



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

April 1: Cultural Performance  
April 5: Welcome Night 4:30pm-5:45pm  
April 8: Last day of Term  
April 25: First Day of Term 2

## Easing of Restrictions

There is a slow but gradual ease of COVID restrictions but we still have to abide by specific COVID safe policies & practices.

## Meet & Greet Night

We are now able to conduct a meet & greet/ welcome evening at school where parents may get to meet their child's class teacher.

It will also allow new parents to meet others in the school community. This will be an outdoor event on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Parents may drop in to school on the oval side of the school. Have a chat to staff, other parents & enjoy a sausage in bread & a fruit cup. Zooper-Doopers will also be available at 50c each.

## Welcome Night Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Oval side of school

Come meet your child's teachers

Free Sausage Sizzle / Fruit Cup

Zooper-Doopers 50c.

Easter Hamper Raffle tickets for sale

## Breakfast Club

Grade 6 Leaders & Tegan operate the school, brekky club on a Monday, Thursday & Friday morning. The grade 6 leaders may arrive at school at 8:20 a.m. to support this program. Families requiring some extra brekky club food/ milk supplies for home are welcome to contact the school or their child's class teacher to arrange it.

## 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. Thankyou to parents and students who are adhering to this.

## Parents in School Premises

A reminder that all parents & visitors to the school premises during school times **MUST** enter via the front office entrance & sign in. This even applies to parents dropping their students off in the morning if they enter the school building or student congregation area.

## Welcome to new staff

Ms. Michelle Howard grade  
5/6 teacher Mon-Wed.



Ms. Jodie Tieppo grade  
5/6 teacher Thurs-Fri.

Ms. Tegan Cooke Wellbeing  
Inclusion Officer



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.*



**LUNCH ORDERS!!**  
**TOMORROW'S SPECIAL:**  
Hamburgers



## Amazing Prep ....

What a week it has been in the Prep class!

Our play based lessons have been much enjoyed and it has been great to see the Prep students gaining confidence in their sharing of their focus tasks each day. This week we begun looking at 2d shapes in Maths and our buddies have begun working together with the Preps on some artwork. Keep up the great work everyone!



## Magical 1/2 A....

**We have had an excellent week of learning. All students have worked really hard and have started to see their own growth and learning – which is exciting.**

Reading – we have practiced the new strategy of using creating mental pictures to assist in our understanding and engagement of reading.

Spelling – we are continuing to practice the M100FW in reading and in spelling – this area has had loads of development amongst the students. We are continuing to learn the basic vowel sounds, which will soon lead us into the more complicated vowel sounds and spelling patterns.

Maths – this week we used formal measurement to create our own desk placemat. This placemat required the students to measure the daily materials used and create a space with the same measurements transferred on the placemat.

Writing – letter formation is and will continue to be a focus as well as this week learning and

revising nouns, verbs and adjectives in order to create writing that is interesting and writing that has more depth and substance. Punctuation is again a continual focus also.

*Grade 1/2A students have started to show some great improvement in their learning and I am very proud of them 😊*

### Reminder:

- Raffle tickets for Easter have gone home – please return by the 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- Don't forget to label your child's jumper and belongings – lost property is overflowing!
- Over the next few weeks I will be contacting parents to have a discussion about your child and their learning – this is a great opportunity to let me know of any problems, thoughts, wonderings, suggestions and to ask any questions you may have.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your week -

Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Morris 😊

## Fabulous 1/2 B ....

Whoo hooo, we are zooming through our weeks being kept busy with so many activities that help us learn. Thanks to those families that actually read this article and have responded to our call for headphones. Also thanks all for continuing to help your child by reading with them and helping them to practise their words most nights.

We have been busy revisiting the strategies that help us with number facts. Ask your learner about friends of ten, counting on and using number lines and charts to help us. We are getting so much better at counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Ask your learner to show off to you!

We are getting better at writing by remembering to start our letters at the right spot and working on our posture and pencil grips. Rhylee also thinks we are getting better at relaxation! Did you know we spend 5-7 minutes most days after lunch in relaxation? We are planning to get to

10 minutes of calming quiet time. We are achieving some personal bests in our room...some of us can run 3 laps to start our day. Thank you also to our families that are mindful of keeping their unwell learners at home. Stay safe and healthy.

Mrs Mac, Mr A and Kerry.

We send our love to Mrs Dee x



**Grade 3/4 ....incredible!**

Wow I can't believe we have just over 2 weeks to go until the end of term. It has gone so fast, but we are all starting to feel a bit weary.

We are really trying very hard to make our handwriting look neat and tidy. Remembering finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. If the kids are bored at home get them to write maybe your shopping list or things you need to remember, so they can continue to practice their writing. Spelling is going really well, we are getting a lot of 10 out of 10 in our Friday spelling tests.

Maths, we are revising what we have done throughout the term. Keep practicing those times tables please!

It's great to see some Easter egg donations coming into class, thank you so much and keep them coming please. Looking forward to those raffles being drawn on the last day of term.

Just a reminder that children should be at school by 8.45 and ready to start their learning at 9am.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

**5/6 Brilliant!!!!**

We have had another busy week in 5/6!

We are still working on Place Value and have been playing whole class games with numbers up to the millions and beyond. This week our focus has been rounding of numbers and being able to estimate the answers to addition sums with using rounding to help us find the answer.

We have started using some new online programs such as Epic reading, Study Ladder and Prodigy which the students are really enjoying.

This week we have started to learn about the Writing

Traits and our focus this week has been 'Ideas' and we are using our Writer's Notebook to help us to expand on our ideas.

Our buddies program with the Preps is in full swing and our Grade 5/6 students have really shown some great initiative and maturity in stepping up into this role. They enjoy being able to take the lead to help their Prep buddy complete each task and we are seeing some fantastic outcomes!

The week we welcome Mrs Tieppo to our classroom. She will be teaching on Thursday and Friday each week. We are both really looking forward to getting to know the school community. **Mrs Howard & Mrs Tieppo**

**5/6 from the students... About 5/6's new teachers**

**Mrs Howard**

- . she likes art
- .she has two boys
- .She is friendly
- .She used to work at a school that had 4 kids
- .She likes books
- She is 41 this year

**Mrs. Tieppo**

- .Has two boys their names are Levi and Kai
- .She has two dogs
- .Her dogs names are buster Lulu
- .She likes football
- .She likes fishing
- .She is kind and

- friendly
- .She is 42
- She goes for Carlton by Shontelle

**Mrs. Howard.**

- Likes art.
- Has 2 boys.
- Goes for Saint Kilda in the football.
- Likes teaching.
- Likes to make things fun.
- Comes from a teaching job at Lake Charm.

**Mrs. Tieppo**

- Loves art.
- Goes for Carlton in

- the football.
- Has 2 kids named Levi and Kai.
- Is funny.
- Moved from Melbourne to Koondrook last year and loves it there.
- Is 42. **By Harry**

**Mrs. Howard**

- . She loves art.
- . She likes reading Morris Gleitzman.
- . Her favorite colour is pink.
- . She likes success criteria.

**Mrs. Tieppo**

- . She likes writing.
  - . She likes Carlton.
  - . She loves art.
  - . She loves fishing with her family.
- By Christian .B.**

**Mrs. Howard**

- . she has two boys
- . she loves art
- . she's strict but fair

**Mrs.Tieppo**

- . she has two boys
  - . her favorite color is purple
  - . she likes football
- By Max**

**Mrs Howard**

- . She loves art
- . She has 2 boys
- . She use to work at Lake Charm
- . She goes for St Kilda

**Mrs Tieppo**

- . She goes for Carlton
  - . She's 42 years old
  - . She has 2 boys
  - . Her favorite colour is Purple
- By Seth Beale**

## Grade 6 Leaders Badge Presentation



**Pictured: Back: Levi, Nathan, Harrison,  
Front: Aivah, Trinity and Eisha  
with Mr Taylor and Mr Peter Walsh**

## Pupils of the Week



**Hyldi Dingfelder, Sahej Sandhu, Kiara Murray,  
Seth Beale, Alex Presley, Cleo Felekos &  
Lincoln Evans  
Congratulations!**



## JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS

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### What is Japanese encephalitis?

Japanese encephalitis (JE) is a rare but serious disease caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV). It is spread to humans by infected mosquitoes.

### What are the symptoms?

Less than 1% of people infected with JEV will experience symptoms. Some infected people experience an illness with fever and headache. People with a severe infection may experience neck stiffness, disorientation, tremors, coma and seizures. Symptoms, if they are to occur, usually develop 5 to 15 days after being bitten by infected mosquitoes.

### If you have any of these symptoms, seek medical treatment

- Call 000
- Your GP (doctor)
- NURSE-ON-CALL Tel. 1300 60 60 24 – for confidential health advice from a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### Who is at risk?

People most at risk include people who live near or work with pigs, people in the northern and north-west Victoria, and along the Murray River. Children under 5 and older people have a higher risk of developing more severe illness.

### What can you do?

The mosquitoes that transmit JEV are most active at dawn and dusk and into the evening. Take extra care during peak mosquito biting hours, avoid the outdoors if possible or take preventive actions.

- Wear long, loose-fitting clothes if mosquitoes are around.
- Cover up as much as possible.
- Use an effective mosquito repellent on all exposed skin.
- Prevent mosquitoes from getting inside by using fly screens on windows and doors.
- Use mosquito coils or insecticide candles in small, outdoor areas.
- Prevent mosquito breeding around your own home by:
  - Emptying flowerpot dishes, tyres, buckets and children's toys that can hold water, at least once a week.
  - Tipping out and replacing water in bird baths and pet bowls at least once a week.
  - Seal water tanks.
  - Cleaning out the gutters to make sure water is flowing freely.

Learn about simple steps to beat the bite:

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite)



## Happy Birthday!!

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

**Lincoln Evans, Shontelle Ilsley,  
Axcel Wilkinson & London Bright**

## Looking for Helpers!

**Kerang Lawn Tennis Club Catering.  
Easter Monday (18/4/2022)**

**8am-1pm**

Please contact the school if you are available to assist by running the kitchen/ canteen for the day including preparing & serving food.

If we can get enough helpers, we can organise a roster system.



## 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](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au)

**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.