



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 14: School Council Meeting**  
**Feb 28– March 4: Swimming Program**  
**March 14: Labour Day Public Holiday**

## Welcome Back to School 2022

I would like to welcome back all our students, parents and staff for the exciting year ahead. Students have settled well with their new teachers and with their peers. Welcome also to the new families joining our wonderful school community. This year, we currently have 86 students, including 21 in Foundation.

A big thank you goes to our staff for their thorough preparation of the return to school and to Adam Street and Craig Reaper for their extensive holiday cleaning and grounds maintenance. Also to Danny and Glenn for the painting of the student toilets. All looking fresh and clean.

### Covid-19 Still with us.

A lot has happened since the end of Term 4, including the arrival of the new Covid-19 variant Omicron. As a staff, we have been preparing for the likelihood of a case at our school. Processes are in place in the event we have to use them. I urge you all to ensure you carefully read all of the information that has been forwarded to you.

### In this context, the following is extremely important:

- Do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms
- Please remember to test your child twice a week (you received a box per child to cover this week and next week), this is **not** mandated but strongly recommended - parent choice.
- Ensure you regularly check emails, phone texts from school, as this is the way we issue important information quickly.
- Masks are highly recommended in Foundation-G 2 and Mandatory in G 3-6 when indoors & not direct teaching & learning.
- (Exemptions need to be forwarded to the Principal in writing).
- Remember face masks (indoors) and social distancing at all times
- Avoid entry to school buildings unless it is essential (i.e. uniform purchase for example, payments at office, collection or delivery of items/students etc.)

### What we at school are doing on our end:

- We have air purifiers installed across the school - Thank you to our teachers!
- Ventilation in all rooms.
- Our staff test themselves regularly and our meetings are held via Webex or in small groups in large open spaces
- We are wearing masks indoors & on yard duty.
- Hand hygiene is reinforced

- The school is deep cleaned every night
- We are delaying group events for the next four weeks (but hope at this stage to be able to maintain the Swimming Program).

*I would like to wish everyone a wonderful year 2022!*

## School Council Meeting

School Council meetings are conducted on the second Monday of each month. The next regular meeting of school council will be on Monday 14 February at 7:00 p.m.

## Hats Term 1

**Reminder that Hats are to be worn at all times when outside during term 1. Please name your student hats and windcheaters.**

## School Times

- 8:30-8:45** Students arrive at school
- 8:45-8:50** Students prepare their desk for the day's learning
- 8:50-9:00** Students participate in a whole school physical activity
- 9:00** Students begin classroom learning.

*Please ensure your child is at school on time for their day's learning!*

## Staffing

Like so many school's across the state. We are still short on teachers with no CRT availability in the local area. We currently have jobs advertised, as do many other schools including those in the Swan Hill Network. We are so grateful to Ms. Janelle for now taking the grade 4 class 3 days per week as well as doing her KPS tutoring role the other 2 days. Mr. Taylor takes the grade 3/4 class the other 2 days per week.

Mrs. Perkins is from Geelong and has generously offered to come out of retirement and take class 5/6 until a more permanent teacher is appointed. Mrs. Perkins is an experienced class 5/6 teacher with a wealth of successful experience in Melbourne schools. We thank her so much for her support.

## Warm Welcome to New Families

**A warm welcome is extended to all of our new student families. This includes Prep students and others across the school. Please make them feel welcomes into our Kerang Primary School Community.**

### **Covid Cancellations/Postponement**

**COVID Safe Regulations have caused us to cancel or postpone a number of our usual start of year events such as the Welcome Night & Family BBQ. Beginning year parent/teacher interviews and the planned Billy Tea Bush Dance day and evening family event. We hope to have these events later in the year when we are certain of the safety and best health of**

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## Night Time Reading

Please ensure you support your child's learning by encouraging them to read each and every night. Advise you teacher they have read by making sure you sign their reader diary each night. Correspondence to the teacher may be placed in the diary as teachers check them daily.

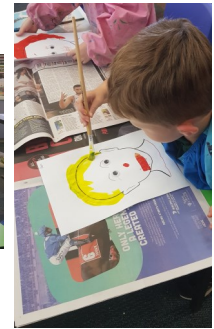
## Reminder

If you have any concerns or queries at all about your child's schooling. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or to contact the school. You may do this by contacting the office during business hours.

*Mr. Taylor. Principal.*

## Amazing Prep ....

Welcome to our Preps for 2022! What a great start to the year. It has been great to see our newest students settling in so beautifully over this first week. Thank you to our Grade 1 students for making them feel so welcome during play based too. We have enjoyed painting, drawing, movement and language games this week, as well as lots of snack breaks to ease us into the year! Well done, Preps! 😊



## Fabulous 1/2 A ....

We have had an amazing start to the week. Grade 1/2A is the best class in the whole world! Our focus for the week has been getting to know each other and ensuring that all children are feeling safe and happy in their new environment. We have started testing in the class so that I can correctly organise and plan the learning for all children.

We have been working with Grade 1/2B in the afternoons, practicing our getting along skills decision making skills, and our communication skills.

We have started some revision in punctuation, began our M110W (most 100 used words), reading routine, writing and the basics needed for our maths learning have been set.

Students have done well learning the new routines in the class and they have adapted well to the change from last year.

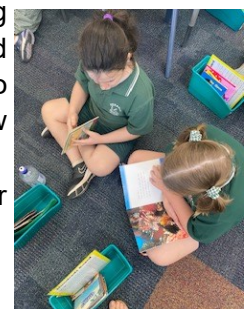
I have sent home notes that will need returning

ASAP. Furthermore, some notes about DOJO and Seesaw will go home in the near future, If you have any questions at all throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

I am looking forward to getting stuck into teaching and learning and can't wait to watch all the students grow and achieve.

Enjoy the rest of your week 😊

**Ms. Closter**



### Magical 1/2 B....

**Hello and welcome to the 2022 school year.**

We hope that this will be the start of a fabulous time of learning and fun for all.

We look forward to working with you on helping your child be the best they can be!

Mrs Mac will be in our room Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Mr A in on Thursdays and Fridays. Ms Closter will be in her room every day.

As we have two grade one and two rooms we plan to enjoy the options of lots of sharing time whilst learning in groups. Grade ones will begin with

Investigations this week as our twos step up into an exciting writing program.

Don't forget our home readers will be sent home every night and the expectation is they get read. Sharing these readers at home supports your learner at school.

Remember if there are any questions or information you would like to share just call and make a time we can meet.

We thank you for entrusting us with your precious learner.

Stay healthy,

From the one two team,

**Jen, Jodie, Peter, Arnie and Dawn.**

### Great Grade 3/4 ....

*Welcome back to everyone,*

*We had a lovely week at school and all students are settling in nicely. We are enjoying getting to know each other again. Welcome to our new grade 3 Harper.*

*Just a quick couple of reminders please send a mask with your child*

*everyday to wear in class, all students need headphones for the classroom, please send those forms back into school asap and reading diaries please listen to your child read, sign it and send reading diary into school every day.*

*We look for to the coming 2022 school year with your children.*

*Miss Janelle, Mr. T and Mrs. Lake.*

### 5/6 Brilliant!!!!

Hello Gr 5 and 6 families and carers, I have had the most wonderful week with your children. They have been very kind and helpful and have made me feel very welcome.

We have learnt about the values of Kerang PS. Please ask them if they can name all 6 of them. We have focused on getting to know one another and creating a safe classroom environment where students can be courageous and have a go at tasks without the fear of

being wrong. Mistakes are the path that leads to new learning. It's a path we all must walk down.

I expect that the students will read each night and bring their signed diary to school each day to show they have taken responsibility for their reading.

Next week we will continue to work on being able to explain our thinking. Finding the right words to explain what's in your head is difficult. Looking forward to another week with your lovely children.

**Linda Perkins**

## Happy Birthday!!

**Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthday over the holidays and this week...**

**Max Sanders, Nathan Maher-Farrugia, Ebony Rogers, Cassie Williams, Sadie Bright, Mitchell Pay, Sierrah Duke, Harry Pearson, Mitchell Wilson, & Trinity Hastie**





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

**2022**



Welcome to 2022! Happy New Year !

The MARC van has just been returned, as the air conditioning was not working – thank goodness it is fixed now.

Lessons will commence next week, as I have been busy re- stocking the books this week. I am looking forward to getting to know the new Foundation students and re connecting with all other students.

**Some children will need to return overdue Library books from 2021. Notes have been sent**

**out Wednesday. Please call the school to speak to me if unable to find them.**

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)

MARC Library Teacher

**Some of the new titles in the MARC Van**



**Drive safely around school crossings**

With the 2022 school year underway, motorists are encouraged to be aware of increased traffic around our schools – especially at school crossings.

Motorists are reminded that they must stop at any school crossing featuring the orange “SCHOOL CROSSING” signage when a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing, or when a hand-held stop sign is displayed at the crossing.

Remember that at any crossing featuring the orange “SCHOOL CROSSING” flags the speed limit is 40km/h and that all parking signs are enforced during crossing operation times.

Motorists who stop at a school crossing controlled by a supervisor cannot move until there is no pedestrian on or entering the crossing and the supervisor no longer displays a hand-held stop sign towards the driver.

**You're Invited to... Free Farm Safety Briefings!**

**All Farmers Are Welcome**

The VFF's Making Our Farms Safer initiative are holding a series of farm safety briefings across regional Victoria. The farm safety briefings will provide an overview of the safety requirements on farm, with specific advice tailored to the local farming commodities.

**Kerang**  
Wed 9th Feb  
6.30 - 8.30pm  
Kerang Sporties

For more information, or to reserve your place please contact [info@vff.org.au](mailto:info@vff.org.au) or <https://bit.ly/fsbkerang>

[www.makingourfarmssaferrg.org.au](http://www.makingourfarmssaferrg.org.au)

**Children's Programs 2022**

**Rhyme Time**  
Kerang, Wednesday 10.30am  
(During school terms)

**Story Time Cohuna**  
Tuesday 10.30am  
(During school terms)

**Story Time Kerang**  
Thursday 10.30am  
(Special date once a month)

Phone 5452 1546 for more details

**GANNAWARRA LIBRARY SERVICE**

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

**Australian Government Mobile Service Centre**

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available. Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

**KERANG**

Behind the Memorial Hall, Nolan Street

Monday, 28 February 2022 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 1 March 2022 9 am to 4 pm

For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)

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**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.



## **KERANG PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM**

The Kerang Primary Swimming Program will be from Monday 28th to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Kerang Pool.

**DUE TO IT BEING THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THE GRADE PREP STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SWIMMING PROGRAM.**

Students will need to bring their bathers, towel, sunscreen, a plastic bag for wet gear, a rashie or t-shirt. We will be swimming from 1:45 to 2:45. Geoff Dale and Katrina Van Eyk will be our swimming trained teachers. 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 \$2:60 per day or \$13:00 for the 5 days. There is no cost to students who have a season's ticket.

Students must return the CASES permission note by Tuesday 22nd February.

A note with a list of parent helpers will be sent home on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Peter Adams  
Swimming Co-ordinator.

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### **KERANG PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM PARENT HELPERS.**

Name:.....

I will be available to help with swimming on the following days

(Please tick)

Monday 28th February .....

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.....

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.....

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.....

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.....