



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 2

**May 19:** Prep 2024 "Come & Try" Day—9-11am/  
PJ Day

**May 22:** School Council Meeting

**May 23:** School Photos/  
National Simultaneous Story Time 11:00 am.

**May 25:** Art's Council Performance at school

**June 2:** Kerang Districts Winter Sport's Event

**June 5:** Pupil Free Day

**June 18:** School Working Bee—9:30 am.

**June 22:** Student Led Conferences

**June 23:** Last day of Term 2

### TERM 3

**July 10:** Pupil Free Day (Term 3)

**July 11:** Term 3 Commences

## Education Week

Grade 6 students have come back all excited after their Secondary School Transition Day yesterday. They are all getting excited about their next step in schooling. How fantastic to see them eager to continue their learning journey. We sincerely hope that we at KPS can make their final year here at Primary School enjoyable and fun for them.

My thoughts on Secondary School Transition:

Macey: It was very nice to get to know all of the classes and teachers.

Harley: There were lots of fun things to do and the teachers were very nice.

Blake: It was fun and I am so looking forward to going to KTHS next year.

## PJ Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Remember that tomorrow is PJ Day. Students may come to school dressed in their PJ's & dressing gown. They may bring along a Teddy as well. Students are responsible for their own Teddy though. Those dressed in PJ's are to bring along a Gold Coin Donation to support our new Science Program.

## Come'n'Try Morning Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

All new 2024 Preps are invited to attend the Come'n'Try morning on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Any queries around this just speak to the school office. We look forward to meeting the new Prep students.

## School Photos Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Please be at school on time and in full school uniform.  
Photo order & payment envelopes distributed to students.

## Student Led Conferences

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Art's Council Performance at KPS

'Let Music Move You'

In the PMP room for all students at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday  
25th May.

## 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  
18<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Amazing Prep/1 ....

Wow what a great week we are having with our friends from the 1/2 class joining us.

We have focussed on The Three Billy Goats Gruff in reading time and have explored lots of variations of this story including The Three Triceratops Tuff!

During writing time we are having a go at writing our own Narratives based on the storyline of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

In Maths we have been looking at patterns in the 100s chart and 1 less, 1 more, 10 less and 10 more. We have also been focusing on addition.

Just a reminder that I won't be at school for the remainder of this week and all of next week. Also to remember to check our class Dojo page for reminders and updates on what we are doing in class.

Have an amazing week

Mrs Tieppo and Miss Hall

## Magical 1/2

This week the prep to grade 2 students have enjoyed joining together for lessons, and have had the pleasure of being taught by Mrs Tieppo and Mrs Du Preez.

This will continue for the next two weeks while Mrs Tieppo is away.

We look forward to sharing more of our work with you.



## Grade 3/4/5 happenings ...

We have had a busy week in the grade 3/4/5 class this week.

We have been focusing on being able to read silently for a period of time in class. We are also encouraging the students to read every night and bring their readers and diaries signed into class every day. We have some great little readers in the class! If you could please take 10 mins in the afternoon to listen to your child read that would be appreciated.

In math's, we have been concentrating on subtraction. We've been learning about subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers. We've also been learning about using a number line to count backwards as well.

We made some lovely Mother's Day cards and gifts and we hope all the mum's and carers had a lovely day.

Have a great weekend everyone, looking forward to another week filled with learning next week.

Miss Janelle and Mrs. Morris

## 5/6 Brilliant ....

Hello and welcome to the news with grade 5/6,

It has been a strange week here with the grade 6 students going off to transition days yesterday, it was so quiet. We have also had Blake and Macey off participating in the zone cross country.

For the poor souls who have had to stay behind with me, they have been hard at work writing a news article about our recent visit from the Australian War Memorial. This opportunity has allowed students to combine everything they know about news article into some very impressive work. Whereas in maths we are still working on division with some students mastering finding the remainder while others are

turning the remainder into a decimal answer. Students are making steady progress in music learning a number of chords on both the guitar and ukulele respectively.

Few quick reminders to families, firstly students should not be arriving at school until 8:30 as there is no one here to supervise. This is largely to ensure that students are safe. Secondly, and as always, KEEP READING! Its great that some students are reading at home but the reading diary needs to be filled out too. If by some chance your reader diary has been misplaced, I will accept it written on pieces of paper but it must also include: date, book title, number of pages read, parent signature (optional).

- Mr.Mangan



## MARC VAN NEWS, TERM 2, WEEK 5 2023

I hope all the special ladies had a great Mother's Day on Sunday. The annual MARC Conference was held last week at Halls Gap – I had a great time catching up with other MARC teachers and learnt so much !! Thank you to Miss Simpson for taking MARC for me.

This week in MARC Lessons the **older grades** have focused on a **shortlisted book titled, The Voyage of Whale and Calf by Vanessa Pirotta**. It tells the story of humpback whale migration and how they are constantly on the look- out for danger. The children have drawn their response to the story or worked together to research the humpback or killer whales that appear in the story. We have discussed the dangers of the ocean from the whales point of view.

The **younger classes** have also focused on a **shortlisted book titled Snap! By Anna Walker**. We have read the

story and made our own versions of a frog and found out what frogs love to eat. We have also sung frog songs!

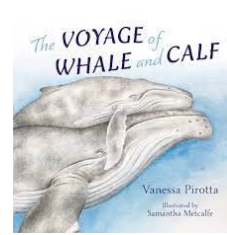
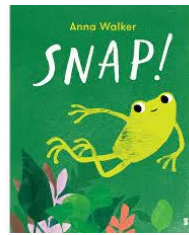
Please remember to return your books on *Friday and some Monday's*, when the MARC Van is in Kerang.

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!**

Mrs. Kylie Leahy (aka Mrs. MARC)



**NATIONAL STORYTIME IS COMING UP NEXT WEDNESDAY!** Get ready for Slothing around!!!

## Pupils of the Week



Lincoln Evans, Zarhli Duke, Amelia Beale and Harley Cartwright  
**Congratulations!**



## Happy Birthday!!

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

Dominic Spark, Ruby Castleman,  
Henry Hastie, Amelia Beale & Blake Williams



## 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](http://www.kerangps.vic.edu.au) or ph. 5450 3181  
Principal: Brenton Taylor Foundation Teacher: Jodie Tieppo



## LUNCH ORDERS TOMORROW'S SPECIAL: Alfredo's



## School Photos Reminder

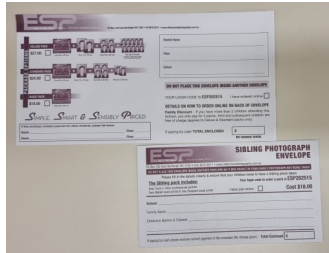
As previously communicated in our School Newsletter our School Photo session is scheduled for **Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

You will find details on how to order on the envelope from Elite School Photography. Please complete these envelopes and return to school asap.

If you wish to order Sibling/Family photographs, please contact the office and an envelope can be sent home with your child/ren.

Payment can be made online via credit card, cash or cheque.

Any further queries please don't hesitate to contact the school on 5450 3181.



## Cross Country

Blake and Macey both did an amazing job completing at the Mallee Division Cross Country.

Macey came 23<sup>rd</sup> and Blake came 33<sup>rd</sup>.

Blake set himself a target of running it in 16mins and he achieved 15.35 so he was super excited to beat his goal.

Well done to both students!



## COVID reminder



With flu season upon us, here is a timely reminder about current Covid regulations:

**Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.** Please let the school know via phone this is the case. Please note that schools do not need to notify the relevant classes anymore.

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- **If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild**

- **If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19**

- **If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.**

RATs are available from the front office if needed.

The Department of Health recommends that **masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.**

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that **masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for at least 7 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.**

Victorian  
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## 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.