



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 24:** Scholastic Book Fair  
**March 1:** Foundation Students begin Full Days  
**March 3:** Badge Presentation at Assembly  
**March 13:** Labour Day Public Holiday  
**March 14:** Pupil Free Day

## Badge Presentation Assembly Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March will be the Badge Presentation to our 2023 School Student Leaders. The badges will be presented by the local Member of Parliament, Mr. Peter Walsh. All parents, families & friends are invited to this special assembly.

### Parents to Sign In

With stringent protocols around COVID, OH&S Emergency Management and Child Safe Standards it is a strict requirement that ALL adults on the school premises at any given time has signed in at the front office register. This will be a requirement for all adults coming to the assembly on Friday.

Parents entering the school via the back gate are required to sign in as well.

### Smile Squad/Glasses for Kids

A number of students participated in the Glasses for Kids Program and we now have quite a few students who received their new glasses yesterday. Please encourage your child to look after their glasses with pride and to wear them every day as per instructions by the optometrist.

The Smile Squad Dentistry team is here at school this week checking student's teeth. Thank you for your participation in this program and the follow up that will occur.

### Prep Assessments/School Nurse

We have the Department's Speech Pathologists and the School Nurse visiting very in the next two weeks. Please ensure you have the appropriate permission forms signed for these to occur. Thankyou.

#### 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)

#### Urgent - Updated Student Information Forms

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

## School Council AGM

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

School Council election process and timetable:

Event	Date
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

### Book Fair

The Book Fair has arrived. His week students have been looking at the Book Fair books & creating a Wish List of what they would like to purchase. Sale day is Friday where books may be purchased between 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. and between 3:00 and 4:15 p.m.

Please come along with your child and purchase books & other items at this time.

For every item sold a percentage goes toward the school to purchase books for our school library. This is an ideal opportunity to boost our library with new updated books.

## School Breakfast Club

School Breakfast Club will begin next week. Tegan and the school leaders will be facilitating this. More Breakfast Club food has arrived from Foodbank. If you require some of these items please contact the school or have your child speak to a teacher & it will be arranged.

## Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free day

Students will have a Pupil Free Day while staff do their First Aid, CPR Training and e-learning modules that day.

## Communication.

Remember that if you have any concerns regarding your child at school and either their learning or their welfare. Please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange a meeting with either the class teacher, Tegan or the Principal.

## Stomp Dance

The Stomp Dance Program that our school will be doing in conjunction with Koondrook and Cohuna will begin the week Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 ....

Another busy week of learning in the Prep/Ones. We have been really focusing on stretching out our words to hear the sounds in them when we write and everyone is having an amazing go at this. In reading we have been having a go at independent reading and building our reading stamina. We have also introduced partner reading and what that looks like. In Maths our main focus has been subitising and the students are developing their ability to recognise how many in a small group of objects quickly.

Just a reminder to please send along the permission form for ICT if you haven't already done so. Also please encourage your child to read every night at home and if you could sign their diary as well. Lastly we will begin sending home our Magic 100 words (coloured words) next week.

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Tieppo and Miss Hall



## Happy Birthday!!

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

**Ebony Pearce**



## LUNCH ORDERS

TOMORROW'S SPECIAL:

## Sweet Chilli Wrap

## Magical 1/2

Our Grade 1 & 2 class enjoyed the final chapter of our class novel this week, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl.

As part of our recount writing this week, we have been practicing writing about our favourite part in

the book. We have had some fantastic responses! We have also been working hard to edit our writing, with the aim on publishing for display in our corridors next week. We have also been practicing measuring using rulers in Maths, and learning about formal and informal units of measurement for length this week.

Keep up the great efforts everyone!

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

### Persuasive text

Oreo's are better than Tim Tam's.  
I believe Oreo's are the best because they're crunchy. Oreo's are yummiier and tastier. I like Oreo's because I like licking the white cream.  
You should daily eat Oreo's for a snack  
Oreo's are the best.

By Jimmy.



### Persuasive Text

Oreos are better than Tim Tams!  
I believe Oreos are yummiier and tastier.  
I like Oreos because Tim Tams are messy and Oreos are not messy.  
You should always have Oreos for breakfast.  
Oreos are the best!  
By George.C.



### Persuasive text

Tim Tam's are better than Oreo's!

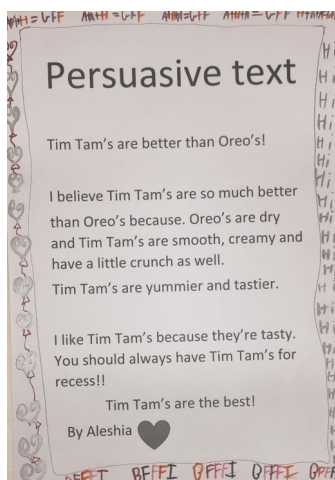
I believe Tim Tam's are so much better than Oreo's because. Oreo's are dry and Tim Tam's are smooth, creamy and have a little crunch as well.

Tim Tam's are yummiier and tastier.

I like Tim Tam's because they're tasty. You should always have Tim Tam's for recess!!

Tim Tam's are the best!

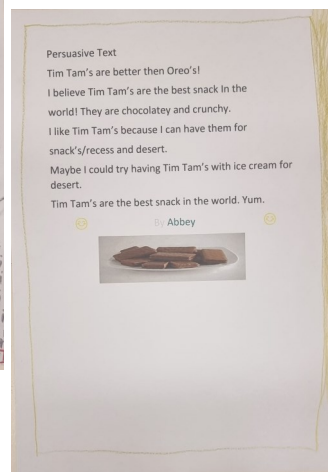
By Aleshia



### Persuasive Text

Tim Tam's are better then Oreo's!  
I believe Tim Tam's are the best snack in the world! They are chocolatey and crunchy.  
I like Tim Tam's because I can have them for snack's/recess and desert.  
Maybe I could try having Tim Tam's with ice cream for desert.  
Tim Tam's are the best snack in the world. Yum.

By Abbey



**5/6 Brilliant ....**

Hello Families,

It has been great to have a slightly (very slightly) quieter week after everything going on last week.

This week students have been working hard in English investigating the fantasy genre and how we can identify it. They have also been using their 5 sense to add greater detail to their writing. In Maths

students have been working at calculating multiples and factors.

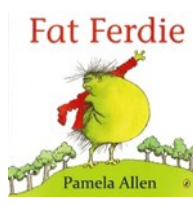
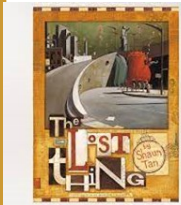
In general studies we have been looking at Civics and Citizenship and how the electoral process works. We had an election in class where bananas were crowned as the most preferred fruit.

Please ensure that students are reading at home and their diaries are filled out.

- Mr.Mangan

**MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 1, WEEK 4**

**2023**



This week in MARC Lessons the **older grades** have continued to focus on Australian Authors, moving on to Shaun Tan. Shaun Tan writes and illustrates his own books with a focus on the unusual! We have looked at one of his books titled 'The Lost Thing'. The children have listened to the story, then created their own 'lost thing' with a name and labelling where it sleeps at night time. Be sure to ask your child what their lost thing was called! We have also revised the Dewey Decimal System and I have tested the children with a few call numbers and sections in the Marc van.

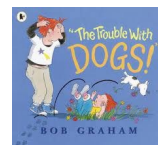
The **younger classes** have also continued to focus on Australian Author's moving on to Pamela Allen and Bob Graham. We have read the book Fat Ferdie by Pamela Allen and drawn what we enjoyed from the story. We also read Max by Bob Graham and created our own super hero with their own special power. We are all learning the routines of Marc and how to choose a 'good fit' book for each child.

Borrowing is happening once again this Term and I encourage all children to borrow from the MARC van – so many books to choose from! 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....**

Some photo's from Science with Mrs Mac this week.



**Mallee Divisional Zone Swimming**

On Monday Blake represented the school at the Mallee Divisional Zone Swimming in Swan Hill. He swam 4th in his Backstroke with 57.42, 2nd in his Breaststroke with 54.90 and 2nd in his Freestyle Relay with a team time of 3.10.61. Congratulations Blake!



**Art supplies needed...**

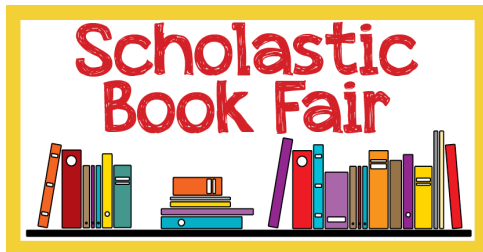
For our art lessons we need clean yoghurt containers (especially the Gippsland Yoghurt type), egg cartons, ice-cream containers. Thanks.



## Pupils of the Week



Zavier Hastie, Rhylee Duke,  
Ruby Castleman & Blake Williams  
**Congratulations!**



The Book Fair has  
arrived at KPS!!

Students & Families can  
purchase **TOMORROW**  
(Friday February 24th)

Between 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.  
or 3:00 and 4:15 p.m.

A percentage of ALL  
sales goes toward the  
school to purchase  
books for our school  
library.



## **REMINDER!!**

These forms are now **OVERDUE** Please ensure  
you've returned your;

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

### 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

**School Nurse Visit** Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### DANCESCAPE KERANG

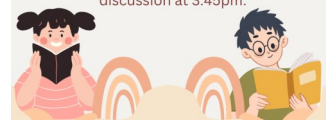
Term One Dance Classes 2023  
Commence Tuesday 7th February  
Presbyterian Church Hall Victoria St Kerang  
(Opposite Central Primary School)  
For all enquires  
Gabriela Vehlen 0438 568 592



Are you in year  
4, 5 or 6?

#### Do you love reading books?

Then join us on the third Monday of the month starting at 3:30 for snacks, discussion at 3:45pm.



First meeting - 20 February

**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.



# CELEBRATING EDUCATION WEEK AT KPS

## OPEN NOW FOR 2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

**Come be a part of Education Week at KPS and celebrate this years theme; 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', celebrating physical activity, hands-on-learning and student voice in education.**

- Parent Information Night  
Wednesday May 17th - 6pm
- Open Day Thursday May 18th  
10am-11:30am - Morning Tea Supplied

Student Come & Try session & School  
Tours Friday May 19th - 9-11am

## START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY TODAY!

Visit our school website on: [www.kerangps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kerangps.vic.edu.au) or ph. 5450 3181

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Foundation Teacher: Jodie Tieppo