



# Little Yarns

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## Calendar of Events

9 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
11 - 23 Mar	NAPLAN
20 Mar	Harmony Day
27 Mar	Easter Raffle concludes
2 Apr	Last Day of Term 1 - Easter Hat Parade BBQ & Colour Run Early Finish 2:15pm
3 - 19 Apr	School Holidays
20 Apr	Pupil Free Day
21 Apr	Term 2 Commences
24 Apr	Grandparents Day
27 Apr - 1 May	Junior Swimming

## From The Principal

Dear Kerribana Families,

The past two weeks at Kerribana have been incredibly busy and full of rich learning experiences for our students.

### *International Women’s Day*

Sunday, March 8th is International Women’s Day, a global celebration of the achievements, resilience and contributions of women, while also serving as a call to action for gender equity. Wishing all the girls and women of Kerribana a happy International Women’s Day—may we continue to support, uplift and inspire one another!

### *Celebrating Culture and Community at Kerribana*

At Kerribana, we take pride in celebrating the rich cultural diversity of our school community. This month is especially significant, with several important cultural and religious events taking place.

Ramadan is currently being observed by our Muslim students and families. This sacred month is a time of reflection, prayer and fasting from dawn to dusk. It is also a time of generosity and gratitude, strengthening connections within families and communities.

## From the Principal continued

On March 4, some in our community celebrated Holi, the Hindu festival of colours. Holi is a joyous occasion that symbolises unity, renewal and the triumph of good over adversity. The vibrant celebrations remind us of the importance of friendship, happiness and inclusivity—values we hold close at Kerribana.

This week also marked Purim, a lively and meaningful celebration in the Jewish calendar. Purim is filled with storytelling, costumes and acts of kindness, reminding us of the strength of resilience and community. We extend warm wishes to those celebrating.

Later this month, we recognise Ugadi, the New Year festival celebrated in parts of India, marking new beginnings and prosperity. We send our best wishes to all in our community celebrating Ugadi.

Looking ahead, Harmony Day on March 21<sup>st</sup> provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on and celebrate the many cultures that make up our Kerribana community. Our school motto: Celebrating Everyone's Best, is strengthened when we listen to, and learn from one another's traditions. We will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and ask all students to **wear a splash of orange**. We will participate in activities that show how our uniqueness and our ability to be inclusive define our school.

Before we know it, the end of term will be here, and we'll be heading off for the school holidays. With Easter also just around the corner, this is a time of celebration and togetherness for many in our community.

By acknowledging and celebrating these important events, we continue to foster an environment where every student feels seen, valued and connected. Thank you to our families for sharing their traditions with us and for making Kerribana a school where diversity is embraced.

With a long weekend ahead, I hope everyone takes the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday for another great fortnight of learning at Kerribana!

Have a great fortnight!  
Fran Waterman  
Principal

## 2026 NAPLAN

NAPLAN Begins Next Week!

Next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 3 and 5 students will begin their NAPLAN assessments, which provide insights into student learning in literacy and numeracy.

**"NAPLAN starts on  
Wednesday 11th March  
2026 and finishes on  
Monday 23rd March 2026"**

At Kerribana, we see NAPLAN as just one of many ways to understand student progress, and we encourage our students to approach it with confidence and a growth mindset.

Teachers have been supporting students with strategies to help them feel prepared, and we remind families that a good night's sleep and a calm start to the day can make all the difference.

Most importantly, we reassure our students that NAPLAN does not define them—it is simply an opportunity to show what they know.

*Reminder*  
**Monday  
9<sup>th</sup> March is a  
Public Holiday**

# Expectations

**Respectful, safe, engaged - Shared expectations to support student behaviour.**

When schools, families and students work together, we achieve the best outcomes. These partnerships are essential to creating school environments that support all students to belong, learn and thrive.

At Kerribana PS, all students are expected to be respectful, safe and engaged. These behaviours help make our school a place where everyone can achieve their best.

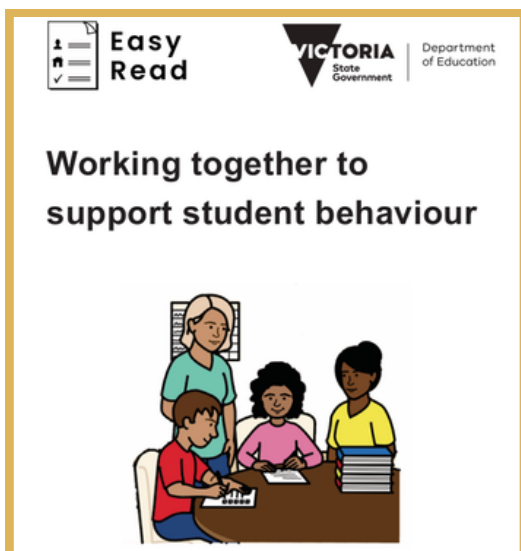
## **How parents and carers can help:**

As a parent and carer, you play a vital role in helping your child to understand and meet shared behaviour expectations.

By modelling and encouraging positive behaviour, you help your child build the skills and habits they need to be successful at school.

You can see the [Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour statement](#) on the department's website. This outlines the shared expectations and how you can help.

Further information, resources and support are available at [Supporting positive behaviour in Victorian government schools](#).



# Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> February, students who qualified at our school swimming carnival competed at the Upper Hume Swimming Carnival. It was a great day out and all students represented Kerribana well.

Congratulations to:

- Jasper A - freestyle
- Ora B - freestyle & backstroke
- Milla C - freestyle & backstroke
- Lara C - freestyle & backstroke
- Amelia E - backstroke
- Willow H - freestyle
- Belle M - freestyle & backstroke
- Quinn P - freestyle
- Macy R - freestyle



# Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that mobile phones are not permitted at school. If your child needs to bring a phone to school for any reason, this must be handed into the office before school and can be collected again at the end of the day.

We have noticed a number of students who have not been handing their phones in. We kindly ask you to speak with your child regarding this.

Your understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

# 2027 Enrolments

Foundation (also known as Prep) is the first year of primary school in Victoria.

Your child can start school if they turn 5 years old before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027. School is compulsory once your child turns 6 years old.

## **When can I apply?**

Applications to enrol in a Victorian Government primary school for 2027:

- Open from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Are due by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

You can download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026.

## **What are my child's enrolment rights?**

In Victoria, your child has the right to attend their designated neighbourhood school (your 'local school') under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. Your local school is determined by the school zone of your permanent residential address. To learn more about how enrolment decisions are made, visit [Enrolling in school](#).



# Teacher Contacts

Your child's teacher is your first port of call for all queries and/or concerns regarding your child.

Please reach out to them via message on Xuno, or via email:

**Foundation A** - Mrs. Natarsha Vincent:  
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**Foundation B** - Mrs. Jess Robinson:  
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Here are the links to our Facebook and Instagram profiles:



<https://www.facebook.com/kerribanaprimarieschool>



<https://www.instagram.com/kerribana.primary.school/>

## School Times

The school day commences at 8:45am and students **should not be arriving at school before 8:30am**, as the school grounds are not supervised before this time. We have noticed a number of students being dropped off well before this time.

Before and After School Care is available through TheirCare for families who need care for students before 8:30am and after 3:15pm.

To book their services, please contact TheirCare on 1300 072 410 or via their website; [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)

## Late Arrivals

All students arriving late to school must report to the Office to be signed in, before heading to class.

## State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation. Their aim is to ensure all children have equitable access to school uniforms.

If you are struggling with the cost of uniforms, State Schools' Relief will supply uniforms for your child/ren.

Items they are able to supply include; jackets, polo tops, tracksuit pants, coats and shoes.

To access this service, please email the school on:

[kerribana.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kerribana.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Attention: State Schools' Relief

In your email, please state the specific items and sizes required, and your order will be delivered to the school.

Logo items can be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms or B-Cut Uniforms using the voucher provided.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office.



**STATE  
SCHOOLS'  
RELIEF**



## Contact Us

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# Community Announcements



## OPEN NIGHT

FELLTIMBER | MARCH 23

HUON | MARCH 25



START YOUR  
YEAR 7  
JOURNEY AT WMYC

Start your journey with us at our  
2026 Open Night!  
Thrive in a specialist 7 to 9  
learning environment  
Explore your interests through  
our diverse range of speciality  
areas



INFO SESSIONS  
FROM 4:00PM  
CAMPUS TOURS  
FROM 4:30PM



Catholic  
College  
Wodonga  
*Life in Jesus*

## COME TO OUR OPENDAY

*Monday 23 March*  
3.30-6.00pm

### ACTIVITIES

Take part in the many hands-on activities to get a feel of what is on offer to students at our College.

### TOUR YOUR WAY

You can choose to take a tour booklet and explore the College at your own pace or book a group tour for a more in-depth experience.

### KEY STAFF AVAILABLE

Talk to our friendly staff about all aspects of secondary schooling and what we can offer to your child.



ENROL HERE

## 2027 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolments Close Friday 27 March



## OPEN DAY

Thursday 5th March 2026

We invite you to explore Victory Lutheran College and chat with our Principal at Open Day

- Discover how Victory can inspire, educate and empower your child to strive towards their personal best
- Learn about our rigorous academic curriculum
- Student-led tours of our first-class facilities
- Speak with our Leadership Team, teachers, staff and students
- Delicious high tea and espresso coffees provided by VET Hospitality students

Victory Lutheran College  
28 Drage Road, Wodonga  
Enquiries 02 6057 5859  
Email [registrars@vic.vlc.edu.au](mailto:registrars@vic.vlc.edu.au)



REGISTER FOR  
OPEN DAY



MORNING SESSION:  
9.30am – 11.00am  
Principal's Address: 10.30am  
TWILIGHT SESSION:  
4.00pm – 6.00pm  
Principal's Address: 5.00pm

[www.vic.vlc.edu.au](http://www.vic.vlc.edu.au)

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