



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

March 14: Labour Day Public Holiday

March 16 & 23 : Footy Clinic—Gr 3-6

March 21: School Council AGM

No Friday lunch orders this week.

Due to insufficient staffing on Friday there will be no school lunch orders tomorrow. Full apologies for this inconvenience.

Covid & Close Contacts

We are currently experiencing a minimal number of students testing positive to Covid. Unfortunately, quite a few students & some staff have been deemed as close contacts to a positive case. In both instances, Covid Positive AND Close Contacts MUST isolate for 7 days. This is extremely important for the wellbeing and safety of all concerned. If any concerns please contact the school.

Masks in Schools

The Education Dept. Vic. Is constantly reminding us that students in grades 3-6 are strongly urged to wear facemasks when in indoors. For children in P-2, facemasks are optional.

Staff are to wear facemasks in doors at all times unless doing direct explicit teaching. Schools are still to abide by all other COVID Safety measures.

Front Reception

Please note that Mrs. Waddingham will be absent from school until next Wednesday. Please be patient when

calling or dropping into school. We are managing with some temporary replacement when Mr. Taylor is teaching in the classroom on a Thursday/Friday. Thank you for your assistance with this.

School Arrival Times

As outlined in previous newsletters. Students are not to arrive at school earlier than 8:30 a.m. Teaching staff do not officially start work until 8:30 a.m. therefore there they are not responsible for student supervision prior to that time. Please be aware of this and we look forward to your cooperation in assisting to meet OH&S compliance on the matter. Thankyou.

School Assembly

School Assemblies are now able to happen so will start tomorrow. Unfortunately, Parents are still not able to attend these but hopefully that situation will change soon. The school leaders are really looking forward to taking on their set tasks with this. Our local Member of Parliament will be able to attend school soon and present the Leaders with their badges under strict Covid safe conditions.

School Council AGM

The school Council AGM will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. on Monday the 21st of March. Welcome to Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Du Preez as the staff representatives on School Council. Other School Council members are Tony Pearson, Gerard Hastie, Brooke Williams, Olivia Spark, Carolyn Freeman, Nicole Grainger, and Kate O'Regan. Office bearers will be elected at the AGM.

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

Week 6 in Prep we have been busy exploring emotions, and had a lot of fun 'drawing' emotions using playdough.

We have enjoyed our cooking rotation which has started in Play Based, and this week the Prep & Grade 1 students have been taking turns making banana bread – yum!

Prep's have also enjoyed starting our Buddy reading with Grade 5/6 students, and we are looking forward to continuing with our buddy program

throughout the year!
Well done everyone.



Magical 1/2 A....

Good afternoon to the families of Grade 1/2A. Firstly a big thankyou to all the students and to the staff for making the past 8 days as smooth sailing as possible while I was away.

I will endeavour to catch up with families and have a chat in the next couple of weeks.

In writing, we have been working hard on formation again this week with the letter e and h.

I maths we have started measurement and learning about formal and informal measurements.

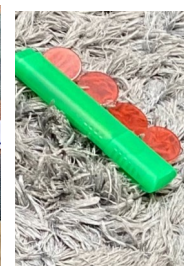
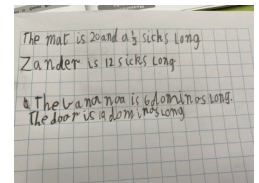
Spelling children are continuing with their M100W and short o words.

Just a reminder that all students need to read each night and bring their reader back to

school for me to check and to sign.

A big thank you to the families that sent well wishes to me whilst I was away – I had a wonderful time.

If you have any concerns or questions you would like to discuss please let me know. Thanks.



Fabulous 1/2 B

Another great big week for the grade ones and twos.

Thank you heaps to Dawn and Arnie who have provided great assistance working side by side with us in our space. Our E.S's are gems!

Our literacy and spelling groups are continuing to cater for our differing needs and we are getting much better at making tight transitions between activities. We have been looking at the short l sound and finding lots of words that have this sound in it. We have been looking at making connections when reading as well as trying to read at home every night. There are still some learners that are not bringing their diaries and home readers to school every day...it is soooo important to practise reading skills at home. Please support your learner by helping them every night- it really does make a difference.

We have been counting by 2's, sorting out 100's puzzles and getting better at working in groups and with a partner. Reflection on Place value this week

indicated we love Maths games!

Please provide your child with a named pair of headphones. We shall be using our ipads and computers regularly from now on and it makes such a difference when we can't hear 30 computers playing sound!

With a few sickies around we need to be vigilant with our hygiene and please keep your learner at home if they are feeling the slightest bit ill.

Are we really half way through term 1?

Time flies when you are having fun.

Have a great Long weekend.

Stay safe...

Mrs Mac, Mr A, Mrs Dee and Mrs Morris.



Grade 3/4incredible!

What a great week we have had. We are still working hard in class.

We are writing some fantastic short stories and some of them are very creative. We are working well on our spelling words, trying to get those tricky

i's and e's the right way around. We need to keep reading at home and sign diaries please.

In maths we are improving on our times tables and we will continue to practice them.

Enjoy your upcoming long weekend. Get out and have some fun in the sun.

5/6 Brilliant!!!!

This week in 5/6 Wednesday.

Wednesday in the morning the first thing we did was reading. After that we had to go on a website about endangered animals. We had to choose an animal. I picked a Black-flanked rock wallaby and found facts about it. Then it was recess. After that we did P.E We did maths as well. Then it was lunch. After lunch we were going to do an art activity but instead we did buddy reading with the preps. That was fun. After that it was home time. Wednesday was a wonderful day.

By Max.

This week in the ants in their pants, grade 5/6 class.

We have been learning about place value and where the digits, going up to the million's column. We have also started on an art activity call a side eye portrait. It's when you draw your face, facing the side in an artistic way. Exciting news in the class. You know how we have leaders in the school? The grade sixes have a change of being a role model for a program that shows that you are a leader to our community. The grade 5/6 class are happy because we have started doing buddies with the prep room. Also thank you for the support with the zooper doopers, and we have almost raised \$100 dollars just from selling them. By Levi.



MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 1, WEEK 6



2022



This week in MARC Lessons the older grades have been focusing on another Australian Author, **Sally Morgan**. Sally Morgan is the same age as John Marsden, the Author we investigated last week. Sally Morgan is an Indigenous Author, who did not find out she was indigenous until she was 15 years old! Her family told her she was from India – Imagine?? She has 3 children , one of whom is an Illustrator and she has worked with them on several books.

The younger classes have read some of **Mem Fox's** books such as **The Magic Hat and Night Noises**. The children have drawn their own **Magic Hat** or used the templates provided. They have also drawn the noises they hear in the night, like Lilly and Aggie, the dog, did

in **Night Noises**

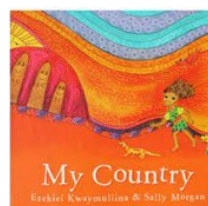
We have also talked about Autumn and have completed some Autumn leaves, to decorate the free space in the MARC van.

I will be sending home accounts for lost books from last year, this week and next week. Thank you in advance.

Thanks for staying up to date with MARC!

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)

MARC Library Teacher



Book People: Sally Morgan
www.childrensbookfamily.com

AFL Play Footy Clinics

On Wednesdays 16th and 23rd of March Grades 3-6 will be involved in an AFL Play Footy Clinic.

Grade 3/4 will be involved from 10-11 and Grade 5/6 from 11:30-12:30.

AFL Game Development staff will run the clinics with all equipment supplied.

Students can wear their footy jumpers and footy boots during the clinic then change back into their school uniform after.



Happy Birthday!!

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

Millah Walters and Noah Carey



GET ACTIVE VOUCHERS

Vouchers are available for eligible families and activities.

Applications for vouchers will be opening in March 2022. There will be two ways to apply:

1. GET REIMBURSED

If you have already paid for your child's registration fees or membership you can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$200. You can be reimbursed for expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 18 March 2022. Applications for reimbursement will open on 7 March and close 18 March 2022. After this date, you won't be able to be reimbursed for your expenses.

2. APPLY FOR A VOUCHER

Apply for a voucher up to \$200 that you can redeem with a registered activity provider. When you register or pay your membership fee to the activity provider you will provide them your voucher code and they will reduce the cost of the registration and/or membership fee up to the value of \$200.

For more information visit: www.getactive.vic.gov.au

Kerang Football
Netball Club



netsetgo!

Junior Netball

An introductory program for boys and girls aged 5-10 years that gives children an opportunity to increase their social and motor skills in a friendly and fun environment.



Sessions will be held Saturday's at 9:15am
(on home games)

Give it a go!

**BEGINS
APRIL 9**

Enquires - 0408 509 221
kirstynwaddingham@live.com.au



**Have Fun, Make Friends & Get Active
- PLAY NETBALL!**



JOIN THE FUN!

BOYS AND GIRLS 5 – 12 YEARS OF AGE
OVER 20 CENTRES IN THE REGION

**PLENTY OF FUN!
GREAT FOR SOCIAL
INTERACTION!
FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS
AND SMALL SIDED GAMES**

PROGRAM COST IS \$85 AND YOU GET AN
AFL PACK SENT TO YOUR HOME & A GREAT PROGRAM
NAB AUSKICK – JOIN THE FUN!

2022 COMMUNITY AUSKICK PACK



play.afl/auskick

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.