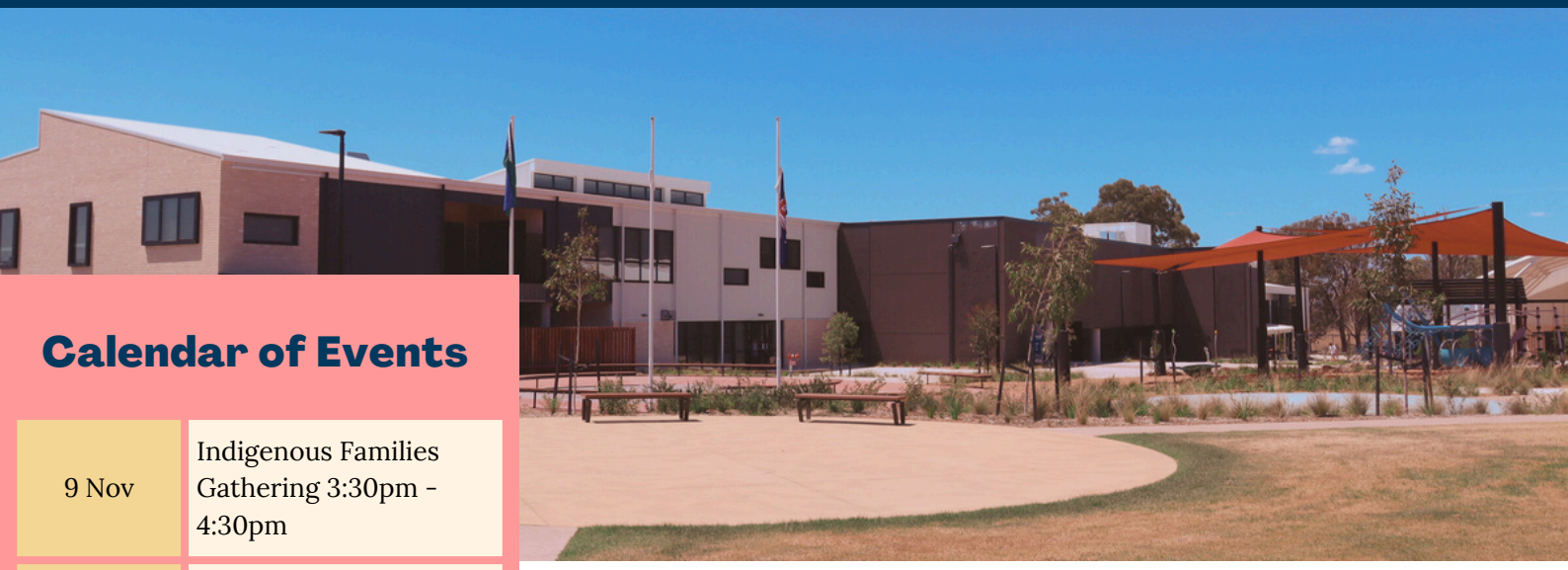
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Little Yarns

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Calendar of Events

9 Nov	Indigenous Families Gathering 3:30pm - 4:30pm
17 Nov	Foundation Transition Foundation Information Evening 5pm - 6pm
19 Nov	Real School's Parent Evening 5pm - 6:30pm
23 Nov	School Council Meeting
24 Nov	Foundation Transition
27 Nov	**Wodonga Gold Cup Public Holiday**
30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation & Whole School Presentation Assembly
1 Dec	School Concert - 6pm Foundation Transition
7 - 11 Dec	Year 6 Head Start
8 Dec	Statewide Transition Day
17 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 End of Term BBQ Early Finish 2:15pm

From The Principal

Dear Kerribana Families,

World Teachers' Day

Tomorrow, Friday 30th October is World Teachers' Day!

On behalf of everyone at Kerribana PS, we hope you have a wonderful World Teachers' Day. All our Teachers deserve to be celebrated, tomorrow and throughout the year.

Teaching is complex, deeply human work. The expertise and care that teachers bring to their work every day makes a difference to the lives of children and young people. Not only do they support our young people to acquire skills and knowledge, they positively influence how they see themselves and what they believe they're capable of. That's worth celebrating.

Celebrating Everyone's BEST!

At Kerribana Primary School, our values are:
B – Be Brave and Participate
E – Encourage Everyone's Best
S – Speak Kindly and with Care
T – Treat All with Respect

From the Principal continued

Our staff notice students who display these values to a high level. We record when we see children living these values in their interactions, efforts and personal bests. When a student has recorded 5 examples of actioning one of the values, we present them with a BEST Badge of Recognition.

B is to BE BRAVE and PARTICIPATE
Congratulations goes to:
12A: Kyle!
12C: Eloise, Henry and Ruby!
34C: Layla!
56A: Isla, Lara and Quinn!

E is to ENCOURAGE EVERYONE'S BEST
Congratulations goes to:
12A: Luca and Patrick!
34A: Harlow!

S is to SPEAK KINDLY and with CARE
Congratulations goes to:
12A: Audrey!

T is to TREAT ALL WITH RESPECT
Congratulations goes to:
0FA: Miles!
12A: Noah and Kenzie!
34A: Indie, Zahli and Lucas!

We also have some 21 students who will be receiving their Kerribana Reading Recognition Ribbon for achieving 200 nights (or more) of reading this year!

Dates For Your Calendar

- Monday 9th November – Koorie Families Afternoon Tea in the Library; 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Thursday 19th November – Real Schools Parent Information Session; 5pm - 6:30pm
- Friday 27th November – Wodonga Cup Public Holiday
- Monday 30th November – Year Six Graduation and Whole School Presentation Assembly
- Tuesday 1st December – Kerribana End of Year Concert at Wodonga Senior Secondary College

With kindness,
Fran Waterman
Principal

End of Year Concert

Preparations are underway for the very first Kerribana End of Year Concert! This will be held on Tuesday 1st December, at Wodonga Senior Secondary College.

The concert will start promptly at 6:00pm, with children required 15 minutes prior to showtime - more information will follow, as we get nearer to the date.
This will be a ticketed event, with tickets going on sale from 9th November. The link for purchasing of tickets will be shared to Xuno once it's available.

Students have begun practicing at school, and we can't wait to share this with you all!

Fun Fact!

Octupuses have three hearts and blue blood.



Real Schools

Real Schools Parent Information Session

Thursday 19th November

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Kerribana Library

Parents & Carers



Year 6 Graduation

Our graduating class of 2026 will be celebrated at our whole school Presentation Assembly on Monday 30th November at 9am.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

A warm greeting to all our parents and carers.

We're thrilled to share some really exciting news with you. Kerribana Primary School is a Real Schools Partner School – and we want you to know all about it!

When we work with schools our job is to walk alongside staff, students and the parent/carer community to enhance all the great things that are already happening in the school. And when we've been talking to your school leaders recently, there's already so many amazing things that happen across your school community.

Real Schools works together with the key stakeholders in the school – our staff, our students and our parent/carer community. The way that we're going to do this work together, is through what we call our partnership model. The partnership works over a three-year period and every year we'll be supporting your whole school community to be able to get the gains that you want, and of course, deserve.

In each year of partnership, we will facilitate a professional learning day with all your incredible staff. There will then be an in-class support day where we will be in your classrooms modelling, co-teaching and providing feedback to your amazing teachers.
Additionally, we want parents on this journey as well, so each year we facilitate a parent information session! This will take place in your School Library on Thursday 19th November, from 5pm - 6:30pm.

To give you a little taste, restorative practices are about explicitly focussing on building strong relationships with all our stakeholders (staff, students and parents) across our school and leveraging those relationships for amazing things to happen in terms of not only the social-emotional development of your child, but also in terms of their learning outcomes.

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When Another Parent Brings You a Friendship Fire! (Part 2)

Children Deserve Unconditional Positive Regard

Psychologist Carl Rogers famously described Unconditional Positive Regard as an attitude of caring for and accepting the worth of a person regardless of their behaviour. In simple terms: the child is not the behaviour.

A child can make a poor choice without being a bad child. A child can exclude someone and still be kind. A child can say something hurtful and still deserve compassion. A child can lie, lose their temper, gossip, overreact, or spark a Friendship Fire...and still be a good kid who is learning.

And here's the part I really want us, as parents, to sit with: We give our own children this grace all the time.

We know they're tired. We know they were overwhelmed. We know there's another side to the story. We know they're still learning.

Can we offer that same generosity to someone else's child? (Of course, we can. And we must.)

I've heard many parents say, "it takes a village" and they whole-heartedly believe that they have a responsibility to get involved in kids' friendship issues. They feel it's their job as a parent to let the other parent know. And, it's a nice thought – the intention is good. But, this mentality falls apart when parents cannot be objective about ALL children. We want the village to understand our child's mistakes, intentions, temperament, bad days, and growing brain...but we don't always extend that same understanding to the other children in the village.

Other people's children are growing and learning too.

Remember: You're Hearing a Child's Version of the Story

Children tell stories. Some children straight-up lie, while others tell stories that veer off in all sorts of interesting directions. (Have you ever had a child explain a situation to you and it made absolutely zero sense? Right! They have beautiful imaginations!)

Children can accurately remember and report experiences. However, research also shows that children's accounts are heavily influenced by developmental factors including age, memory, language, emotion, perspective, and even how adults ask questions.

And, Friendship Fires are messy. Your child might say: "They wouldn't let me play." But, perhaps they were already in the midst of a game with someone else.

"He ignored me all day." But, perhaps he didn't hear them or was preoccupied with something else.

"She was so mean to me." Maybe she simply did not share the special treat their parent packed in their lunch for them.

Or maybe (brace yourself for this one!) your child contributed to the Friendship Fire too and is pointing the finger entirely at their friend!

The point isn't to dismiss what your child tells you. Believe their feelings without assuming you have all the facts. In fact, assume there's a whole lot more to the story!

Try: "That sounds like it really hurt. Tell me more about what happened." Rather than: "She did WHAT?! That's terrible. I'm calling her mom."

Your reaction matters. A lot.

(Part 3 next fortnight)

URSTRONG

SunSmart School

Kerribana PS is a member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart School program. This means that all students are required to wear a hat anytime they are outside during Terms 4 & 1. Please ensure your child brings a named hat every day to school.

Drop-off Zone

We kindly remind our families to make sure you are using the drop & dash zone safely. We have noticed a number of families letting children exit the car down near the maintenance / bin area. Due to the amount of traffic entering and moving through this area, it is not safe for students. Please ensure you use the designated drop & dash area.
We also kindly ask families to please slow down. We understand mornings are busy and stressful, but taking an extra 30 seconds to slow down won't impact your day, but it will have a big difference on student's safety. Thank you.

Lost Property

Lost property is located in the foyer at the Office in the green ottomans.
If you are missing any items, please come in and have a look.

Please also ensure ALL school items are clearly named, so any lost items can make their way back to the rightful owner.

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
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.

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Year Six GRADUATION

Our Year Six Graduation will be the key component of our 2026 Presentation Assembly.

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2026

9:00AM – 10:30AM

GYMNASIUM AT KERRIBANA PS

Year Six students are invited to dress as formally as they wish.

Up to four parents may attend for each Graduating Student.

Parents and family are invited to stay for the Graduation Cake and Photos following the Ceremony.

After the ceremony, the Year Six students will share a Graduation Lunch.

Invitations and more details to come shortly!

You're Invited!

INDIGENOUS FAMILIES Gathering

You are warmly invited to join us
for a relaxed get together.
All Indigenous families are welcome!

DATE:
09/11/2026

TIME:
3.30 – 4.30 PM

LOCATION:
KERRIBANA LIBRARY
Families please meet us in
the library for nibbles and a aatch up.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Kerribana Village are seeking donations from local businesses for the 2026 Christmas Raffle major prizes.

Goods, services and vouchers will be gratefully accepted.

Please contact Shannon on 0447851520

Kerribana VILLAGE

Parents Families Friends Community





Community Annoucements



