



KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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COMMENT

I know that I have said it many times before but I feel the need to say it again...I am very lucky to be able to work at such a wonderful school. The staff and I often reflect upon the fabulous community feeling Koondrook Primary School has.

I enjoy my days working with your children and I take my hat off to the current parent groups. School Council meetings are often considered a chore but our present school council is passionate about providing the best we can offer for our students and I come away from these meetings proud to belong to the school community. We are indeed very lucky.

Our new parent group has put a huge effort into this weekend's market at the school and let's support them by attending and lending a hand. Sunday is a perfect day to showcase our school and also raise some money for our students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- Koondrook Primary School has been nominated for a replacement school under the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program. Council is offering the community a chance to be involved and has called **a public meeting for June 15th at 6.30 pm in the Multi Purpose Room.**
- Our self evaluation as part of the school review is drawing to a close. Thank you to those people who responded to our request for comment on what we have achieved and what we need to focus on in the next three- four years.
- **Our next working bee (wood chop/saw) has been brought forward a week so as not to clash with the long weekend.**

CROSS COUNTRY

The day at Murrabit was very successful and our runners are to be congratulated for the fine efforts. The students returned to school full of excitement about their personal achievements and the fun they had at the Disco!

25% of our school students finished amongst the top place getters. Sara S and Ashlee C-S were 1st place getters-well done girls!

Ashlee, Annie and Olivia have qualified to compete at the next level.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Bookclub orders have been sent home and need to be returned by Tuesday 26th May.

CAR BOOT MARKET - this weekend

Please find attached the final roster for the car boot sale. If you are unable to fulfil your time slot please arrange your own replacement. If you are able to help out longer or on other stalls please feel free to do so at any stage.

SCHOOL NURSE

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on July 13th 2009. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

Prep Health Assessments: All parents of prep grade children will be requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the forms to the school office by June 26th - prior to the school nurse visit.

Referrals (All Grades): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioral and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office by June 26th 2009. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

Walk to school

Thank you for your cooperation at short notice. It was a fantastic effort; we had 95% of our students walk to school. Let's aim for 100% next time.

Thanks to the bus drivers for dropping off and collecting at the bridge and to Miss Flood and Mrs Walden Mills who walked to and from the bridge with our school children.

WELCOME BACK MRS STUBBS.

Newsletter Deadline: 7 am Wednesday mornings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 22nd - Assembly P-2 to host
- May 24th **Car Boot Market at Koondrook PS**
- **May 31st - Wood Cutting Working Bee**
- June 5th Assembly 3-6 to host
- June 8th - Queen's Birthday Holiday
- June 12th Student Free Day (Assessment & Reporting for staff)
- **June 15th - Public Meeting @ 6.30pm.**
- June 15th - School Council
- 18th June Public Speaking competition 3-6
- 19th June Assembly P-2 to host
- **26th June - Last Day Term 2, 2.30 dismissal**
- **13th July- Term 3 commences**
- 13th July - School Nurse visit
- 21st/22nd July 3/4 Sleepover
- July 27th - Parent/student puberty information night

IN THE GARDEN THIS WEEK

Last week student groups were involved in planting trees at the entrance to the school. What could have been an easy task was quite physical given the rock hard soil! 17 holes were finally dug over a couple of days by some fantastic workers...thank you very much. We look forward to observing the growth of the trees.

The prep, one and two children enjoyed the opportunity to plant trees with their big 'buddies'. These are some of their comments:

Today Holly and I planted a plant and it was called a wattle. We called it Holly so now there are 3 Hollies in the school. It was fun. It is going to grow into the colour yellow. By Holly G

Today at school we went to the front of the school to do some gardening. My buddies were Sam and David. I will tell you what my plant was - a bottlebrush. By Kye

Gardening continued...

My partner for gardening today was Tea, the one with the extra long hair. My plant was a wattle tree. It looks pretty. My Nan has a wattle tree too. It was super fun. By Lauren

My buddy is Tameane. We made a plant. It had leaves on it. By Josh S

Today the school did some gardening. But we didn't have a hole to ourselves. We had a partner. My partner was Jack Thomas. My plant was called a bottlebrush. By Logan



NAPLAN

Tests have been completed and collected by the authorities. The results will be available to the parents of the year 3 and 5 students later this year. The year 3 students were initially very nervous but as the week wore on they were very relaxed about the whole process.

You and your family are invited to the Koondrook Lawn Tennis Club

When: Friday 29th May

Where: Koondrook Tennis Courts

Why: * To catch up

*Discussions of organisation and fundraising for season 09-10

*AGM (all positions are vacant **BUT** there are people willing to do the jobs)

Time: 7pm

Please bring: a casserole to share

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