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Educating today's Minds for Tomorrow's Challenges

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Week 6/11

Dates to Remember

Term 4

### November 2016

Nov.14 Official opening of Koondrook Wharf. (Bus) Official start 11:45.

Nov.18 Mystic Melodies

Nov.25 Mystic Melodies

### December 2016

Dec.1 Ballet concert – Kerang

Dec.15 End of Year Concert

### Pupils Of The Week



Ryan Cuthbert for this Mathletics 100% achievement. Well done.

Megan Adam received the Smiling and Friendly award.



### Principal's Message

#### **Healthy eating**

*We will continue with our Healthy lunches every Friday. To save time, if possible, could parents / students prepare food at home for quick serving at school. There will be items which we will have to cut at school, but having some prepared will be a big help.*

**Maths day** On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we travelled to Quambatook Primary for a Cluster Mathematics Day with Ultima Primary and Quambatook Group School.



### **Student teacher**

*Kara is finishing her teaching round this week. We wish her well in her studies.*

### **Koondrook Wharf Opening**

*The Bus will depart school at 9:00am, we will visit the Ibis Rookery along the way, then head to Koondrook for the festivities.*

### **Mosquitoes**

*Mosquitoes have been in large numbers throughout the district and Lake Charm is no exception. Fortunately this week the numbers have declined. I am rather anxious about the use of sprays, although each morning I have been spraying the doorways prior to the arrival of students. Parents can provide your children with personal anti-mossie spray. Clothes that cover up more of the skin may be useful.*

## **What's happening in the classroom?**

We have been studying mosquitoes this week, completing mini projects on the iPads and making posters.

We have also been making posters for the arrival of the paddle steamer PS Alexander Arbuthnot at Koondrook next week.

We have also been working on our Mathletics skills, trying to perfect them. The grade 6 students have been using the interactive whiteboards during Maths.



### **Junior Room**

This week the Junior room have been finishing off our Christmas stories. Continuing on with Aboriginal studies, we have been reading Aboriginal Dreamtime stories during quiet reading.

Wednesday afternoons we having been making puppets for our Aboriginal play at the end of year concert.

Soon we will be learning a line dance to an Aussie song with Jan Thomas, this should be loads of fun.

Homework reminder for Term 4

- Practise Spelling words EACH night
- Read EACH night and get an adult to sign your reading diary

**Why is reading 20 minutes each night important?**

Student A	Student B
reads 20 minutes each day 3600 minutes per year 1,800,000 words each year 90th percentile of reading results	reads 5 minutes each day 900 minutes per year 282,000 words each year 50th percentile of reading results
<b>By the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days.</b>	<b>By the end of 6th grade, Student B will have read the equivalent of 12 whole school days.</b>

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which student would you expect to be more successful in school.... And in life?

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### Student Voice

Here is a list of things that can help keep the mozzies away

1. Drinking apple cider vinegar
2. Eat more garlic
3. Plant mosquito repellent plants (lavender, citronella, catnip and feverfew)
4. Throw rosemary on the barbecue
5. Lavender body oil
6. Make a mosquito trap



*By Bree Cordina and Freya Kennedy*

### Student Banking

Student banking dates for the remainder of the Term:

15<sup>th</sup> November      6<sup>th</sup> December      13<sup>th</sup> December      20<sup>th</sup> December

### Fundraising

The fundraising committee have arranged to hold a cake stall at Bunnings in Swan Hill on 12 November.

**We ask that each family provide 2 slices please**, which should be dropped at school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. However, we ask that an ingredients list for each slice be sent to school during the previous week (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November), so

that we can print the stickers for each slice which is a requirement for all goods sold at cake stalls.

## Community Connections



**St Joseph's School**  
Fitzroy St, Kerang

**2016 TWILIGHT FETE**  
**18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 5pm - 9pm**

**NEW Giant Inflatable PIRATE SHIP Slide**

**\$15** for unlimited slide rides  
or  
**\$5** per ride



**BUNGY RUN!!**  
plus the jumping castle,  
Rotary train rides.

To pre-purchase tickets call into St Josephs or purchase on the night.

Plenty of food for dinner in the BBQ Tent, plus treats in the CWL Ladies Dessert Café, Cake Stall, Hot Donuts, Fairy Floss and Rainbow Snow Cones.

Plant & Produce for Sale & Great Prizes on our Spinning Wheel.  
Great Family Night Out!!!



Do you want to work in a fun environment outdoors with flexible work hours?

Then don't miss this great summer job opportunity.

**Casual Lifeguard**

Please visit Councils website for more information or call 5450 9333  
[www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au)



### Sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation

Preparations are underway for planning the receiving of the sacraments into the Catholic Church in 2017.

The instruction in preparing for the sacraments is very much a parent responsibility along with support from the school and the parish. There is a commitment from parents to attend meetings with their child.

The **First Reconciliation** will take place on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

The sacraments of **First Eucharist and Confirmation** will be administered on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10.30am** mass.

If you are planning to have your child prepare for the sacraments would you please contact **St Joseph's School by Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. Any enquiries please contact the school 54521426 or Fr Jun Jun at St Patrick's presbytery.



# SKIN CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR

Speakers from Skin Smart Australia are coming to the Rotary Club of Kerang's clubrooms to educate the community, including local health agencies, educational institutions and other interested parties, where they'll pass on their expertise. No actual testing will take place but participants will get the knowledge they'll need to take away with them.

**At: Rotary Club Of Kerang  
1 Rattray Street  
Kerang Vic 3579**

**Thursday December 1st, 2016**

- **Option 1: Come for a meal beforehand at 6pm and stay on for the 7:30 presentation - Cost \$20**
- **Option 2: Come along at 7:30 pm for the free presentation (RSVP for catering/seating by phone or text to Phil Swifte 0428 510 387)**

**By 8:00 p.m. Sunday November 27th at latest**



Melanoma is the number one cancer killer among those 17-44 years of age.

The Gannawarra Shire has the highest instance of Melanoma in Victoria!



Two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Splash Park Opening

The community is invited to a fun, family afternoon at the Kerang Swimming Pool to celebrate the completion and official opening of the Splash Park on Monday 14 November.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Eric Braslis said the project will enhance peoples experience at the pool and attract visitors from outside the Shire to the area.

"We know in the past we have had visitors from as far away as Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton to use the waterslide, so the completion of the Splash Park is another exciting element to the pool precinct to entice visitors to our wonderful area."

"In addition, local families will now have access to wonderful facilities at their local swimming pool," he said.

The Splash Park is a part of a \$677,000 project to improve the Sir John Gorton Aquatic Precinct, including a new family and universal access changing facility, new solar heating for the pool and external painting to the changing room and kiosk.

On the day of the opening, entry to the pool will be free from 3pm, there will be a free sausage sizzle, water slide, fun games and activities.

With lots of fun activities Gannawarra Shire Council invites everyone to come along, have a splash and join in the family fun.

### EVENT DETAILS

Monday 14 November

Kerang Swimming Pool – Shadforth Street

Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

The project was funded from the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and Gannawarra Shire Council and is part of the wider Sir John Gorton Precinct Aquatic Centre Revitalisation.