

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

- 23rd August 2023

### School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

### Dates to Remember:

**25<sup>th</sup> August** Book Parade

**30<sup>th</sup> August** Father's Day Stall

**1<sup>st</sup> Sept.** Zone Athletics

**6<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Prep Transition - 9-11am

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Echuca Excursion

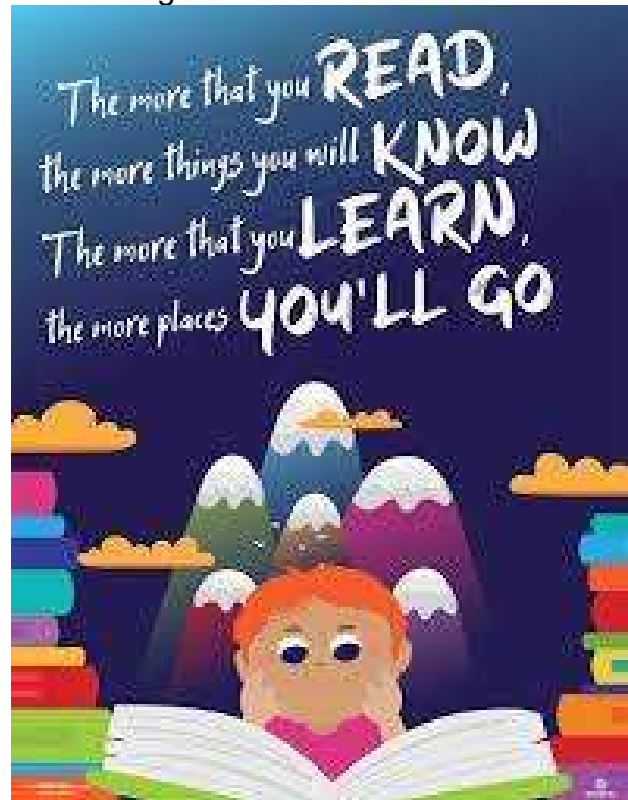
Happy book week, we hope you all can share a special book this week. Thank you to all the parents that could attend on Monday night for the MGS literacy session. It was a very successful session with lots of questions. Students from Grade P-2 have been given a pouch of booklets that they will cherish and keep. This has parent information about reading with your child at home and we will continue to add to the booklets as your child progresses. These are booklets that the child can read independently and would love to share with you. Please keep them in the blue reading folder along with the word homework and diary that comes home each day.

A Caring, Country, Community School



Grade 3-6 should be reading each day and signing their diaries as well as a short summary of what they have read. 30mins a night and 10min for spelling homework.

We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up for the book parade on Friday. The bus will run as normal and take them into Kerang as well.



### **Sport**

TBall - Our combined team are regional champions. I was so proud to watch their skills in action, their positive attitudes, kindness, determination, and sportsmanship. We are on to the State finals in Melbourne on September 6<sup>th</sup> now. Well done, Jobe, Oliver, Hudson, Evan, Austin, Casey and Hunter from MGS. Thank you parents for taking them to Kennington/ Bendigo for the match. We will be practicing tonight and next Wednesday at 4pm for those that can make it. Athletics for selected Grade 3-6 will be in Kerang on September 1<sup>st</sup>. A note will go home shortly.

## Transition

It will KTHS transition day tomorrow. Notes have been sent home to the relevant Grade 6s.

A successful grade Prep transition was held last week. If anyone wishes to have a look at this wonderful school you are more than welcome any time.

Gaby Hogg

## Bookclub

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

## Curators

**August – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – Hein N&E**

**September – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – Pappin**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – Holland-Hogan



## Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on 2<sup>nd</sup> September are:-

**Lokeni, Maclean, Thomas, Morton and Larkin**



## Parents & Friends News

The Bridgewater Bakehouse Pies and slices are arriving **tomorrow** Thursday 24th August. Hopefully the truck arrives on time and all orders will be ready for pick up at the end of the school day.

To help the kids spoil their Dad or special Male person this Father's Day P&F are conducting a Father's Day Stall. Next **Wednesday 30th August** from 1.45pm. We have a variety of different gifts **available for \$5**. Each child (or family if you prefer) can purchase a gift which will be wrapped and taken home in time to share with loved ones on Father's Day. If you would like to be involved to help wrap gifts and share the fun and excitement everyone is more than welcome.

We still have several fundraising events planned.....Be sure to book in Sunday 29th October for our up coming family photo shoot fundraiser. More details and expression of interest next week. 📷

Michelle 😊

## Italian:



**Moppy Pappin** for helping others on Duolingo  
**Brax Maclean** - for winning the Kahoot Italy



**Jasmine Maclean** - for playing the ball/question game well.

**Skyra Lokeni** - for reading in Italian on her own - well done!



## Music:



**Aailyah Lokeni** – for choosing some funny Aussie songs to sing.

**Hunter More** - for videoing himself doing some solo singing.



**Emily Murray** and **Pippy Morton** - for helping with the videos for our Murrabit song.



Angie Jones



**MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL**

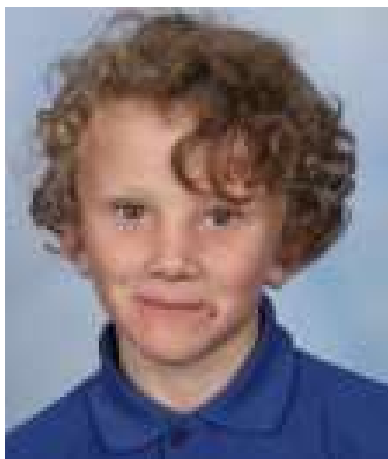
# Echuca Trip

**ATTIRE:**  
Wear your full school uniform and enclosed toe shoes.

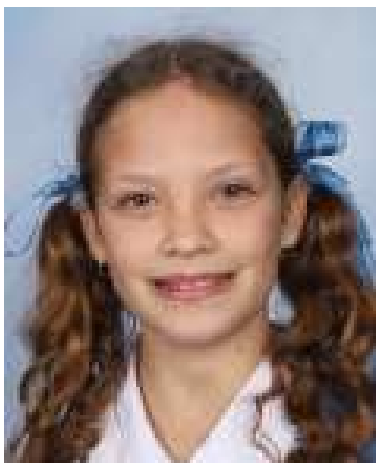
**ASSEMBLY**  
Friday 8th September  
Leaving School at 9:00am  
Returning Approximately at 3:20pm

**REMINDER**  
We are going to TwistED & Gravity Shack.  
Please bring all Snacks and a packed lunch.

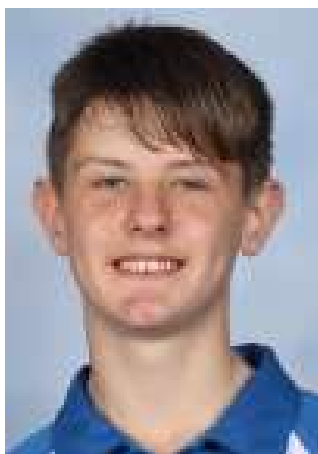
## Students of the Week:



**Beau Murray** - for setting a great example on how to engage well in his learning at all times, and not getting distracted by others.



**Myrtle Pappin** – for always being encouraging and kind to others and always trying her best



**Oliver More** – for showing compassion and empathy for other students on Athletics Day and being an outstanding role model

### P/1 CLASSROOM NEWS

#### THIS WEEK IN PREP/ONE

Monday night it was great to see so many parents come in for our parent information session on literacy in our school. If you missed the session or wanted to follow up about it please don't hesitate to get into contact with us so we can guide you through it.

In the classroom this week we have been focusing on division in maths, and on our reading making connections between what we have read and our personal lives.

Next week we will have a Fathers Day stall that students can purchase gifts for dad from.

**DONT FORGET!** 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.

We also have our special excursion to Echuca coming up in week 9 - notes and money need to be returned for this ASAP.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 25/8 - Book Parade in Kerang (10am)
- Wednesday 6/9 - Prep Transition (9-11am)
- Friday 8/9 - Echuca Trip (Whole School)

#### FOOTY TIPPING

**ROUND 1:**  
Highest tips - Oliver (9/9)  
Tipping leaders - Judi (129/196)

# 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**

**SAVED!!**  
LYDIA WILLIAMS  
ILLUSTRATED BY LUCYBON GIFFORD

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

## Grade 5/6 News!

Another busy week in the Grade 5/6 class. We have lots of visits by animals in our Speaking and Listening program, from kittens, puppies, horses and even a rat! We have been continuing to highlight our emerging skills in oral language by developing techniques in giving speeches, presenting information, reading aloud and using expression when reading plays.

A big 'push' this term has been on providing detailed summaries of texts, using evidence and supporting details from texts read. Currently students are completing their picture book review where they have not only analysed the books they have chosen but also the structures with which they present their written review. You can support this learning by encouraging your child to continue reading for a minimum of thirty minutes each night and it would be great if parents could check their child's understandings by asking them to give a detailed summary of what they have read to you afterwards.

In Numeracy we are continuing to work on our awareness of decimals, particularly place value and ordering and rounding decimals to the nearest whole numbers.

We have been looking at positive characteristics in ourselves and others and highlighting and celebrating these important traits. We recognize how important it is to be kind but also to be compassionate, courageous, fair, hopeful and enthusiastic and inclusive of others. We can highlight examples of these traits by giving compliments to others and that has been a big focus this week.

*Have a great week! Anita*



## Knowing Your Teen

Parenting teenagers is not easy, it requires creativity, determination, and patience! It is a tough phase for everybody, but you are not alone.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop that aims to provide information, improve understanding, and explore strategies that focus on the strengths and challenges of this stage of development.

✓ Strategies

✓ Problem Solving

✓ Growth

### Workshop Details:

Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Location: Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang

This is a FREE single session workshop only.

Delivered by CatholicCare's Regional Parenting Team

Early registration is recommended.

Refreshments will be provided.

### RSVP to:

Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang  
Phone: 03 5452 1546

Hosted by:



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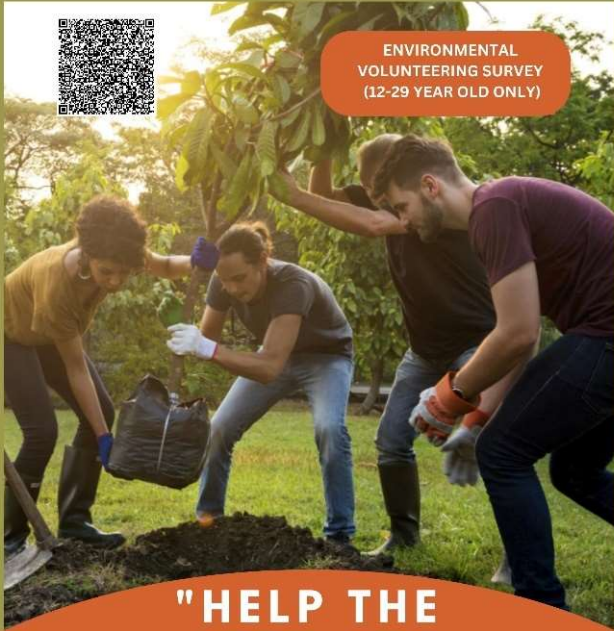
**ENQUIRIES:**  
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# BARHAM DEB DISCO FRIDAY

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



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.



## Help us find the Ghost Fish

Flat-headed Galaxias



NATIVE FISH  
RECOVERY STRATEGY



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

### 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 [citizenscienceteam@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:citizenscienceteam@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!



Collecting eDNA samples for testing