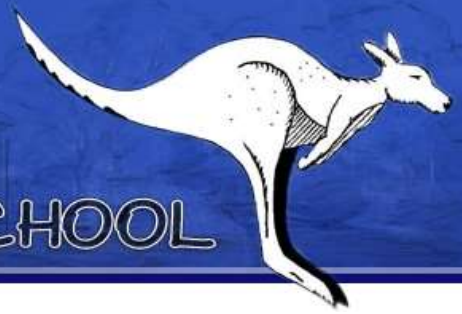


KANGARILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Volunteers Day

Oscar the Reading Dog

As we celebrate the importance of volunteers on Volunteers Day, Kangarilla Primary School has been able to celebrate the work of not only volunteers who help at the school by listening to reading, teaching table tennis, mentoring students in CreARTive, helping at BBQ's and organising fundraising events but the effects of Oscar the Reading Dog.

Each week Oscar is brought to school by his owner Virginia Besanko. Virginia has been a regular volunteer at the school for many years and listens to the R/1/2 class read along with many other things. Oscar has become a vital part of the reading program. He has made a huge difference to students who are a bit reticent to read. All students get to lead Oscar to the reading area and then read to him. Then Oscar is led back to the class and the next student takes his lead and back they go!

Principal Donna Lean has noticed a big improvement in students' eagerness to read. "Oscar has played a big role in motivating students. Between Oscar and Virginia our students motivation and enthusiasm has definitely improved. We are extremely fortunate to have such caring and enthusiastic volunteers who take that extra bit of care with our students."

