

KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

At last week's Swan Hill Network meeting fellow principals and I were able to compare the performance of all network schools in the recent NAPLAN tests. It was very pleasing to note that the schools in the Cohuna, Kerang and Swan Hill area had improved significantly compared to last year's performance and, when compared to schools in other country regions.

Individually our school results stand up very well against state and regional data indicating we are performing above both. I wish to congratulate the teachers on the work they have done to enable our students to progress as they have.

Go well.

Jennie Callow

SCHOOL COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- The wood cutting has earned approximately \$1500 dollars for the school.
- Parents who worked at the Show BBQ will be pleased their efforts have added about \$1000 to the Canberra excursion "bucket".
- As a result of the success of the year 6 netbook trial we are now considering ways that we might continue the provision of netbooks to our students in years 3-6. This would require a contribution from the school and parents for each unit. At this stage we are investigating a bulk lease arrangement with our Swan Hill Network schools. Indicative figures for a 2 year lease could be about \$75 per semester.
- We have agreed to support the Red Gum Showcase and the Koondrook Development Committee New Years Eve. We will be providing BBQ food at both events.

SHOW DISPLAY

Our display in the Norm Whelan Pavilion looked terrific and every student had either a sample of their work or their photograph on show.

Thanks to Mrs Stubbs for borrowing her son's pick up truck to transport the display.

We have been asked to provide a similar display at the Redgum Showcase. We intend to use many of our Special Forever pieces of work for the display.



Pictured above: Year 5 and 6 students interviewing some of the residents at Murray Haven.

NEW SCHOOL

After some delays, it appears construction will commence in December.

We have had to overcome some title issues. Apparently a large proportion of our school grounds are actually on crown land as was our intended site for the new school. We are currently negotiating a new position for the school. The new proposal will mean the shelter shed will have to go.

PRE SCHOOL 2010

There are encouraging signs that we will have the numbers to reopen our preschool next year. We have a teacher, we simply need the numbers.

REMINDER

Don't forget to get your family portrait order in.

This is a great fundraiser and a wonderful opportunity for you and your friends to get some fabulous family photos done.

They would make a great gift idea for Christmas.

WANTED

The P,1,2's are growing some tadpoles. It won't be long before they are too big for the fish bowl they are in, so if anyone has a fish tank that could be used for the tadpoles to grow into frogs it would be much appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 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_____

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 was a separate flyer attached to last weeks 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.

REDGUM SHOWCASE ROSTER

A roster has been attached to the newsletter. Please contact the school if you are unable to help.



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