



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

May 15-19: Education Week Begins
May 17: 2024 Prep Parent Info Session—6pm
May 18: School Open Day—10-11:30am
May 19: Prep 2024 “Come & Try” Day—9-11am
May 22: School Council Meeting
May 23: School Photos/
National Simultaneous Story Time 11:00 am.
May 24: Art’s Council Performance at school
June 5: Pupil Free Day
June 18: School Working Bee—9:30 am.
June 22: Student Led Conferences
July 10: Pupil Free Day

Education Week

Next Week is Education Week.

- **Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. is the new Prep Information Session.**
- **On Thursday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. parents and families are invited to come see their students working in class.**
- **Friday morning from 9-11 a.m. is the Come’n’Try session for new Prep enrolments.**

GRIP Leadership

A huge Thankyou to the Gannawarra Shire for sponsoring this event for our students. Also to Pia Frisby for all of her hard work and effort into coordinating this worthwhile learning program for our students. From seeing the smiles and excited level of engagement yesterday and then positive feedback discussions with them at school this morning it really was a superb learning experience for our students.



Mother’s Day Stall

Thankyou to staff, Phoebe and our grade 6 leaders for operating our school Mother’s Day Stall. We wish a fabulous day to all of the special people in our student’s life. Hope you get a little spoilt and feel valued and appreciated on Sunday. Enjoy your special day 😊



Student Led Conferences as Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews Thursday 22nd June

This is not a Pupil Free Day but a day where students only come to school with their parent/s to participate in a student led conference with the teacher and parent. The student then return home with their parent when interviews are completed.

Parents will be notified of their Conference time well in advance of this day.

Next School Council Meeting

Monday 22nd May

7:00 p.m.

School Staff Room.

School Breakfast Club

School breakfast items are available for those in need. Please contact the school or have your child speak to their class teacher or Tegan if you require some supplies.

Building Resilience Program

Please note the Building Resilience Program being offered at our school on Friday the 12th. All parents are encouraged to consider attending this session as it has been deemed to be very worthwhile. Please see included brochures on this.

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.

School Working Bee

Sunday

18th June

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

General tidy work on grounds and some specific maintenance tasks. All parents welcome to support this. More specifics to follow. Save the date.

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.

Mr. Taylor. Principal.



There will be **NO**

LUNCH ORDERS TOMORROW
due to Staff Shortages

Amazing Prep/1

We have really enjoyed reading about fairy tales and exploring different versions of the same story. Last week we read all about The Gingerbread Man and similar stories like The Lamington Man. At the end of the week students were challenged to use blocks to create a bridge to safely help the Gingerbread Man get across the river. They all had a really great go at this and their were some wonderful designs.

In Maths we continue to focus on numbers, in particular their names and what they look like and friends of ten. A great way to help with this at home is to play board games like snakes and ladders or card games like UNO or Snap where they need to say the number as they place it down. We have also been exploring location and location words like

next to, above, below, behind, right, left etc.

Have a great week

Mrs Tieppo and Miss Hall



Magical 1/2

Grade 1 and 2's worked hard this week in Maths practicing addition! We especially enjoyed our dice addition game and it was great to see our grade 2s assisting their peers with gaining confidence! We also worked on putting words in alphabetical order as part of our literacy rotations. Well done all!!



Grade 3/4/5 happenings ...

With Mr A away this week we have had Miss Janelle visiting us.

We have done lots of great creative writing and lots of maths work using addition and subtraction. We have also been busy creating gifts for that special person in our lives ready for Mother's Day on

Sunday.

We watched a virtual tour of the War Memorial in Canberra which was very interesting to learn about.

Just a reminder to please listen to your child read and sign and send in their reader diaries each day. It would be great to get more in to school every day.

Miss Janelle and Mrs Morris

5/6 Brilliant

What a week it has been! If this term could slow down a little it would be greatly appreciated.

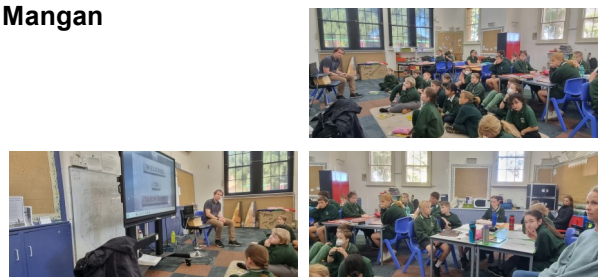
The grade 5/6 students still haven't gotten a break and been working hard. In our Reading and writing we have been looking into the recent coronation and applying our knowledge of news article to create our own news. We have also looked at how puns and other word play can make our headlines more interesting. We have started dividing in maths with a range of activities from using counters to share other students honing their skills with complex worded questions.

We were lucky enough to have the Australian War Memorial zoom into today to lead the grade 3-6's in a virtual excursion. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn a bit more about the War Memorial

itself, some of the collections they preserve, and why some people enlist in the first place. The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and were asking many interesting questions.

Please as always remember to keep reading and filling out your diaries. If by some chance you have lost the diary, I will be accepting pieces of paper that have all the same information: dates, book titles, pages read.

- Mr Mangan





MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 2, WEEK 2023

Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday !!

This week in MARC Lessons the **older grades** have focused on Famous Australian and International Mother's in society. We have looked at Michelle O'Bama, Ann Jarvis, Marie Currie and Beyonce'. The children have worked in a pair and compared a historical mother with that of modern day mother's. We have also made a small card for our special ladies for Sunday.

The **younger classes** have also focused on Mother's Day / Significant Lady in their Life Day. We have completed a special card for all these ladies, for Sunday. We have read Koala Lou by Mem Fox and My Aussie Mum by Yvonne Morrison.

Please remember to return your books on *Friday and some Monday's*, when the MARC Van is in Kerang.

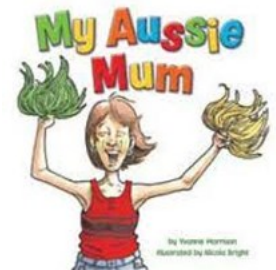
The Marc Van is open at lunchtimes for children to take their time when selecting a book- Please encourage your child to use this service.

PLEASE COULD ALL BOOKS stay at school, for 2023.

Thanks for staying up to date with MARC!

Happy Significant Ladies Day girls !

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)



Pupils of the Week



Dominic Spark, Abbey Wills, Cassie Williams,
Lexie Walters, Phoebe McBride, Sadie Bright

Congratulations!



Happy Birthday!!

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

Seth Beale



**CELEBRATING
EDUCATION WEEK
AT KPS**

OPEN NOW FOR 2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

Come be a part of Education Week at KPS and celebrate this years theme; 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', celebrating physical activity, hands-on-learning and student voice in education.

- Parent Information Night
Wednesday May 17th - 6pm
 - Open Day Thursday May 18th
10am-11:30am - Morning Tea supplied
- Student Come & Try Session & School
Tours Friday May 19th - 9-11am

**START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY
TODAY!**

Visit our school website on: www.kerangps.vic.edu.au or ph. 5450 3181
Principal: Brenton Taylor Foundation Teacher: Jodie Tieppo

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR **HELP YOUR CHILD HANDLE UPS AND DOWNS** **Friday 12th May, 9:15 – 10:45AM, Kerang Primary School**

Triple P's Raising Resilient Children Seminar for parents with children aged up to 12 years, offers tips on how to develop your child's ability to cope with problems, now and in the future.

HELP YOUR KIDS COPE WITH LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS – INCLUDING ONLINE The seminar is fun and friendly and it's **FREE!**

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FREE SEMINAR: <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-en/contact/find-a-session/2023-05-12/seminar/raising-resilient-children/112143/> to learn more and book your free spot.

GRIP Leadership

Yesterday, in Bendigo I was at GRIP Leadership. It was a great experience and really fun. I had a wonderful time and got to learn great leadership skills.

- **Macey Hall.**

Yesterday, at Bendigo we went to Red Energy Arena/ Stadium for the GRIP Leadership Program. We could do a lot of things such as, watching clips, volunteer for events, go outside. It was overall a great experience, I learnt a lot of leadership skills like others first instead of yourself. - **Harley Cartwright**

In Bendigo at Red Energy Stadium KPS Student Leaders & Mr. Taylor joined many others at the GRIP Leadership Program. What I liked most was the way we were all allowed to cheer out real loud and group shout our answers and applause. The noise and loud music was awesome! **By Mitch**

Yesterday at 7:15 Macey Seth, Harley, Mitchell W, Blake, Malahnne and I left on a bus to go to the GRIP Leadership Conference. It was heaps of fun and I learnt lots of new skills on how to be a leader of others. **By Sam Adams.**

At 7:15 Harley, Macey, Sam, Blake, Seth, Mitchell W and I went to the GRIP Leadership Program and it was fun! We got to do activities like Loud noises and other different things, and we earned small badges if we won the quiz. We did stuff like that. I did not get chosen through which was said and the people who cheered were very, very, very, very loud!

By Malahnne

Yesterday Macey, Sam, Seth, Malahnne, Mitch W and I all went to GRIP Leadership in Bendigo. It was FANTASTIC. I was chosen to go on stage and take part in the quiz. My team won the quiz and I got all of my answers correct. I had to act like an elephant in front of hundreds of kids. It felt embarrassing, but I did it and everyone said how good I was. I felt like a Leader.

By Blake



Victorian
**premiers'
reading
challenge**



**WILD
ABOUT
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VICTORIA
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Government

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Kerang Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for

literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

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.