

# KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal Report

Last night I had the privilege to attend a Gunbower-Koondrook- Pericoota Storylines (GKP storylines) presentation at cluBarham. GKP Storylines is an initiative of Environment Victoria's Healthy Rivers Campaign, made possible with funding from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. It brought together a diverse group of people for a four-day workshop at Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE to record the stories of their personal connections to the stunning Murray River wetland forests of GKP. Together, these ten digital stories testify to the rich social and cultural values of the site and present compelling arguments for why it must be protected and restored. One of the storytellers was our very own Shelley Mitchell. Her short film storyline was about her role as an educator in the area and how she uses our magnificent local environment to inspire her art work. Shelley had also created a fantastic display of the art created by the students of Koondrook Primary School. The display attracted much attention from the 100+ attendees and was a wonderful way to showcase the talents of our art teacher and her students.

## Holidays

It has been a hectic term and the two week break will give students and staff the opportunity to have a break from routine and a chance to recharge the batteries. Enjoy the time with your family.

Go well, stay well

Jennie Callow

## EXCURSION IDEAS

We are looking for excursion ideas to utilise fundraising monies. Should you have any interesting, educational and fun excursion suggestions for our students, please complete details below and forward to school with your child. Looking forward to hearing your great ideas!

Excursion suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return to school ASAP.**



Pictured above: - A demonstration of safe knife use!

## Public Speaking

We are very proud of the public speaking efforts of every student in years 3-6. We are very glad that we weren't judging because Mr Minnis would have had a difficult task.

At the end of the day Tom Guerra, Holly Walden-Mills and Tea Penglase will go on to represent our school at the Lions Club dinner on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Special Forever

We have prepared our written and art work for judging tonight. Every child presented pieces of work for consideration. We intend to make a display of these. Well done everyone.

## Reports

Reports will be sent home on the first day of next term.

## Wood Cut

Our "logging" activities continue. The next working bee is to be held on Sunday morning 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## Hot Lunches

The service we offer our students of heating their lunches in the pie warmer is for Tuesday-Friday only.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 26<sup>th</sup> June - Last Day Term 2, 2.30 dismissal
- 13<sup>th</sup> July- Term 3 commences
- 13<sup>th</sup> July - School Nurse visit
- 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July 3/4 Sleepover
- July 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent/student puberty information night



Pictured above: - some of our vegetables in the vegie patch.

**School Uniforms**

Winter stock - Vests, Beanies, Long Sleeve Polos, Pants (Straight Leg, Cuff and Bootleg)  
 Also we still have 4 winter dresses - size 6,8,10 and 16.  
 Also, also we have lots of second-hand uniforms for \$2.00 each.  
 See Mrs Ficken on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

**Gannawarra Library Services  
 Holiday Activity**

If you have what it takes to "Star"  
 in one of our interactive stories please join us for:

**"Fish & Ships"**

Wed 1 July Cohuna Library 10 - 11am  
 Thur 9 July Leitchville Library 10 - 11am  
 Cohuna 54562124 Leitchville 54567031

**"Monkey Mischief"**

Wed 1 July Kerang Library 10 - 11am Wed 8 July  
 Quambatook Library 2 - 3p Kerang 54521546 Quambatook 54571220  
*RSVP essential, Families welcome*  
*Gold coin donation*

**- Newsletter deadline - 7.30am Wednesdays -**

**Nature**

Deep down in the bush, surrounded by nature,  
 we could see small trees, massive logs and a  
 cute little fantail fluttering in the breeze. The  
 greatest thing in the bush was a cob web  
 glistening in the sun.

Tameanne

**Frogs**

Sing songs  
 Sitting, hopping, croaking  
 Fat frogs love singing  
 Amphibians

Lauren

**Free Circus Quirkus Tickets**

I have received 8 tickets to a Circus Quirkus  
 Performance at Kangaroo Flat for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at  
 6pm.  
 If you wish to go, please collect the tickets from  
 school.  
 The performance is hosted by Immune Deficiencies  
 Foundation of Australia.



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