

# **Kerang Primary School 1410 News**

Our Values: Compassion Accountability Respect Inclusiveness Nurture Gratitude



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

July 18: School Council Meeting—6pm July 21: Student Led Parent/Teacher

Interviews

July 25: Smile Squad Visiting August 8-10: Grade 3/4/5 Camp

August 26: Book Parade

#### **Welcome Back**

A warm welcome back to term 3. It is great to see so many students and staff back at school in good health. There appears to be some form of normality in the school again and progress is being made. The children all seem super-excited and eager to engage in their learning.

Winter chills are still with us and folk are still suffering flu' like symptoms and COVID is still around. The Dept. of Education communicated with all Principals on Monday stating that we are to monitor all staff and students and encourage them to do regular RAT testing if flu' like symptoms appear. Maybe even stay at home until the severe symptoms subside. Also, be encouraged to wear masks if they prefer to. On the other hand, we are also encouraged to ensure children return to school as soon as possible after an illness to ensure they receive as much teaching and learning as they can. Therefore, we will continue to follow up on student absences if the school has not been notified by 10:00 a.m. of that day. If you have any concerns over this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

# Student Led Parent/Teacher Interviews Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Notes for this requesting preferred interview times were distributed on the first day back this term. Students are only to attend school with their parents for their set interview time on that day. Please ensure your note confirming your interview time is signed and returned ASAP. If you are unable to attend on the Thursday, either in person or by phone then please notify on the form. The teacher will communicate with you and arrange a suitable time to meet, as it is our goal to have interviews with families of ALL students in the school.

Please read your child's mid-year school report and use this as a basis to conduct the interviews. Do not be hesitant to ask questions re your child's learning, or to provide the teacher with any valuable information they might need to know so that they understand your child and their situation better.

\*2023 Prep enrolments are now being taken.\*

Enrolment packs available from the school office.

Enrol your students at Kerang Primary School because you know you want to ....

#### Clean Sheds

A huge Thankyou to our Gerard our School Council President and a group of hard working and dedicated staff who volunteered their time to come in over the holidays and work on cleaning out and rearranging the school sheds. Much of the superfluous stuff was either sold at the garage sale or disposed of at the refuse centre, but the shed insides look absolutely amazing! It is our goal to keep them that way! Some people managed to purchase a few amazingly interesting, or useful items. It really was a case of "One person's junk – Is another person's treasure." I am sure Stacey will attest to that J J J J.

# New Play Area Grand Opening

COVID & ill health has caused a slight delay in the completion of the new playground area. Nevertheless, progress is being made and the junior students are really enjoying the new sandpit area. When the works are completed, there will be an official grand opening with a free sausage sizzle & prima juice-box.

## **Brekky Club**

Brekky Club has started this term and all were provided a real treat on a cold morning today. Tegan along with support from our grade 5/6 students and other staff put on a real treat of freshly cooked warming pancakes. It will be back to plain ole' cereal, milo and toast again tomorrow tho'. But it was a real hit with the kids and a huge THANKYOU to Tegan and the staff for their support with this.

# **Class 1/2 Student Reports**

Student reports for class 1/2 will be forwarded out to all early next week prior to the student teacher interviews.

#### **School Council**

Please note the next regular meeting of school Council will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the school staff room.

#### Kirstyn Absent

Please note that Kirstyn will be absent from the office until Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July. Please be patient with us re this.

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.

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# Amazing Prep ....

Welcome back to the Preps!

We are creeping closer to our 100th day of school... and we have had a busy first week back. We refreshed our memories of how to write our names with a craft activity in writing, and loved beginning our Science lessons with a rainbow jar experiment with our buddies!!

Great job, everyone.









# Happy Birthday!!

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

Xavier Hastie, Karter Dunn & Kody Pearce



# Magical 1/2

Welcome back to term 3 and great to see an increase in our numbers in class. Although we do remind you that if you are ill please stay home rather than share your germs.

Thanks to those people who have returned the interview notes and we look forward to chatting to you all next Thursday. Please return the interview note asap if you haven't already.

In writing we are focusing on information reports and also practicing our spelling words. We continue to work on forming our letters. In maths the grade are counting by 2, 5, 10's and 3's and we are renaming numbers. Our measurement involves area real world problems.

A reminder to read with you child and practice their spelling words.

Mrs Mac, Mr A, Mrs Dee and Megan.

# Grade 2/3/4 ....incredible!

Welcome back to term 3 everyone. It was so lovely to see all the children's smiling faces back.

We are going to be learning about the Commonwealth Games that are in Birmingham and we will be doing this through our literacy and maths in the class.

Literacy, we will be continuing sight words, reading and writing.

Maths, we are continuing to learn addition, subtraction and shapes.

Next Thursday, is a pupil free day for interviews. Thank-you to all those who have confirmed their interview times, if you haven't done so yet please get them back as soon as you can.

We are looking forward to a productive term.

Miss Janelle, Mrs. Tieppo and Mrs. Lake.

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### 5/6 Brilliant!!!!

#### Welcome back!

Welcome back to another term. The year is certainly flying. Week one has been a great with loads of learning.

We have tackled some division tasks and plotting and mapping in Maths.

In writing, we are looking at formal handwriting skills and the results have been amazing.

Spelling's focus this week is more complex prefixes and the relationship to other words.

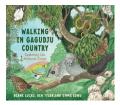
Buddies was once again a hit with the Grade Prep students and this week making rainbow in a jar experiments.

If you have not yet done so, please can you send back parent teacher interview notes.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your week.

Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Morris 😃





#### MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 3, WEEK 1





Welcome back to Term 3 for MARC! I hope everyone is fresh and ready to learn in MARC.

This week in MARC Lessons the older grades have been focusing on Naidoc Week, which occurred during the holidays, from 3<sup>rd</sup> of July to 10<sup>th</sup> July. We have read the book Walking in Gagudju Country, written by Dianne Lucas and Ben Tyler. This story tells of the connection between people and their country. This book has been shortlisted in the CBCA Book Awards for 2022. There are many animals in the story so

children have focused on one of these and researched facts about their chosen animal- did you know a saltwater croc is called a Kinga in one Indigenous language?

The **younger classes** have also focused on **Naidoc** Week activities. The book we have read is by Bruce Pascoe, called **Found**. It tells the story of a how a calf who is separated from his family, finds them all again. The children have told many stories of how scared and worried they were when they are separated from their own families.

This Term we will focus on the Shortlisted books from CBCA, so stay tuned! Also the Book Parade is happening this Term – more details soon!

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 recently purchased.

#### Thanks for staying up to date with MARC!

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)

MARC Library Teacher

# **Pupils of the Week**



(B) Mr Gerard Hastie, Cleo Felekos, Lilly Igoe (F) George Christopoulos, Skyla Swain, Letty Storey, Alsa Hamilton Congratulations!



**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.

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