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NEWSLETTER

- 8th March 2023

School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

Dates to Remember:

13 th March	Labour Day Holiday
14 th – 17 th	NAPLAN week
20 th March	STOMP concert
3 rd April	Prep Screening
	5/6 Art Excursion

Busy Week

What an amazing way to finish a busy week last week. Our circus day with Scott was a huge success and students looked amazing learning new skills. We cleaned up around the school first thing in the day and surprisingly gathered lots of varied rubbish.



A Caring, Country, Community School



In the afternoon we had a quick change of clothing so the Grade 6 could participate in the leadership presentations with Peter Walsh MP. It was great to see so many parents at the school in the afternoon.



We commenced our school tidy up with moving of resources, files and labelling with Ms GT great help. Jeanette would love some help in the library still. Today a new Promethean board will be installed in the Grade P/1 space and a photocopier delivered from Lake Charm.

Parent Teacher Catch Up

Starting March 20th we are inviting parents and students to make a time for a catch up with staff to have a chat and write each child's Individual Learning Plan together.

Labour Day

There will be no school on **Monday 13th March** as it is the Victorian Labour Day holiday. The planned curriculum day on Wed. 5th April has been postponed.

Webpage

The webpage is up to date again thank you to Miss Meganne Bath, with this year's timetables, staffing and latest policies as well as a colour copy of the weekly newsletter.

School Council Elections

It is once again the time of year when School Council Elections occur. We have 5 parent vacancies for the upcoming election cycle - four for 2 years and one for 1 year. Our outgoing members include Peter McDonald, Carly Ettershank, Rose Lavey Angela Morton, Tim McNeil and Sue Hird. Outgoing members are welcome to renominate if they so choose. If you would like to nominate for School Council, there is a nomination form attached.

Being on School Council is a great way to have input into the direction of our fantastic school, it is also a wonderful way to obtain an in depth understanding of the way that our school operates. We thank everyone who has been part of our School Council over the last year. Nominations open on Wednesday 8th March and close on Wednesday 22nd March. The next school council will be the 29th March.

Easter Raffle

We are holding an Easter Raffle again this year. Could all families please donate an Easter Egg or something similar for the school raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children over the next week. The main prize of the raffle will be the outdoor dining setting, an amazing prize worth \$1000+. Please help sell heaps of tickets.

Volunteer Survey

Thank you to everyone that has returned the volunteer survey. The information gives us feedback on how we can work together to make this a great learning environment.

STOMP and BYO picnic at MGS

Get out your dancing shoes and join the kids on March 20th for our STOMP concert and BYO picnic hamper at 6.30pm. Children will need to be dropped off at 5.30 for a quick practice and 1:1 session with Kirra. NDCHS and Rural Financial Counselling will be in attendance for anyone to chat to as well as Rachel from Local Logic Place gathering feedback on the community plan.

NAPLAN

Commences next Wednesday the 15th and will continue on 16th and 17th at MGS.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

It is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The results can assist teachers by providing additional information to support their professional judgement about students' levels of literacy and numeracy attainment and progress. NAPLAN results do not measure overall school quality.

Working with Children Checks

There are often activities and excursions where we rely on parent help. As you are aware, in order to help out with any activities, all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. It is free to get one and you can apply online or go to the Post Office and apply there. They do take several weeks to process, so now is the perfect time to get one if you would like to help out this year. If you are unsure how to go about it please make time to see Gaby for help.

5/6 Canberra Excursion

A reminder that expressions of interest and a \$50 deposit are required for the 5/6 Canberra excursion, to be held in November, by **this Friday 10th March**.

Gaby Hogg

Bookclub

Bookclub order forms were sent home last week and need to be returned before **Monday 20th March**

Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on **1st April** are: **Teasdale, Keath, Long, Holland-Hogan** and **Lavey**



Curators

March – 1st Half – More

- 2nd Half – Keath

April – 1st Half – Simmonds

- 2nd Half - Morton



Italian:

Prep /1 learners read an Italian book today and we did some of the actions. We are going to make a book! Here is page one!



*Aspetto! sto mangiando una mela
Look! I am eating an apple*

Circus and Clean Up Australia



Students of the Week:



Lilly Monk - for being a great independent worker in the classroom when its quiet and reading time.



Mason More – for his independence with his medication and monitoring his condition



Sophia Larkin – for being organised and independent when presenting new information to the class

Prep/One New

Week 6 is upon us, and we have finally hit a solid routine in the classroom. It was great to have the preps all week for the first-time last week – they persisted and worked great all week, even though they were exhausted at times. Students really enjoyed the Circus Day last Friday. They had a wonderful time ‘clowning around’ and practicing skills that are needed in the circus for different acts.

We again had STOMP on Monday morning. We have been practicing this in our classroom and with our teacher Kira, to put on the best performance for you all in just a few short weeks.

In the classroom this week we have been talking about our personal traits, (hair colour, eye colour, families, favourite food, favourite animals) it has been great to see so many different varieties of answers when we have been talking about this – it just shows students how different we all can be, but all get along and work together. We have been working on STEAM projects also, building LEGO bridges that can hold a person standing on them for at least 5 seconds – it has been wonderful to see the creativity and differences in how each person approaches the challenge and how each of the bridges have changed from their initial design to what they ended up with to suit the needs of the challenge. Enjoy some photos here of the different bridges that we have made. Have a great week, *Miss Bath.* 😊



5/6 News

It's been extremely busy in the Grade 5/6 room. We have had three fantastic yoga sessions with Hoppy, celebrated our Dr. Seuss Day and spent a lot of time organizing our Fruit and Vegetable stall. Thank you to everyone who has made purchases and contributions in the way of olive oils, relishes, jars, eggs and egg cartons and other vegetables. Including the sale of a couple of tables, thank you to Mrs. Hogg, we have already raised over \$200 towards school camp, all raised within the first 10 days!

The stall will continue to be stocked – value adding the tomatoes from the garden and we now have delicious relish for purchase. We are now very kindly asking the school community to donate easter eggs for an easter egg raffle to be held across the school. More information about this to follow but eggs can be left in the school office area from tomorrow (Thursday). Thank you so much in anticipation.

We have had some great presentations from the class in their Speaking and Listening program. Hunter did a great presentation on Australian culture, Kobe with a hands-on session in basketball and Sophia and Charlotte with their Powerpoint presentations on kelpies and horses respectively. It has been so wonderful to give students an opportunity to develop their organizational skills, creativity, oral language on topics that they are personally interested in. We look forward to our presentations in the class each week.

NAPLAN begins next week and I am sure the Grade 5's of the class will do themselves proud. Have an enjoyable long weekend. *Anita*



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is ready to go for 2023. It started on the 1st of March and will end on 8th September.

The Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the Challenge first began in 2005, more than 3.5 million students have read over 54 million books.

The rules and guidelines you need to follow to complete the Challenge.

If you're a student in Prep to Year 10 you need to:

1. Read a certain number of books during the Challenge, as shown below. Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 can read books by themselves or with someone else.
2. Get a Challenge coordinator at your school to verify that you've read the books you've registered online.

Number of books you need to read

Prep to Year 2

Number of books: 30

Number of books from the Challenge book list: 20 or more

Year 3 to Year 9

Number of books: 15

Number of books from the Challenge book list: 10 or more

For students in Prep – Grd 4, I will enter their data on the Premier's Reading Challenge site. Their books usually come from the books read to them in class by the classroom teacher, books that they borrow from the library or books read to them during buddy reading time.

Students in Grd 5 – 6 will be shown how to enter their own books. It is very important that students in Grd 2 – 6 keep their reader diaries up to date so that it is easier to know what they have read. If there are students in Grd 4 who would like to enter their own books, I am more than happy to show them how this is done.

Students can read books from the school library, MARC van, home, town library or any other source.

Thank you ***Jeanette Coulter***

School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on **April 3rd** this year.

Prep Grade Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before her visit. **If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse**, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to April 3rd 2023. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.





MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL STUDENTS
ALONG WITH STOMP DANCE CO.
PRESENTS

Let's Dance!

MONDAY 20TH MARCH

A SCHOOL DANCE CONCERT
STUDENTS FACE TO FACE RUN THROUGH:
5:45PM - 6:15PM
PARENTS ARRIVE AT: 6:15PM FOR 6:30PM
START
MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL
BYO PICNIC DINNER AND DRINKS




Murrabit Group School

TERM ONE 2023 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 20TH TO FRIDAY 24TH

MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

Please get in contact with your child's teacher to find a time that suits for the interviews - they will be occurring across the week, before and after school as well as during each teachers release time.

These are to discuss individual education plans and any other queries.

0476 910 683 OR (03) 5457 2284 OR
come in to school and book a time.



NDCH School Newsletter

RIDE2SCHOOL POSTER/COLOURING COMPETITION

What is Ride2School Day?

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school on Friday 24 March 2023

What's involved in the poster/colouring competition?

Make a poster or colour in the Ride2School poster to promote and raise awareness of Ride2School Day. Posters and colourings to be displayed on social media.

Who can enter?

Open to all primary school students in Gannawarra and North Loddon.

How to enter?

Send your entry to Rachael at rachael.clarke@ndch.org.au or drop it off at your school reception. Names will be on display, leave name blank or write your name on the back if you want children to remain anonymous.

Entries close: Wednesday 22nd March 2022

Prizes include:

Junior section (prep to grade 2) and Senior section (grade 3 to grade 6)

- Most creative (a combination of pens, pencils & textas)- \$50 Sports Store Voucher
- Most colourful- \$25 worth or prizes (book & lunchbox)
- Most effort put in- \$25 worth or prizes (book & lunchbox)
- Ride2School day certificate for every child who enters
- Colouring or poster displayed on social media



Example from:
Neerigen Brook
Primary School

More information:



CONNECTING GANNAWARRA Community Planning for MURRABIT & DISTRICT

A community plan is a document that sets the community's shared vision, captures its strengths and sets future priorities. Community plans are developed and owned by the community and capture the community's voice for what is most important for them. *Well written plans can strengthen a community's opportunity to access grant funding and achieve their long term goals.*

We are *supporting the communities of Murrabit & district to develop a community plan for a strong and healthy future.* We would love to hear from you!

You can share your ideas:

- Fill in a short survey: www.gsc.vic.gov.au/ConnectingGannawarra or scan the QR code
- At the Murrabit Social Meal (Murrabit Hall) WED March 22nd at 12pm (*booking required*)
- At the Murrabit Group School before the STOMP event MON 20th March 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Attend a Community Meeting (Murrabit Golf Clubrooms) MON 20th March at 7:30pm
- Stop for a chat at a listening post (Murrabit Store & Tavern) MON 20th March 4-5pm
- Drop your ideas/paper surveys into a comment box at Murrabit Trading or through the mail box in the door at the Murrabit Market Office



For further information contact:

Lisa McCoy on 0428644070 / lisa@locallogicplace.com.au
or Rachael Williams 0416 201 643 / rachael@locallogicplace.com.au

For ongoing project updates go to: www.gsc.vic.gov.au/ConnectingGannawarra



TEEN GYM

@ THE FIIT SPACE KERANG

Wednesday's
1st Feb - 5th April

for Term 1
4PM - 5PM

WITH BELINDA BACHELOR
72 Wellington Street, Kerang

YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12
WORK OUT **FREE**
FOR TERM 1 - EACH WEDNESDAY

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Proudly supported by:
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OUTDOOR TEEN GYM

@ KOONDROOK BARHAM

WEDNESDAY
1st March - 5th April

for 6 weeks
work out
FREE

WITH GRACE COOK
Barham Rec Reserve

11-14 YEARS OLD - 4.00PM - 4.30PM
15-18 YEARS OLD - 4.45PM - 5.15PM

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

PARENTAL CONSENT TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIRST SESSION. TO BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL.

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Get Active Kids Voucher Program

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!



Find out more at getactive.vic.gov.au

VICTORIA State Government

Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club

76th Annual Easter Tournament 2023

EVENTS

Good Friday 7-4-2022	Mixed
Easter Saturday 8-4-2022	Doubles
Each day - Mens & Ladies; A, Int, B Boy & Girls; U/16, U/13	

For the quickest and easiest way to enter go to - www.surveymonkey.com/r/6JTSHT5

Enquiries to
MURRABIT LAWN TENNIS CLUB
P.O. Box 33, Murrabit, Vic. 3579
murrabitlawn tennisclub@gmail.com or 0439 380 604

While in Murrabit experience Murrabit's HUGE Country Market on Easter Saturday

www.tennis.com.au/murrabit

Kerang Catch-a-Carp

The North CMA invites you to a FAMILY day of FREE activities

- ✓ Loddon Carp Catch - register on the day, bait supplied, bank fishing only.
- ✓ HEAPS OF PRIZES
- ✓ Welcome to Country
- ✓ BBQ lunch
- ✓ "Ask me about Waterbugs" with Waterwatch
- ✓ Kids' colouring competition
- ✓ Hear about our Native Fish Recovery Project, water for the environment and Ramsar Wetland projects in your local area

Sunday 19 March
10.30am - 1pm
Kerang Regional Park
end of Wyndham Street, Kerang

www.nccma.vic.gov.au

North Central CMA Parks Victoria

YACVic Youth Participation 101 Training

PLUS DINNER PROVIDED

Wed 29th March 2023
5.00PM - 8.00PM
NDCH Kerang
24 FITROY ST, KERANG

This training is for anyone that works with young people, including teachers, sports coaches, activity providers, and volunteers.

Register now:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFV0J>

What will you get out of the training?

- Discuss the fundamental benefits of youth engagement
- Provide support to embed the voice of young people within your physical activities
- Support to create empowering environments that enable children and young people to feel safe, welcome and confident to be active
- The chance to share good stories, and workshop any challenges you may currently be facing

FUTURE HEALTHY VicHealth YACVIC Youth Affairs Council Victoria NOCH

Music

Angie Jones



