



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

TERM 3

July 17: School Council Meeting—7pm

July 25-28: Gr 4/5 Cottage by the Sea
Camp

August 25: Book Parade

September 15: End of Term 3

A big welcome back to all teachers, students and families for term 3. It has been an exciting first week with lots of learning, laughs and many friendly faces.

On the Monday teachers worked together in the morning, looking at our annual goals and deciding where to focus our attention for Semester 2. Teachers then got about planning some amazing activities for students.

The rest of the week has been filled with smiling faces as students have enjoyed coming back to the classrooms, learning and spending time with friends.

The Kerang Primary School community has been so welcoming, and I have enjoyed my first week working here.

About Me

As I am sure you are all aware, Mr T retired at the end of last term, leaving a big whole to fill at the school. I was successful in gaining the Acting Principal role and have excitedly come across from Marong Primary School near Bendigo. I was the Learning Specialist there and have held many roles in my career including Assistant Principal, Leading Teacher, classroom teacher and have taught from grades prep through to year 9. I grew up in Bendigo and have always loved regional and rural communities. I have 3 children, 2 daughters and a son and love spending time with them. I also enjoy all things sport and currently play basketball and golf.

I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff, students and a few families that have popped in to say hello and look forward to meeting many more families. I look forward to working with the dedicated staff at Kerang Primary School so that we can give each child the best education possible.

Thanks

Mr Jack Wardell

Acting Principal

Grade 4/5 Camp

Just a reminder that grade 4/5 camp is coming up very quickly. Students will be heading to Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff on the 25th of July and returning on the 28th of July. If you have any questions, or need any assistance with camp, please contact the school.

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, School Wellbeing Officer Tegan or the Principal.

Student Absence Notification

When students are absent we ask that you please contact the school in some form so that we are informed & that the class roll can be completed correctly prior to ending daily attendance data to the Department. Thank-you for your cooperation with this.



MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 3, WEEK 1 2023



Welcome back to Term 3- I hope all families had a restful holiday! I would like to welcome Mr. Wardell to Kerang Primary School and hope that he loves the school as much as I do!!!

This week in MARC Lessons all children will be focusing on Naidoc Week 2023. During Naidoc Week we take the time to celebrate the culture, history and achievements of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people in our community. The younger children will focus on the tracks/ footprints of the animals such as Emu, Kangaroo and Echidna, as well as matching the symbols of some foods, including fruit, flowers and eggs. They will listen to the story **Silverskin** by

Guundie Kuchling.

The older children will also be focusing on Naidoc Week. They will be listening to a story by Isaiah Firebrace called **Come Together: Things Every Aussie Kid Should Know About The First Peoples**. The children will then research Indigenous foods, Indigenous hunting weapons and draw the Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander flags.

Borrowing is happening once again in Term 3 and I encourage all children to borrow from the MARC van. Please remember to return your books on *Friday and some Monday's*, when the MARC Van is in Kerang.

The Marc Van is open at lunchtimes for children to take their time when selecting a book- Please encourage your child to use this service. (Also to make kites and other crafty things).

PLEASE COULD ALL BOOKS stay at school, for 2023.

Thanks for staying up to date with MARC! Have a great first week back!

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)



LUNCH ORDERS

TOMORROW'S SPECIAL:

Chicken Alfredos



Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter... **Zavier Hastie & Kody Pearce**



SCHOOL POLICIES

Did you know all our School Policies can be found on our School Website? www.kerangps.vic.edu.au

Kerang Primary welcomes the School Community to provide feedback/ comment on the content of our Policies to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our Students and Families.

Pupils of the Week



(B) Amelia Beale, Hyldi Dingfelder, Max Sanders, Blake Williams, Macey Hall, Sam Adams, Mitchell Wilson

(F) Emily Attwater-Burgess, Jed McCurdy, Frankie Matarazzo, Malahnne Clapham.

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.

healthy headspace

Healthy headspace is a skills based workshop designed to provide young people with brief psychoeducation and coping skills on 8 topics.



Workshop information | Starting July 26th

When: Wednesdays | Term 3 | 3.45- 4.45pm

Where: Northern District Community Health | 24 Fitzroy Street
Kerang 3579

Who: Anyone aged 12- 14

What: Young people can attend all topics or select individual weeks

Bookings: Please free call headspace Swan Hill on 1800 975 115 or email headspace@shdh.org.au



Week 1 - sleeping well: 26 July

We will cover how to improve your sleep hygiene and the importance of sleep. You will learn strategies on how to get a good night sleep.



Week 2 - physical wellbeing: 02 August

We will discuss how nutrition and exercise help maintain a healthy headspace. Staying active and eating well helps you sleep better, cope better and boosts your mood.



Week 3 - building healthy strategies: 09 August

We will cover mindfulness and relaxation skills that can assist in grounding you, so that you aren't swept away by your emotions such as feeling overwhelmed and stressed.



Week 4 - communicating with confidence: 16 August

This topic aims to help you build assertiveness skills, which can help you communicate in a clear, direct, respectful and honest way in difficult situations.

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