

KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Yesterday we had two visiting teachers working in our school. Janine Barnes is the Swan Hill Network Literacy Coach and yesterday she modeled a reading and writing session with the 5/6 students. It was reassuring to note that we are on the right track and that our students as a whole are performing well. Janine was very impressed with the standard and especially how fluent the students she heard read were. Janine will return in four weeks time.

Mrs Mitchell had David Godkin, as an Artist in Residence with her yesterday. David taught in the Everton MACC Van (Wangaratta) for many years and has a wealth of experience to share with us. Our focus this term will be "Africa" and David shared his experiences through a range of art activities. We look forward to sharing and presenting the student's art works in the next few weeks. Mrs Mitchell's African theme will be a wonderful lead in to our Werribee Zoo excursion. David was impressed with our school setting; he believes it must be one of the best in Victoria.

Go well.
Jennie Callow

CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Annie, Ashlee and Nick competed in the Regional Athletics at Bendigo on Monday. They are now starting to mix with the elite in the state and found the experience slightly overwhelming. The "professionalism" of many of the competitors and the specialised attire they wore amazed our first timers. Nick was very impressed that several triple jumpers wore spikes.

We are very proud of our students for making it to this level based on raw talent alone. Thank you to the families for taking the students to Bendigo.

SPECIAL FOREVER

Our Special Forever certificates have arrived, I will laminate these and they will be sent home along with each child's Art book and report early in December.
Shelley Mitchell



Pictured above: David Godkin working with the 5/6 class

TIRED CHILDREN

We have noticed many of the students are very tired at school. This interferes with their learning and their emotional wellbeing. Research shows that on average Primary School-aged children get 9.5 hours, but experts actually recommend 10-11 hours per night!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2010

To assist with our planning for next year please let us know if your child or children will not be attending KPS or perhaps you know of a friend or neighbour who has school age children and are looking to enrol them please ask them to contact the school ASAP.

KOONDROOK TENNIS COACHING

Saturday Pennant Kids start coaching **tonight** 14th October, 2009, 6pm to 6.45pm at the Koondrook Courts.

Next week and every other week, Pennant Kids will start coaching at 5.45pm to 6.30pm.

Non Pennant Kids start coaching on Wednesday 21st October, 2009 at 5pm, and every Wednesday after that at the same time.

If you have any queries, please ring Michelle on 0428571278.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 16th - Assembly 3-6 to host
- October 19th - School Council meeting
- October 20th - State Athletics
- October 25th/ 26th - Mrs Callow Ballarat for Country Education Project
- October 30th - Assembly P-2 to host
- October 30th - Final Canberra Payments due
- November 13th - Assembly 3-6 to host
- November 16th - School Council meeting
- November 23rd-27th - Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- December 10th /11th - Whole School Excursion to Werribee Zoo

**KOONDROOK MARKET FRIDAY
13th NOVEMBER**

A scary dress up competition will be held for the kids or anyone who wants to participate. Each attempt will be rewarded with a small prize.

Start making your costumes now!

School Calendar

We are calling for entries to go on our school calendar. This is one of our major fund raisers for the year. Common entries include birthdays, anniversaries and meetings.

Each entry costs \$1.00.

Please complete the form below and return to school with the required amount.

School Calendar Entry

Birthday/anniversaries (name, date and message) _____

Meetings _____

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders need to be returned by Tuesday, October 20th.

CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

Beardley’s Swan Hill Newsagency collects used computer cartridges from schools and pays \$1.00 each. Please get your friends and family involved and send along all used cartridges to the school. There is a special carton in the corridor near the office for them. What an easy way to make money for the school!

KERANG SWIMMING CLUB & LEARN TO SWIM

Registration Thursday 29th October 4-6pm at the Swimming Club Rooms.

Forms are available at Sportspower.

The completed forms are to be brought along on the night.

Fees: \$80 single/ \$200.00 family (3 or more kids)

Enquiries: 5450 3143 AH

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISING

The Parents Club has obtained Atbest Photography to do Family Portrait Fundraising for the Koondrook Primary School, on Sunday the 15th & 22nd of November at Conditorio’s Bridge.

There is a separate flyer attached to this newsletter with all the relevant information.

Milo Cricket 2009/10

Registration for Milo Cricket this season will be on Friday 23rd October 2009 at 5:30pm at the Barham Recreation Reserve Oval. All boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years of age are welcome to register. For further information feel free to contact Paul Molin on: 5453 2693 or 0408 500 719.

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - 7.30AM WEDNESDAYS -



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