

# KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## SCOOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am pleased to announce the new school councillors: - Karen Naismith, Naomi Attwell, Brett French and Melanie Walden-Mills. They join our returning councillors, Mark Weekley, Shane Guerra, Steve Thomas, Dale Laursen and Ross O'Donoghue along with the staff members.

The AGM will be conducted this month to elect office bearers.

The first of our Sunday working bees took place on the weekend just gone and the efforts of the hard work is very obvious. The children and the staff appreciate the pride and care you have for our school.

It goes without saying that many hands make light work and feel free to help out at the future working bees, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

## SCHOOL REVIEW

2009 just happens to be a school review year for Koondrook Primary School. The review happens every four years. The school review is a key component of improvement in Victorian government schools and is designed to provide an expert, independent analysis of current school performance and practice, and to advice on the goals for student outcomes and appropriate key improvement strategies that will help shape the new school strategic plan.

Before the review commences we will undertake a self evaluation and may call on members of the broader school community for their advice and opinions.

## FAMILY WELLNESS

The presenter, Di Lloyd has changed the presentation day to Thursday nights, commencing this Thursday.

The first of our sessions was very informative. If you want to join in at any stage you are more than welcome. For the remaining sessions the topics include: - Children in Healthy Families, Couples in Healthy Families, Solving Family Problems, Child Growth- changes in Families and Drugs, Sex and You.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

The 1<sup>st</sup> of April isn't April Fools Day, it's Grandparents' Day so ring them or write to them but whatever you do make sure they can come along to Koondrook Primary on that day to see how schools work these days. Invitations will go out shortly and there will be more information and a program for the day but **BOOK YOUR GRANDPARENTS NOW!** If you do not have a grandparent perhaps you can borrow one for the day.

## GRADE FOUR WRITING

We are now studying various forms of poetry in Writing.

### Dogs

Fun, Cute  
Playing, scratching, biting  
Happy, sad, angry, playful  
Puppies

*Cinquain by Britney*

### Drew

Dancing Drew danced and danced  
Daring Drew drove to Darwin and down to Dusty Downs  
during a dreadful drought.

*Alliteration by Drew*

### Food

Juicy fat sausages sizzling slowly  
Yummy fresh vegetables ripening rapidly  
Slimy scaly fish nibbling so-softly  
Salty crunchy chips disappearing quickly  
Healthy yummy food digesting happily

*"Mr. Trickey Poetry" by Ashlee*

## MEDIEVAL GROUP DAY

Our Murray Plains Cluster has organised a group day for the Koondrook, Leitchville, Gunbower and Welton school children.

The Medieval Day is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Leitchville Primary School.

An Arts Council performance will start at 10:00am.

The cost of the performance is **\$5.50** per child including GST.

As part of the day we ask the children to dress up.

We hope to see kings, queens, knights, court jesters, dragons, princesses.

It will be a full day, commencing at 10.00 am and concluding at 2.30 pm. The performance will be followed with tabloid sports and creative activities.

The Leitchville Parents will be supplying a BBQ lunch.

2 sausages and bread

Prima Drink

Cup Cake

**\$4.00**

Orders need to be in by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Please complete a green envelope as your permission to attend. Include the \$5.50/child for the performance and if required a lunch order. Add the lunch order slip and money inside as well.**

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_,

requires a BBQ lunch. I have enclosed \$4.00

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 25<sup>th</sup> February-closing date for school council nominations
- March 5<sup>th</sup>- Family Wellness @ 7 pm in Library
- 9<sup>th</sup> March- Labour Day School Holiday
- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Callow at a conference
- 16<sup>th</sup> March- Golf clinic for 3-6 students
- 17<sup>th</sup> March- Bulldogs Football Clinic
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March-Medieval Performance @ Leitchville PS
- 1<sup>st</sup> April- Grandparents' Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April- ScienceTwists Day @ school. Last day of Term 1
- 20<sup>th</sup> April- Term 2 commences
- 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April- 5/6 URBAN CAMP
- 29<sup>th</sup> April - Food Fun P-4
- 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July 3/4 Sleepover

**School Fees**

The fees for the 2009 school year are now due. The total amount is \$110.50. \$70.00 of this goes towards the cost of materials for Art and Library and the balance of \$40.50 goes towards each child's class materials (books, pencils, etc.) If you feel you may have difficulty paying the fees please contact the office and we can discuss the matter.

**Head Lice**

Please be vigilant with the checking for and treatment of head lice. If every family does their bit we should be able to contain any outbreaks. If you are uncertain as to what to look for, please contact Jennie Callow.

**URBAN CAMP** [www.urbancamp.org.au](http://www.urbancamp.org.au)

This is a bi annual camp for the students of the Murray Plains Cluster. Students stay at "Urban Camp" in Parkville. The camp experience gives country children a unique opportunity to discover Melbourne. The camp is for students in years 5 and 6. The cost of the camp is yet to be finalised. We have a figure of approximately \$200.00 but expect to subsidize that amount. At this stage we need an expression of interest for planning purposes.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_,

will be attending URBAN CAMP 27<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

**KOONDROOK TENNIS COACHING**

Wednesday 4th March '09 (tonight) is the last night of tennis coaching for this season for Non Pennant and Pennant Children. Pennant kids, if you have made finals, training will be still on for your team until you have finished weekend tennis. We hope you all have enjoyed your year. We have noticed you all have improved so much since the start of the year. Hope to see you next season, (towards late October '09) Keep watching out in the school newsletter later in the year.



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