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Little Yarns

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Calendar of Events

17 Nov	Foundation Transition Foundation Information Evening 4:30pm - 6pm
23 Nov	School Council Meeting
24 Nov	Foundation Transition Year 5 Netball Clinic
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
28 Jan 2027	Term 1 Commences

From The Principal

Dear Kerribana Families,

Our school is always a busy, bustling hive of activity. We are seeing an increase in students being collected early from school, which is creating quite the congestion in the Administration Area. Can we please ask that as much as is possible, early pick-ups are avoided, appointments are scheduled for after school, and that families ring ahead if an early pick-up is essential. Thank you.

2027 Classes

We are working intently behind the scenes to finalise your child's classroom teacher and classmates for 2027. This will be announced on Tuesday the 8th of December, which is the State-wide Transition Day. On this day students will spend time in their 2027 future class.

World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is this Friday, 13th November. We will be acknowledging World Kindness Day at Kerribana PS through our Friendology Program. Perhaps you would like to take a moment on Friday to offer a kind word or small kind act to a family member, work-mate or random stranger. Remember – it costs nothing to be kind.

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

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. Congratulations to the following students for Living our Values:

B is to BE BRAVE and PARTICIPATE;
FA – Jackson P
12C - Jack A, Billie, Aylah, Jayden, Max B and Zahli
34B - Lincoln and Noah
34D - Archer P
56B – Tillie, Milly T, Willow and Hunter

E is to ENCOURAGE EVERYONE'S BEST;
34B - Ruben G
56B - Kace and Cali

S is to SPEAK KINDLY and with CARE;
34B - Brook S

T is to TREAT ALL WITH RESPECT;
12C - Billie, Max B, Willow and Henry
34C - Theshana

We also have another 17 students who will be receiving their Kerribana Reading Recognition Ribbon for achieving 200 nights (OR MORE) of reading this year!

Dates For Your Calendar

- Thursday 19th November – **CANCELLED** Real Schools Parent Information Session
- 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.

Please complete the Xuno Event permission to advise if your child will be performing in the concert.

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.

Concert tickets are now live and available for purchase!
Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code on the flyer attached, or via the following link:
https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1675634

Please note that tickets are not required for students performing in the concert.

Please also complete the event permission in Xuno by 20th November, so classess can prepare and practice accordingly for the concert.



When Another Parent Brings You a Friendship Fire! (Part 3)

This Is Where Teachers Can Be Invaluable

If a Friendship Fire is happening at school and your child needs more support, let the teacher know. Not because the teacher needs to swoop in and fix it either, but because educators can be wonderful Friendship Coaches.

Teachers often have something parents don't: context. They may have witnessed what happened beforehand. They know the friendship dynamics. They see both children interacting with other peers. They may know this was an isolated incident – or recognise a pattern that genuinely needs attention.

While teachers are human and aren't perfectly objective either, they are often better positioned to approach the situation without the powerful protective instinct a parent understandably feels.

Research consistently finds that supportive teacher-student relationships matter for children's wellbeing, behaviour, and social competence with peers. A great teacher can help both children feel heard while holding them accountable – without turning either child into the villain.

That's the goal. No villains. Just kids learning friendship skills.

What Should You Say to the Other Parent?

If another parent approaches you about an everyday Friendship Fire, you don't need to investigate the case together. You're not an Investigator, you're a Coach!

You can be warm, compassionate, and calm: "Thanks for letting me know. I'm sorry to hear they're having a Friendship Fire. I'll check in with my child and do some coaching at home. It might also be worth letting their teacher know so they can support both kids at school."

And then... stop. You don't need to compare stories. You don't need screenshots. You don't need witness statements from three nine-year-olds. You don't need to determine who's guilty. And, you certainly don't need to psychoanalyze their entire life. Again, it's a child we're talking about here.

Plus, the last thing YOU need is a Friendship Fire with the parent about the children's Friendship Fire! (I've sadly heard about this happening more often that you might expect!)

Take the information. Coach your own child. Let the teacher know if support is needed. Then, give the children an opportunity to use their skills.

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.

Fun Fact!

Giant Eyes: Ostrich's eyes are bigger than its brain!



When Another Parent Brings You a Friendship Fire! (Part 3) *Continued*

Kids Often Move On Faster Than We Do

This one actually cracks me up because parents will often hold grudges far longer than children do. Children can have a massive Friendship Fire on Tuesday and be happily playing together again on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, we're still thinking: I haven't forgotten what she did to my baby in Year 2...

When adults hold onto resentment toward another child or family, we can unintentionally make it harder for children to repair their friendship naturally. Your child might already be back in the Green-Zone while you're still sitting in the Red-Zone on their behalf.

Children are learning. They're impulsive. Emotional. Inexperienced. Sometimes wonderfully kind and sometimes spectacularly messy. (Good thing they're cute!)

Our job isn't to make sure they never have Friendship Fires. Our job is to help them learn how to put them out.

Stay on the Sidelines

Of course, there are times adults must step in. Safety concerns, "bullying" (our definition is simple: ongoing, Mean-on-Purpose behavior), threats, discrimination, significant power imbalances, or repeated harmful behaviour require adult intervention.

But an ordinary Friendship Fire is different. Before stepping onto the field, ask yourself:

- Is my child unsafe or uncomfortable?
- Does this need adult intervention or Friendship Coaching?
- Am I helping my child build a skill or taking away their opportunity to practise that skill?

And, importantly, this one:

- Am I giving the other child the same grace and understanding I'd hope another parent would give mine?

Then remind your child: "You've got this. I'm right here on the sidelines if you need me. But you're the player." Sometimes the greatest vote of confidence we can give our children is resisting the urge to solve the problem for them. Because our goal isn't to raise children who never experience Friendship Fires. It's to raise children who know what to do when they do. And, for the record, I LOVE ALL of your children – flaws and all!

Remembrance Day

Kerribana Primary paused on Wednesday 11th November, to recognise and pay our respects to Australia's Defence personnel - those that have served, and those currently serving.

We had two of our senior students who attended the Remembrance Day Service in Wodonga, and laid a wreath on behalf of Kerribana Primary.

Our classes also watched a visual presentation and observed a minute's silence. Thank you to the following students for putting together the presentation; Eric, Ally, Lilly, Maddison, Amelia H, Mila, Sienna P, Tommy, Spencer, Oscar P, Ashton and Georgia.





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.

Book Club

Issue #8 of the Scholastic Book Club is out now! Catalogues have been sent home with students.
This is the final Book Club for the year, and a great opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts! If your order incudes gifts and you don't want it sent home with your child, please ensure you select 'gift' when ordering, so we know to keep it at the office for collection.
Students can purchase books via the online platform LOOP, or by completing the paper form and returning it to school with the correct money. All orders must be submitted by Thursday 26th November.

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!

2026 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Kerribana Village are proud to present the inaugural Kerribana Primary School Christmas Raffle.

If you are able to contribute, the **fundraiser has 2 components**: a donation for prizes, and the sale of raffle tickets.

1 DONATIONS

If you are able to we would be so grateful if you could donate a gift for our raffle prize.

Donation suggestions: toys, board games, jigsaws, arts and crafts, colouring books, non perishable treats, plush toys, activity packs, small homewares, gift vouchers, Christmas themed items, .

Our only ask is that all donations are new.
Donations can be placed in the tubs in your child's classroom or delivered to the Office.

2 RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets sales will be offered on an online platform for ease to our families and volunteers.

Simply scan the QR code and complete the required information and payment fields.
The raffle draw will be generated by the online platform.
The QR code can be sent to family and friends.

Tickets are $2 ea or 3 for $5

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 10:30am

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2026 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE MAJOR PRIZES

1ST PRIZE
$100 Coles Myer giftcard donated by Safe Air Consulting
Stone Chopping Board donated by Amustone
2 x Regent Cinemas packs
Bunnings voucher
$100 Baranduda IGA voucher
$50 Scott's Jones St Butcher voucher
Toy Hamper donated by Who What Why
Wine pack donated by First National Bonnici & Associates*
Zambrero vouchers

2ND PRIZE
$100 Coles Myer giftcard donated by Safe Air Consulting
Stone Chopping Board donated by Amustone
Regent Cinemas pack
$60 Ettamogah pub voucher
$50 Arnold's voucher
Wine pack donated by First National Bonnici & Associates*
Zambrero vouchers

3RD PRIZE
$100 Coles Myer giftcard donated by Safe Air Consulting
Stone Chopping Board donated by Amustone
Regent Cinemas pack
$60 Ettamogah pub voucher
$25 Topolino Voucher
Wine pack donated by First National Bonnici & Associates*
Zambrero vouchers

4TH PRIZE
$100 Coles Myer giftcard donated by Safe Air Consulting
Regent Cinemas pack
$50 Harris Farm voucher
Zambrero vouchers

5TH PRIZE
$100 Coles Myer giftcard donated by Safe Air Consulting
Regent Cinemas pack
Zambrero vouchers

SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS
$2 EACH OR 3 FOR $5

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*18+ to collect

Beleza SCHOOL UNIFORMS

2026 VIP SALE

20% OFF*

IN-STORE ONLY*

*CONDITIONS APPLY

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher, or discount

Discount available on full priced Beleza School Uniforms branded items only

Beleza Wodonga

94 High Street, Wodonga VIC

VIP Trading Hours

Mon to Fri: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 7th November

until

Saturday 14th November

COME & TRY FEMALE FOOTY!

Come and have a kick with us at Wodonga Raiders – no commitment required!

Age groups: U12, U15 and U18

When: November 25th and December 2nd

4:30-5:30pm

Where: Birallee Park

Marshall St, West Wodonga

REGISTER HERE!

Community Annoucements

Junction Support Services

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12?

JUNCTION SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENT:

EARLY HELP PROGRAM



WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH:

- Developing & Maintaining Routines
- Understanding and learning how to respond to children's big behaviours.
- Building and strengthening attachment and connection between parent, child and siblings.
- Supporting School Attendance
- Regulating Screen Time
- Promoting Participation in the Community
- New Parent Adjustments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones



THIS PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY FREE & WE CAN TRAVEL TO YOU!

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE...

- You can access the Early Help Program by self-referral with the team at Junction Support Services
- Speak with your local school, kinder, childcare or maternal health team.

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Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia proudly presents...

2026 World Festival of Magic

Featuring world-class artists, performing astonishing illusions, interactive magic and comedy.

Suitable for all ages and accessible to people with diverse abilities and backgrounds, those who require a more flexible and inclusive environment, and to those facing hardship and without the opportunity to access live theatre.

Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and movement, where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

**Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.*

Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...

ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY

Including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to the support and sponsorship from local businesses in each region.

ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

525 Swift Street, Albury, NSW

SHOW DATE	#1 SHOWTIME	#2 SHOWTIME
TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2026	10.30 AM	5.00 PM

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. **ONE-HOUR SHOWS. NO INTERVAL.*

For all ticket enquiries and bookings, please email

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call/text 0404-367-782

Information Required When Booking:

1. The show time(s) you want ticket for.
2. The total number of tickets required (one ticket per person)
3. The organisation or school that referred you (if applicable).

Ticket orders from schools, organisations and staff, as well as direct orders from families and carers, are all welcome.