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NEWSLETTER

- 16th August 2023

School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

Dates to Remember:

17th August Prep Transition 9-11am
21st August Parent Information – 4:15
25th August Book Parade

Murray Plains Cluster Athletics Sports

Well, we've done it again! Well done Murrabit for your sportsmanship and excellence in yesterday's athletics. We enjoy winning but it's about the enjoyment, comradery, cheering each other on and positive attitudes. Thank you to all that made the day possible, especially Gunbower P.S. and all that came and supported and helped out. Congratulations Ollie on getting the runner up boys champion.



A Caring, Country, Community School



Book Week

We will start Monday with a parent information session at 4.15pm, discussing our literacy program and how we can work together to build student skills, and a love for reading.

Our book for book parade on **Friday 25th** is 'Saved by Lydia Williams'- goalkeeper of the Matildas. It's a great range of costumes, so we hope to see everyone dressed up. We will leave school about 9.30-10am to meet at Kerang P.S. for the parade through town. Afterwards we will have lunch in the park and a visit to the library tower for some book sharing before heading back to Murrabit. The school bus will run as normal. Don't forget to send in \$5 per student for the bus.

"Saved is a delightful new picture story book. Little Lydia from outback Australia learns to be the best she can as she competes in a variety of sports against very unusual competitors, Australian animals. An inspiring celebration of self-belief, the joy to be had in sport, and the importance of persistence."

Tball

We hope to send some updates via our Facebook page about the Regional Tball in Bendigo today against Candlebark P.S.. All the best to the team of 12, Ollie, Hunter, Jobe, Hudson, Casey, Austin and Evan from Murrabit, Kerang St and Cohuna students.

Parent Opinion Survey

We want our parents/caregivers/guardians to tell us what they think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/ caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7th August to Friday 8th September 2023. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones. A link to the survey and sign in code has been messaged and sent home with a chocky.

Playground Artwork

This week we are very excited as Bright Lines comes to school to complete a project planned for many years. We also thank Sporting Schools for funds towards our basketball court, the Murrabit P&F, Murrabit Lions for the funds towards the project. Our concrete playground will be filled with coloured stencils, fine and gross motor training tracks.

Gaby Hogg

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Learn about our new and Improved Literacy Program that has been recently redesigned. Speak to teachers about how you can support your students at home. Ask any questions that you might have.

4:15PM - MONDAY 21ST AUGUST.

Bookclub

Bookclub orders have been sent home and need to be returned before **Wednesday 30th August**

Curators

August – 1st Half – McNeil

- 2nd Half – Hein N&E

September – 1st Half – Pappin

- 2nd Half – Holland-Hogan



Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on 2nd September are:-

Lokeni, Maclean, Thomas, Morton and Larkin



Parents & Friends News

Term 3 is quickly disappearing but still a few things happening with parents and friends before the end of term.

For those that ordered from the recent Bridgewater Bakehouse fundraiser Pies and slices will be delivered next Thursday 24th August. 🍪 😊 Exact time of delivery is still to be confirmed but we will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Father's Day is just around the corner and this year P&F will be conducting a gift stall Wednesday 30th August. All students are able to purchase a \$5 gift for their father or special person. More details next week 📺

We have been lucky enough to secure a local photographer to conduct some mini family sessions. Please book in Sunday 29th October! Precious Memories Photography provide a mini photo shoot and provide a 10 photo package. We would like interested families to complete an expression of interest before the end of Term 3 to ensure we keep the booking. More details in coming weeks.

Michelle 😊



Italian:



Huey Hein - for learning some vocabulary from families and numbers above 10 using Blooket.

Brandon Thomas - for fabulous progress on Duolingo.



Oliver More - for completing the most lessons this term on Duolingo for 5/6 class.

Tyler Long - for using the numbers game on

Languages Online.



Music:



Narky Lea - for fast learning of D A and G chords on the guitar.

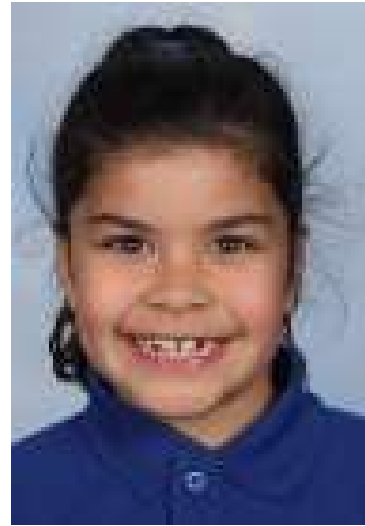
Xavier Hein - for excellent song writing skills for our

sport song

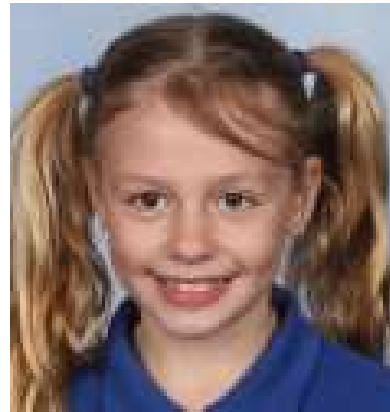
Angie Jones



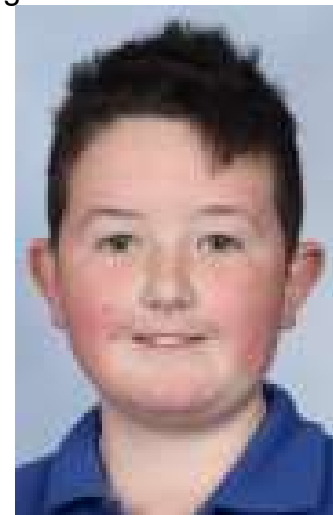
Students of the Week:



Skyra Lokeni - for always modelling positive behaviours and good work ethic.



Jade Lavey – for being an excellent role model in tutoring and assisting students and logging them in



Cooper West – for being an excellent role model in demonstrating what it means to come to school every day with a positive and happy attitude

P/1 CLASSROOM NEWS

THIS WEEK IN PREP/ONE

It's been a great start to the week already – the determination, support and participation yesterday by all our students in the Cluster School Athletics Sports was wonderful! It was great to see everyone having their best go and cheering on everyone else too.

We have our second 2024 prep transition tomorrow from 9-11am – we look forwards to inviting any potential preps for next year into our school and sharing with them what it's like to be at school.

Next week we have another busy week - Starting Monday night (4:15pm) we have our schools revised Literacy Program being presented to families. We also have Book Week and the Book Parade in Kerang – our theme is very wide this year (sports, country, Australian animals). We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful ideas students have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 15/8 - Cluster School Athletics (Cohuna)
- Thursday 17/8 - Prep Transition #2 (9-11am)
- Monday 21/8 - Parent Information Afternoon (4:15pm)
- Friday 25/8 - Book Parade in Kerang (10am)

FOOTY TIPPING

ROUND 11:
Highest tips - Xavier, Hudson, Kobe & Anita (8/9)
Tipping leaders - Hunter (122/187)



Massive congratulations to all students at the cluster athletics in Cohuna. It was great to see students participating and beating their PB's. This week 2/3/4 students will continue their measurement unit, however incorporating science with a teddy bear biscuit challenge. We will continue exploring persuasive writing, receive new spelling words for our homework books and continue visiting the library.

Next week is book week, I can not wait to see everyone dressed up as an Australian animal, country or sport related theme on the Friday 25th at Kerang. Have a great week!

2/3/4
NEWS

Grade 5/6 News!

This week I really want to emphasise how wonderful this group of young leaders are. A great day was had by all yesterday and winning the Cluster Sport trophy was certainly icing on the cake but the true highlight for me was the many fantastic examples of kindness, courtesy, encouragement and initiative that my students demonstrated throughout the day.

Throughout the day I witnessed, and had other teachers and parents comment, on how encouraging these young leaders were towards each other, the younger students and students from other schools. I know my students will read this and I want to tell you all that I was so proud of the way you carried yourselves throughout the day and the role modeling you demonstrated to your schoolmates on how to be supportive and respectful towards each other and those around you.

In case I don't tell you, though I know I always do, you guys are fantastic human beings and a privilege to teach. Screenshot this for future reference in case you ever forget – you are a credit to yourselves, the school and your families and congratulations to all of you. What a great day you helped to make it!

Have a great week, Anita



Murrabit Athletics Carnival


Well done to all students for participating in our Athletics Carnival. After completing our distance and relay event, our overall winners were Cockatoo's with Kingfisher's only 8 points behind.

Murrabit Group School 2024

★ PREP TRANSITION DAY TWO



Thursday 17th August
9am-11am
We can't wait to see you!



BOOK PARADE

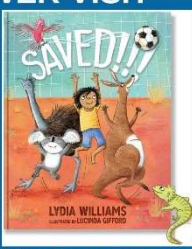
BOOK WEEK 2023

KERANG BOOK PARADE & LIBRARY WATER TOWER VISIT


DATE OF EVENT :
25th August

TIME
10am - 3pm

EVENT PLACE :
Kerang Town Centre & Kerang Library



<https://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Events-Activities/Kerang-and-District-Book-Parade>









ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING SURVEY (12-29 YEAR OLD ONLY)

"HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & GET A \$20 GIFT VOUCHER"

We have 50 gift vouchers to giveaway!

The Gannawarra Environmental Volunteering Project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Environmental Volunteering New Growth Project.




Celebrating Book Week

Possum Magic 40th Anniversary Colouring-in Competition

1st and runner-up prizes for age groups:
4 - 6 yrs, 7 - 9 yrs & 10+ yrs

1st Prize **2nd Prize**

 \$30.00

Collect and return entries from Cohuna and Kerang branches. Closes 12.00pm, 19 August.

 Visit your local branch or call 5452 1546 for more details.





**READ
GROW
INSPIRE**

BOOK WEEK 2023
21st - 25th August



2024 ENROLMENTS

Kerang Technical High School are now accepting 2024 Enrolments.

Year 7 enrolments need to be submitted by August 18.

ENROLL NOW

03 54521062

Yrs 7-9: Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au
Yrs 10-12: Nathan.Henry@education.vic.gov.au

OUR VALUES

- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- RESILIENCE





Help us find the Ghost Fish
Flat-headed Galaxias

North Central CMA

NATIVE FISH RECOVERY STRATEGY

Tri-State Murray NRM Regional Alliance

How you can help

We are seeking volunteers to collect water samples from specific sites in the North Central region of Victoria (see map on next page).

Contact galaxiencollector@nccma.vic.gov.au to express your interest. You will then be set up with a site near you, equipment, and instructions to collect a water sample and send it back for eDNA testing.

It is a simple once-off commitment, with a big impact for Ghost Fish conservation.

By taking part, you can also win a free 'Get your gudge on!' cap of your very own!

Flat-headed Galaxias (*Galaxias rostratus*) are a Critically Endangered small-bodied fish species which have suffered a severe decline in numbers and range.

Fish ecologists affectionately call this species 'the Ghost Fish' as very little is known about it. If it's spotted in a billabong or farm dam, which is extremely rare, by the time researchers arrive to investigate, it has disappeared!

One of the threats to this often overlooked and understudied species is a lack of data to help us understand their distribution and ecology.


The power of eDNA

Environmental DNA (eDNA) is a special way of monitoring for aquatic species. It involves collecting a water sample, which may contain DNA from a certain species (e.g. from tissue, faeces, urine, eggs etc.). The sample is filtered, and the filter paper is preserved and analysed in a lab with specialised equipment that can detect DNA.


eDNA is a powerful tool when it comes to searching for the Ghost Fish.

eDNA is a great way of detecting this mysterious fish in places where other survey methods cannot, and it removes the chance that it may be misidentified as a similar species, since every species has a unique genetic code.

NSW Fisheries have developed a species-specific eDNA probe for Flat-headed Galaxias, which has been validated by the Arthur Rylah Institute. It is ready to use, now we just need the water samples!



Flat-headed Galaxias

 Collecting eDNA samples for testing

ENQUIRIES:
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**BARHAM DEB
DISCO
FRIDAY**

15TH OF SEPTEMBER

@ BARHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL

ENTRY FEE \$10 PER CHILD @ DOOR

K-YEAR 2: 4PM-5PM

[FREE BAG OF LOLLIES ON ENTRY]

YEAR 3- YEAR 6: 5:15PM-7PM

**LOLLIES, DRINKS/WATER AND
GLOWSTICKS TO PURCHASE CASH ONLY**