



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

## TERM 3

### Important Dates

**August 25:** Book Parade

**August 24:** KTHS Transition Day

**September 15:** End of Term 3

**October 2:** Beginning of Term 4

Another great 2 weeks has been had here at Kerang Primary School. It is great to see so many smiling faces and I have really enjoyed seeing the teachers and students jump straight back into some great learning. I have had the pleasure of meeting many families and just wanted to remind the community that my door is always open for a chat.

### Camp

The grade 4/5 students have had a great camp by all reports. There have been lots of firsts for the students and they have represented our school amazing well. They return today and I am sure there will be some tired teachers and students after all the fun activities they have been involved in.



### Agricultural Industry Day

The grade 6 students were lucky enough to be invited to the Kerang Technical High School for the Agricultural Industry day. Students had a lot of fun exploring the machinery, grooming and feeding animals and watching the many demonstrations. We had a team of 6 students step outside their comfort zone and compete in the Ag Olympics as well which was great to see.



### Drinks at school

Just a reminder that water is the only drink that students are allowed to have at school. If students do have other drinks they will be confiscated until the end of the day. Students will be able to use the bubble taps to ensure they are well hydrated.

### Parent communication

As I am sure many of you are aware, we have increased our use of Facebook to communicate the great things that are happening in our school in a

more instantaneous matter. If you haven't already, give Kerang Primary School a like on [Facebook](#) to see all the wonderful things the students have been up to. As a result, we will now be publishing our newsletter on a fortnightly basis.

### Jewelry

Jewelry is to be kept to a minimum at school. Only earrings that are either studs or sleepers are permitted. Students who wear other jewelry will be asked to remove it for the day and told not to bring it to school again.

### Attendance

Just a reminder that it is important that students come to school. Although some time missed is inevitable, it can add up over a period of time. The effects of missed school is shown in the statistic below and we are keen to work with families to try and get students here as much as possible.

**BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL**

*Jack Wardell*

Acting Principal

## Pupils of the Week



**Ashlyn Chalker-Morton, Zarhli Duke,  
Leigha Sims, Shayla Chirnside,  
Emily Burgess-Attwater & Blake Williams**

***Congratulations!***

## Amazing Prep/1....

It's been a very productive fortnight in our class. Students have been working hard on their phonics, spelling and handwriting. We have been enjoying reading books by Eric Carle and Pamela Allen. In Maths we have been improving our skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and have been working on bundling to make and understand 2 digit numbers.

Just a reminder that the students brought home log in details for Wushka reading and it's nice to see that some students have been logging in and reading from home.

Today the students will bring home a note regarding 100 days of school which we will be celebrating next Thursday.

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Tieppo and Miss Hall



## Magical 1/2 ...

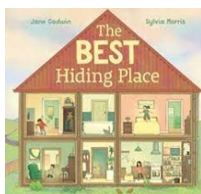
Well done to the grade 1 & 2 class, you have all well and truly gotten back into the swing of things this term!

We have enjoyed our literacy rotations the past few weeks, working in pairs, groups and independently on alphabetical order, sentence unscrambling and word searches. Our Geography lesson had us create a map of Australia, focusing on Australian states and territories. Music was a major hit, of course!

Keep up the excellent efforts everyone!



## MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 3, WEEK 3 2023



This week in MARC Lessons all children will be focusing on another Shortlisted book titled **The Best Hiding Place** by Jane Godwin. The book tells of the best hiding places in the house- the children drew their best hiding place in their own house or on one of the houses provided.

The older children will also be focusing on **Frank's Red Hat** by Sean E Avery. The story tells of the life of a

penguin and how he needs to find acceptance in his own community. The children then drew a winter landscape to include animals from the Antarctic, including Penguins of course!

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).*

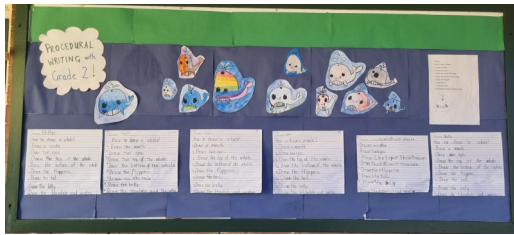
**PLEASE COULD ALL BOOKS stay at school, for 2023.**

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

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)



*Have a look at some of the fantastic work on Display at School...*



**LUNCH ORDERS**

**TOMORROW'S SPECIAL:**

**Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap**



**Happy Birthday!!**

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter... **Eli Russell, Robert O'Toole, Emily Burgess-Attwater & Jack Hogg**



**SCHOOL POLICIES**

**Child safety and wellbeing at Kerang Primary School: information for families and the school community**



The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Kerang Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website, [www.kerang.ps@education.vic.gov.au](http://www.kerang.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or by obtaining a hard copy from the school's front office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the school on 54503 181.

**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](mailto: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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