



KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Koondrook Primary School.

Nomination forms have been attached to this newsletter and must be lodged at the school by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 25th February.

We have 4 parent member positions and 2 DEECD employee member positions.

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are a legally constituted body and have the power to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines.

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

You don't need any experience to be on council, all you need is an interest in our school and a desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

If you decide to stand for election, complete a self nomination form and return it to me by the 25th February.

If you like to stand and are not too sure what to do, contact the school.

Parent Information Night

All staff will be available next Monday, 23rd February, to talk with you about plans for the year and how you can best help your child to succeed.

Order of the night: P-2@ 6 pm,
Sally- Computers@ 6.30pm
3-6 @ 7 pm

Sessions will be 20 minutes with a break of 10 minutes in between each.

Kerang Swimming Trials

Annie and Ashlee Corrin-Stewart, Hannah Weekley, Mark and Britney Den Houting, Nick Mason and Jack Thomas all competed in the Kerang Swimming Trials today. Congratulations to you all. You did us proud. The following children will now compete in the Mallee Zone Swimming Sports on Monday 23rd February.

Britney Den Houting - 9/10 yrs Backstroke
Jack Thomas - 9/10 yrs Breaststroke
Nick Mason - 11 yrs Breaststroke and the 11yrs Freestyle relay
Annie Corrin-Stewart - 12/13 yrs Breaststroke, Freestyle relay and Medley relay

Grade Two Writing

In grade P/1/2 we have been completing work about ourselves and learning more about each other. Here are some samples of some grade 2 writing.

About Me

Hi, my name is Logan.
I am seven years old.
I like playing brandy.
My favourite colour is red.
My friends are Kye, Bailey, Mitch and Sam.
At school I like art.
My pets are three dogs and four cats.
My favourite food is ice-cream.
By Logan

About Me

Hi, my name is Shanae.
I am seven years old.
I like playing horses.
My favourite colour is aqua.
My favourite food is pasta.
At school I like playtime.
My friends are Lauren, Abby and Holly.
My pets are Red my horse, Heidi my cat and Cassie my dog.
By Shanae

Murray Haven Visit

On February 17, 2009, the year 5/6 students went over to Murray Haven Retirement Village. We spoke to the artists and they told us about themselves and their painting life. They showed us their artwork. They paint every Wednesday when their teachers, Mrs Brown, Ms Colville and Ms Chalmers come. The artist's paintings will be displayed in a gallery at Murray Haven Homes Inc. Art Gallery Opening on Monday 18th of March at 2 pm.

By Mark den Houting and Holly Walden-Mills

Murray Plains Cluster Swimming Sports

Our annual swimming sports will be held next Tuesday 24th February at the Koondrook Pool beginning at 10.00am. All children in years 2-6 from Leitchville, Welton, Gunbower and Koondrook Primary Schools will compete in swimming lengths or widths. Non-swimmers will be involved in novelty events in the middle sized pool. At the end of the day one girl and one boy champion will be announced. These champions will be the Grade 6 boy and girl who score the most points during the day. Parents and friends are all invited to come along and cheer for their children.

Macc Art News

Our theme this year will be "Space" and we will be exploring and creating a range of art works in all studio areas concentrating on 3D works. We blasted off last week on our school rocket and look forward to developing our skills as we explore our universe through art. This week Prep, 1 and 2s are constructing rockets from cylinders, cones and spirals. The upper grades are using cellophane and wire to construct suns and planets. Please check out our fantastic display that we will add to as the year progresses. If anyone has leftover silver air-conditioning tubing that we could use in our displays please send a message along.

During March we will travel back to Medieval times designing and making head dress to wear to the Medieval performance. Stay tuned for a "cosmic" year in art,
Shelley Mitchell

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 18th February- Family Wellness Session 1
- 18th February-Call for nominations for school council
- 20th February- Assembly, hosted by 3-6
- 23rd February- Mallee Zone Swimming
- 23rd February- Parent Information Night
- 24th February- Cluster Swimming Sports @ Koondrook
- 25th February-closing date for school council nominations
- 1st March - Working Bee
- 9th March- Labour Day School Holiday
- 23rd March-Medieval Performance @ Leitchville PS
- 1st April- Grandparents' Day
- 3rd April- ScienceTwists Day @ school. **Last day of Term 1**
- 20th April- Term 2 commences
- 27th-30th April- 5/6 URBAN CAMP
- 21st/22nd July 3/4 Sleepover

How would you like **free tickets** for you and your family to attend an **AFL match in 2009** to support your favourite team? By registering online, Victorian Auskick participants will receive the NAB AFL Auskick Club Connect Package.

Visit www.aflauskick.com.au and follow the instructions.

Online registrations must be completed before April 3rd to access this package.

Make sure to print off your registration and take it with you to your local centre when they have their registration day.

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.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Parents holding a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card that is valid from 28th January 2009 are eligible to claim Education Maintenance Allowance.

Health Care Cards must be sighted by Jennie or Judi on application. A claim form is attached.

All claims must be returned before 25th February. The Department of Education will **NOT** accept claims after this date.

Grounds Roster

At last night's school council meeting it was decided to change the format of grounds maintenance.

The roster has been abandoned and in its place a working bee will be held on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Head Lice

We have had a reported case of 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.

FAMILY WELLNESS

You should have received information about this fantastic program last week. We are privileged to be able to offer this course to our families as it is only being run in one other place in the Region.

I recommended the course. From personal experience, raising kids is not always easy and for all the joys you experience there are just as many frustrations. (I wish this course had have been around earlier!)

There are still a couple of places available.



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