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NEWSLETTER

- 24th May 2023

School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

Dates to Remember:

26th May	Pupil Free Day
2nd June	Lightning Premiership
7th June	School Council Meeting
9th June	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free
12th June	King's Birthday Holiday

Last week our east side fence was completed with great thanks to the Blaze Aid team. They also donated all the foods they could not take with them to distribute to our families. It certainly looks a lot neater, and it was great the kids could help out as well. We thank all our volunteers including families for all that you do to fundraise and keep the school looking amazing.



Education Week

Education week concluded with a fun game of kick ball with a twist. The students marginally won this event, but a retrieval will be planned soon. Some excellent parent skills were on display and the children loved competing against them.



2024 Prep Enrolments

Prep Enrolments 2024 are open now. Continue to spread the word and encourage new families to become a part of the MGS team. Prospective families are welcome to visit any time to see our wonderful programs in action.

Pupil Free Day

This Friday staff will be looking at student data and learning about Smiling Minds- a school mindfulness program. **It is a pupil free day.**

Returning Student

Next week we welcome Belle Morton back to the school in a work experience capacity.

Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership

Grade 5/6 students will be asked which events they would like to partake in on Friday 2nd June in Kerang. Parent helpers especially for t-ball are welcomed. There is a choice of netball, t-ball and football. Some children will be chosen to join the squads that will compete in Swan Hill.

River Detectives Program

Today Nicole Howie visited the school to teach the Grade 2//3/4 students and the staff about the River Detectives program. We are now a River Detective school and have also been invited to take part in a pesticides in water study. Using local environment to learn about everything will be very exciting. Here is a short video to introduce the program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-Nuoum0rAc>

River Detectives is an exciting education initiative of Catchment Management Authorities (CMA's) inspiring teachers and students to understand, appreciate and care for their local waterway through engaging, cross-curricular, citizen-science activities.

River Detectives - many valuable learning opportunities;

- skills and knowledge in science, maths, literacy, humanities, sustainability, art . . .
- monthly testing for pH, electrical conductivity (salinity), turbidity, reactive phosphorus and temperature
- learn about river health, waterways, catchments, water science, flora, fauna, urban stormwater, litter, erosion, land management, life/water cycles, ecosystems, Aboriginal cultures . . .
- provides real-life contexts for learning using real data from your local environment
- provides opportunities for your students to become environmental leaders / custodians / changemakers and educate your school / wider community about the importance of waterway health
- fantastic opportunities to link with community groups and participate in hands-on environmental rehabilitation work at your waterway or within your catchment
- lends itself strongly to strengthening community links ie. get involved with your local Landcare group/council/landholders to revegetate your waterway, learn about the history of your waterway, hear stories from older residents about the life and times of your waterway (droughts, floods, recreation), connect with traditional owner groups to learn about cultural practices.
- ties in well with other initiatives such as Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree

Day, Science Week, Water Week, ResourceSmart, etc

In summary, the River Detectives is an engaging, citizen-science, community/sustainability program that will help your students value waterways as the life-blood of the land - a very important value in these times of environmental change. Take a look at the website <https://www.riverdetectives.net.au/> to get a feel for the program

Outside School Hours Care

A survey for out of school hours was sent home last week with several responses. If there is enough interest in such a service, we can explore if this is a service we could offer at Murrabit Group school. Please continue to fill in this survey and return this week.

Tutor Program

Five groups have been involved in online tutoring in Math and Literacy and they are learning many new skills. The online program will continue for Term 2.



Gaby Hogg

Bookclub

Order forms have been sent home and need to be returned before **Wednesday 7th June.**

Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on 3rd June – **Danson, Heffer, McNeil and More**



Curators

May – 2nd Half - Heffer

June – 1st Half – Hein B&N

2nd Half – Danson



Parents & Friends News

P&F have supported some 5/6 Canberra camp fundraising with some locally purchased persimmon. Fresh persimmon are available \$2 each or 3 for \$5 or try a bag of dried 'chips' just \$1 each. A big thanks to Iryna for getting the fruit and first batch of chips made ready to purchase. Thanks also to those that helped out and those that supplied dehydrators.

The Crazy Camel Kids Art Fundraiser has commenced with some great items available to purchase. Some sample items are available at the front office and are great quality. These products would make great gifts for family and friends and the original art work is returned to you so it can be treasured forever. The kids can get creative with some painting, drawing or even photography and send them in to be made into very special keepsakes. Order forms are attached with today's newsletter with all orders due Friday 16th June.

Michelle 😊

Italian -

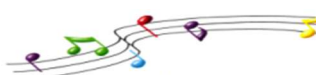
Sophia Larkin - for looking up facts about the Pantheon and the Colosseum



Music:

Rumi

Hein - for great listening and participation

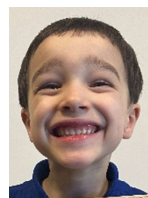


Jasmine Maclean

- for excellent drumming and good chord changing on the guitar

Tyler Long - for brilliant drumming

and for respectfully listening to others



Angie Jones

Welcome back Mrs Jones 😊



Students of the Week:



Lilly Monk – for being a kind, caring and supportive student to others



Mason More – for looking out for and helping others



Kobe Teasdale – for consistently demonstrating kindness to others

2/3/4 News

Our grade 2/3/4 students participated in a river detectives' session with our local catchment management authority teacher. They learnt about our local rivers and waterways, how to test phosphorus in water, how to check temperatures and how to complete a turbidity test. All students were engaged, able to participate and thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Murrabit Golf Club

Free Coaching

Hosted by Mark Bowd.

New, experienced and all age group golfers welcome

All equipment provided

Date: Sunday 28th May

Time: 12.00 – 2:00 pm

Registration and Enquiries:

Ron – 0419 328 033



Book Competition 2023

2nd place winner for
Year 5 & 6 in 2022



Create your own Picture or Story book.

Open to all children in Primary school.

Full details and entry forms can be collected
from The Little Blue Book Shop.



Closing date 28 July 2023 and winner
announced on 19 August 2023

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The Little Blue
BOOK SHOP



GET CONNECTED WELLBEING SESSIONS GANNAWARRA



Join KNH & Belinda Batchelor of The Fiit Space Kerang
in four Sunday sessions across Gannawarra Shire

Cost: \$5 Time: 10am-1pm

Bookings Essential:

Ring: 54 522 522, Email: reception@kerangnh.org.au

Participant numbers are capped, preference will be given to those
who haven't already attended one of the sessions

Kerang: 21/5, The Fiit Space, 72 Wellington St

Murrabit: 28/5, Murrabit Public Hall

Benjeroop: 18/6, Benjeroop Public Hall

Macorna: 25/6, Macorna Recreation Reserve

Session Program

Relaxed Yoga & Restorative Pilates

Guided Reset Meditation

Mocktail or Warm Cacao Drink & Grazing Box

You'll receive a self-care goodie bag for the day and at home,
which will include; aromatherapy roller, bath soak, a keep cup,
candle, soap, body lotion and more.

You will also have the chance to purchase a raffle ticket for the chance
to win a fantastic prize: more details soon.

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P/I CLASSROOM NEWS

THIS WEEK IN PREP/ONE

What a great few days it has been in the classroom back with all the kids. I certainly missed them and enjoyed catching up on all that they did while I have been away. Back into the swing of things and the kids haven't missed a beat - they have been working super hard on all their learning and their development and achievements are really starting to shine through.

As we have hit the half way point of the term we will be starting to do some testing so that we can write our reports - they will no doubt be great to see after all the great work we have been doing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Simultaneous Reading 11am 24/5/23
- Student Free Day 26/5/23



FOOTY TIPPING

ROUND 9:

Highest tips - Jobe (7/9)

Tipping leaders - Mason & Beau (52/79)

ROUND 10:

Highest tips - Lenny (8/9)

Tipping Leaders - Mason & Beau (59/88)

