact Jemma on jeddabirch@gmail.com 0428 772 301

Billy Tea Bush Band



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.