

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

Murrabit Group School respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay respect to the Barapa Barapa elders past, present and future

### Dates to Remember:

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug Barham High Transition  
Hockey 7's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Aug School Council  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug School Photos

### **Covid and Flu**

**We have had a number of positive results for Covid reported in all our classes.**

Illness is sweeping our community and school. It is a time to rest when you can and look after yourselves. Attached is the link for financial support if you can't get sick leave. Thank you to all that have let us know. Take care

A huge thank you for all our staff and replacement staff for keeping school going with ongoing great professionalism during my absence.

A Caring, Country, Community School



### **Lions Public Speaking**

Well done to our students that were able to attend the Lions Club Speaking competition last night. You are to be congratulated on your efforts and for having a go representing MGS. We are very proud of you all.

Congratulations to Lyla and Hunter who qualified to go on to the next level.



### **School Sports**

All the best to our students that are representing the school and district in hockey next Tuesday in Swan Hill and as part of the netball team this Thursday.

### **Thank You**

A huge shout out to Kath Maclean that was very busy in the school holidays writing a grant submission for our garden and connecting with Bunnings. We appreciate the time and effort this takes and look forward to Spring gardening.

### **Uniforms**

A reminder that our lovely school uniforms are a **compulsory** part of our school, especially with school photos coming up on Aug. 10th. Several students are not wearing the correct uniform and forgetting their jumpers outside when they get hot. Below is the agreed policy. **If students have lost or come to school without the uniform, we will endeavour to find a second hand temporary replacement.**

Parents and Friend's Club donate a hat to each new student for use in Term one and four. If this hat is lost or damaged, they are available for purchase from the office. This hat remains at school unless being washed at home. A supply of uniforms is available at the school and can be purchased on a Monday or Wednesday from the office. A quantity of second-hand uniforms are also available for a \$2.00 donation per item.

- **Summer-** Royal blue / white check dress, royal blue polo shirt, royal blue or grey shorts /skorts.
- **Winter-** Royal blue polo shirt, royal blue windcheater or zip jacket, royal blue vest, royal blue track-pants, or grey trousers, waterproof jacket.
- Footwear must be suitable and safe for school activities. Footwear, which is backless, open-toed, or open-sided is not acceptable.
- School beanies can be worn to school on cold days however peak caps are not to be worn to school. School beanies are available for purchase along with other uniform items.
- **Please ensure everything is named.**

### **15 Mile Creek Camp – Year 5/6**

The final cost of the year 5/6 15 Mile Creek Camp is \$230, less the initial \$50 deposit. Accounts have been sent home today with the final amount owing, less any credits or CSEF. The final payment needs to be made by **22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

### **Emergency Drill**

Last Friday our students practiced an off-site emergency drill as part of our OHS practice. All went well.

### **School Council**

The next meeting of School Council will be next **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

### **Barham High School Transition**

Barham Transition Day is next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August for our Grade 6 students.

## **Covid updates**

### **Masks**

The Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings. Face masks are mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because wearing a mask is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

Face masks are strongly recommended for staff and students aged 8 and over when indoors, but are not required.

### **Exemptions for testing and isolation**

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.

This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19.

After the 4-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow [the rules for household contacts](#), including reporting this to their school.

As part of this they must take 5 rapid antigen tests (RATs) over 7 days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over 8 years old) in indoor spaces.

### **Vaccinations for students**

Vaccination remains the best way to protect students and staff in school settings. Your ongoing support in encouraging children aged 5 to 11 to get vaccinated, and staff and students aged over 16 to get their third dose, remains critical.

Gaby Hogg

## **School Photos**

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**. Order forms were sent home last week and need to be returned before the day.

A 'frequently asked questions' notice is later in the newsletter.

## Shop Lunch Orders

250ml Chocolate Nippy's are **no longer available** for lunch orders.

375ml Chocolate and Honeycomb and 250ml Strawberry are still available.

## Parents & Friends

It's unfortunate that this week we have so many of our little school isolating and unwell. Hopefully everyone is doing ok and back to good health quickly!

We hope to support several school sporting events coming up next month. After several years of cancellations it will be great to have everyone back at school cheering and supporting the kids in person. It's a quiet time for P&F as we are between fundraisers and events. This may be a good time to consider how P&F can help contribute to the kids education experience. If anyone has ideas or suggestions please feel free to get in touch. 😊

Michelle

## Prep / One News

Wow, what a big first three weeks we have had at school. Whilst I have been in and out due to family reasons, the students really deserve a big pat on the back for their resilience and adaptability for this – but hopefully we will all be settled from here on in. Last week, on Thursday, we had a great day learning all about 100. Being 100 days of school, we also have some great actors in our class who dressed up and took on the characters very well (voices, hearing issues and all). Have a great week, Miss Bath.



## Students of the Week:



**Mason More** - for his great effort to develop his writing by adding more details.



**Evan McNeil** – for his excellent problem solving in Maths. Top job!

**Hunter More** – for his entertaining writing and excellent voice AND his AMAZING catch!



**Shane West** – for settling in well to school

## Italian:



**Zeik and Brax MacLean** – for good progress on Duolingo and for listening well



**Huey Hein** - for repeating the food story in Italian and doing the actions.



## Music:

**Callum Etershank**- for helping with the amplifiers and microphones



**Skyra Lokeni** – for singing into the microphones and dancing to "Happy" and "What Does the Fox Say"



**Angie Jones**



## Market Morning Teas



Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on **6th August** are: **Keath, Lavey, Hein N&E** and **Heritage**

## Curators

**July** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – **Heffer**

**August** – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Hein B&N**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half - **Shea**



## Dreaming... the 2022 Book Parade theme... Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

Our story 'Eric the Postie' by Matt Shanks is a story about chasing your big dreams no matter how little you are. Our connection to the theme of dreaming is 'Who do you dream of being?' As you can imagine, our students are full of great ideas! We may have a rockstar or two, and I know we will have some sports stars! If you need help with your child's costume, please get in touch with your class teacher, who will readily assist you. We love dressing up!

## Congratulations, Pippy, Hunter, Callum and Lyla...TOP Job!

Our champion speechmakers did an AMAZING job last night at the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. We were so proud of you all! Well done to Hunter and Lyla, who qualified for the next level. Unfortunately, due to illness, Charlotte and Sophia could not attend. They also did a fantastic job preparing and practising their speeches. Hopefully, they can try again next year! More information is coming soon on the next level of competition.

## Good luck, Ivy and Lyla...you can do it!

Ivy and Lyla's district netball team has been allowed to play at the Regional Loddon Mallee winter sports championships in Swan Hill this Thursday 28th of July.

The games will be played at the Allen Garden Reserve (Swan Hill/ Tyntynder Football grounds). The carnival commences at 10.45 am and will finish at approximately 2.00 pm.

Netball uniforms will be provided. Please ensure your child has warm clothing, a cut lunch, snacks and plenty to drink. Thank you to Ang and Naomi, who will be attending this event.

## Athletics...coming soon.

Don't forget to keep free Tuesday, the 23rd of August, so you can head to the Cohuna oval to support team Murrabit at our Murray Plains Interschool Athletic Carnival. This is a whole school event where we compete against Gunbower, Leitchville and Koondrook. We will need helpers on this day, so if you can help, it would be great. I will send out a preference list next week. More details are coming!

We will also be doing our school Kingfishers Vs Cockatoos Mini-carnival on either the 17th or 19th of August... this date will be confirmed next week. Let's hope that everyone will be back on deck and fighting fit!

## Bike Education...safety first!

The children in Grades 2-6 will bring home information on this program tomorrow... stay tuned!

## Hockey 7's...Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

Some of our Grade 5/6 students will travel to Ken Harrison Reserve in Swan Hill next Tuesday, the 2nd of August, to participate in the Hockey 7's Regional Championships. We have been developing our skills over the last few weeks, and well done to our students for their efforts.

We will be departing school at 9.15 am and returning by 3.15 pm. Children require a cut lunch, drinks and a coat. The team will wear their school T-shirts, football shorts or school shorts, and Murrabit football socks (some children will bring extras for those who don't have any). Mouth guards are recommended. The school can supply shin guards, hockey sticks and balls.

Here are the names of our team members- Callum, Cooper, Drew, Jed, Kane, Lyla and Ollie. Our subs are Kobe and Casey, and they will be notified later in the week as to whether they will be attending, as this depends on the availability of our older students (due to illness).

We are looking forward to a day of tough competition! Supporters are welcome. If you have any further queries regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me (0428160008). Please sign the permission forms and return them to school by Friday the 29th of July.

Cheers Sue



## Rotary Spelling Competition 2022

The Rotary Club of Kerang would like to cordially invite the 23<sup>rd</sup> Spelling Competition.

This competition is open to students from Grades 4-6 in the local district and provides an opportunity for pupils to showcase their academic talents as well as develop their confidence.

This year's competition will be held at Thornely Hall, Kerang Technical High School, Murray Street, Kerang on Monday September 12, starting at 7pm.

The Annual Spelling Competition is organised and run by The Rotary Club of Kerang and does not attract any entry fee. The overall winners in each category will receive a trophy and a book prize. We would like to have all prospective names of students in each class confirmed by no later than Friday September 2, 2022

Please direct any other enquiries that you may have to Colleen Scriven.

Mobile: 0427 503 530

Email: [colleenmarita@hotmail.com](mailto:colleenmarita@hotmail.com)

## Murrabit Golf

Murrabit Golf Club are holding a golf day this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. A professional coach, Mark Bowd, will be offering free coaching on the basic essentials of golf, to beginners through to the seasoned golfer.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### My child has lost their order form, so I don't have their shootkey. What should I do?

If you are planning to pay using cash, pick up a spare envelope from your school's administration. If you would like to order online, please call us on 03 5482 3190 and we can provide you with your child's unique shootkey.

#### My child never received an order form or shootkey.

This is likely because your child was a new student or late enrolment. Please call office on 03 5482 3190 and we will issue you one immediately.

#### My partner and I have separated. Can we both order photos?

Of course. Simply use the same shootkey to order for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs delivered to the front office the school to ensure orders are sent home to the correct parent.

#### How do I order a family photo?

Most schools will have been sent family order forms attached to the eldest child of each family. These forms are orange on the back. If you have not received an order form, please pick up a spare from your school's administration.

#### I didn't receive an order reference number, but the money has been taken out of bank account.

Your order has been automatically received by our system. Simply send your child school on photo day with their order form as normal.

#### I can't pay today. Will I still be able to get photos?

Of course. All students will have their portrait taken regardless of whether you are purchasing photos or not. Online ordering will remain open for 3 calendar days after photo day. If you are still unable to order in this time frame, please contact us and we will endeavor to help you out.

## Barham, we want YOU!

**NO BOOKING NEEDED**  
Tuesday 2nd August 2022 - 1:00pm - 5:00pm  
Adult Pfizer & Paediatric Pfizer

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Riverside Reception Room,  
Council Chambers 15 Murray Street, Barham NSW 2732

**VACCINE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO**  
Anyone over the age of 5 years  
Anyone aged 16+ who needs a first, second or booster  
30+ Winter booster (4th Dose)

**WHAT TO BRING**  
> Medicare Card (If you have one, no worries if you don't! Come along anyway)  
> Please note: Children 5 - 15 years must be accompanied by a guardian or parent.  
> Photo ID

Walk on in - or pre-register by clicking on this link  
<https://nswhealth.health.nsw.gov.au/vam2>

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3 Months since last vaccination  
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## Bringing Up Great Kids

### Date & Time:

Six sessions on Thursdays  
Thurs 4th Aug - Thurs 8th Sept 22  
10am - 12 noon

### Venue:

Lady Augusta Comfort Inn  
375 Campbell St, Swan Hill

### Cost:

Free

### Contact:

Karen Martin 50 363 200  
[Karen.martin@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:Karen.martin@anglicarevic.org.au)

### Overview

A parenting program for building good relationships with children. The Bringing Up Great Kids parent program is a fun 6-week group that focuses on how parents communicate with their children. It offers opportunities for parents to learn about how children understand and use messages from their parents in their own development. This parenting program combines a reflective mindfulness based approach to parenting with a focus on the emotional and developmental needs of children.

### Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids program supports parents and carers to explore:

- Learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective.
- Consider the relationship between a child's stage of neurological development and their behaviour.
- Identify important messages they want to convey to their child and how to achieve this.
- Understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how they do this.
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent they would like to be.
- Learn about the importance of building self-esteem in children.
- Discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.





### Drawing Competition

Reimagine a page of 'Animalia' to celebrate its 35th Anniversary.

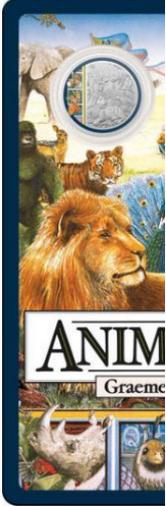
Open to primary students in Gannawarra.

Win two mystery Graeme Base books plus a special edition 'Animalia' Coin!

(Prizes for P/1/2, Year 3/4 & 5/6 students)

Phone 5452 1546 for more details

Entries close Friday 19 August



### Gannawarra Library Service Drawing Competition

Celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the iconic Australian Picture Story Book 'Animalia'

In conjunction with this year's Book Week celebration, primary school students in Gannawarra are invited to take part in a drawing competition to commemorate the beloved book 'Animalia', a beautifully illustrated book by Graeme Base that endures today.

We would like students to re-imagine their favourite page from the book. Whether you stick to the traditional 'Graeme Base illustration style', or create a manga version of the page, the hand drawn illustrations must reflect the original material.

Entries can be A4 or A3, are to be hand drawn and **MUST** include the boy that pertains to this quote –

"A final word before we go:  
There's one more thing you ought to know;  
In Animalia, you see,  
It's possible you might find me."  
(Ask an adult at home or librarian about this feature of the book)

Entries will be divided into three categories – Prep/1/2, Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6. Two prize winners will be selected from each category.

Winners will receive a **SPECIAL EDITION** commemorative coin, celebrating the anniversary of the publication of the story, **PLUS** two mystery titles of other Graeme Base books.



Entries can be delivered to either the Cohuna or Kerang Libraries and must include the full name of the child, grade level and school they attend and a contact phone number. Please do not place personal details on the front of pictures.

Entries to be received by close of business Friday 19 August and winners will be announced on the Gannawarra Library Service Facebook page (with a copy of the winning drawings and the first name of the artist) on Friday 26 August and will be contacted the following week.

## TUNING INTO TEENS AT HEADSPACE COMING TO KERANG

### FOR PARENTS

starting Thursday 28 July

9.30AM-11.30AM for six weeks

To register interest, parents just need to give Headspace a call on 03 4010 7100 and someone will be in touch.

### Tuning into Teens™ at headspace

**EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING**

Parenting can be a challenge at times so would you like to learn how to:

- Understand what they're going through at this stage in life?
- Understand their emotions?
- Manage conflict more effectively?
- Communicate more effectively?
- Create a closer more connected relationship?
- Build on your skills as a parent?

A FREE six session parenting program for parents and carers of young people

Tuning into Teens shows you how to help your young person to develop emotional intelligence. Research shows young people with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- Are able to deal with peer pressure better
- Are more able to cope positively when upset or angry
- Have fewer mental health issues and substance abuse difficulties
- Are better prepared to create the life they want to live, and thrive.

Contact your nearest headspace centre to register your interest

headspace  
National Youth Mental Health Foundation

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

The Kerang and District Schools

# Book Parade is back!

Dreaming with eyes open...

#CBCA2022

## 11.30am Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

NETWORK BY JASMINE STEWART © THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Spectators are encouraged to view the parade from Albert St, Scoresby St, Fitzroy St, Wellington St, and Victoria St in the Kerang CBD.

Come celebrate a passion for reading and cheer on our children!

PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF

Primary students in grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 who attend a Victorian Primary School are eligible to play in golf events that are organised by Golf Australia in partnership with School Sport Victoria. In the qualifying rounds students will play 9 holes on a short course, players will be notified of their progression to the state finals by Golf Australia. Students who qualify for the SSV State final will play 18 holes on a shortened course at Koorling Golf Club.

Entry to the events is online

<https://www.golf.org.au/schoolevents>

Your local event is at **KERANG GOLF CLUB**

On **Friday 21st October 2022**

Contact **Jayne Young** Phone **0459 660 003** Email [Jayne.young@golf.org.au](mailto:Jayne.young@golf.org.au)



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 <p><b>Do vapes contain nicotine?</b></p>	 <p><b>Is vaping bad for your lungs?</b></p>	 <p><b>Is vaping risky?</b></p>
<p><b>Yes.</b> Nicotine vapour contains chemicals and additives hazardous to a young person's health.</p>	<p><b>Yes.</b> Vaping has been linked to serious lung disease.</p>	<p><b>Yes,</b> vapour contains several cancer-causing agents, as well as chemicals that can cause DNA damage.</p>

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