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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

It was fantastic to see so many families at the welcome BBQ and Classroom Information Sessions last Thursday. Thank you to Karen, Stephen and Romy for cooking the BBQ.

Our prep students have settled in really well, thanks largely to our wonderful transition program. It is great to see them so eager to learn. Did you manage to check out the two local papers last week: - Barham Bridge and Gannawarra Times?

At Koondrook Primary we strive to keep the lines of communication open so please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or issues so we can deal with them straight away. We have a fantastic staff at Koondrook who are committed to helping your children be the best they can be.

Reading

We expect every child to read every night! The children bring home a variety of books, which they can read. Older students might also like to read the newspaper. To help you with ideas on reading with your child we are holding a Reading Information Night on Tuesday 13th February.

Swimming

Thank you to all who have paid the bus and swimming fees and returned their permission notes. All fees need to be paid by **tomorrow (Wednesday)** please. If your child does not swim they will still need to pay a bus fare for the day. If they are not swimming a refund for pool entry will be given out at the end of the swimming program.

Zone Swimming

The zone swimming trials will be held on Monday 12th February at the Kerang Pool. Notes were sent home with children in Year 4/5/6 who wish to participate.



Dates to remember

Term Dates 2018

- Term 1 ~ January 30th – March 29th
- Term 2 ~ April 16th – June 29th
- Term 3 ~ July 16th – September 21st
- Term 4 ~ October 8th – December 21st

Public Holidays

- Labour Day – March 12th
- ANZAC Day – April 25th
- Queen's Birthday – June 11th
- Melbourne Cup Day – November 6th

School Dates To Remember

- * February 8th – Swimming
- * February 13th – Reading Information Night
- * February 20th – Curriculum Day
- * February 27th – Murray Plains Swimming Carnival @ Koondrook Pool

Assembly

- 10th February – Year 5-6 Hosting

Wizard of Oz

This year we have planned a whole school excursion to see the stage show of 'The Wizard of Oz' on Wednesday 20th June.

We will be travelling to Melbourne by bus.

The cost of the excursion is \$97.00 for students: - bus and show.

A \$10 deposit is now due and the balance can be paid off.

We will have some seats available for parents. Parents who wish to participate will need to make sure they have a valid 'Working with Children Check'. Parents' names will be put on the list *in order of response*. The cost for parents will be \$117.00. A Parent expression of interest requires a \$30 deposit.

Please note **this excursion needs to be paid in full by 22nd April**. CSEF may be used by the students to pay for the excursion.

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Tuesday 20th February.

All the teachers are going to Swan Hill to participate in 'Positive School Wide Behaviours' Professional Development.

Assembly

Our first whole school assembly will be on Friday 10th February in the middle space, commencing at 3.00pm. Years 5/6 will be hosting the event. School leadership badges will be presented; all families and friends are invited to join us for the last half hour of the day.

Football Clinic

The Hawthorn Football Club will be conducting a Football Clinic on Tuesday 13th February at 1:00 - 2:00pm at the Cohuna Consolidated Primary School. Parents of students in Years 3-6 are welcome to take their children. You just need to let Amanda know so they can be booked into the clinic.

School Council Elections

Each year we call for nominations from parents to be on School Council. School Council is a great forum for you to see what goes on behind the scenes and have a say in your child's education. We hold our meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm. If you are unsure what it is about you can ask a school councillor or you are more than welcome to sit in on our February meeting, which is on Monday 19th February at 7:30pm in the staff room.

MARC Library/MACC Art

This week our specialist programs commenced. Mrs McLaren will be here on Monday with her van of books and Ms Bentley will be taking art with all the students. Children need to make sure they have an Art smock and they need to bring their library bag each Monday.

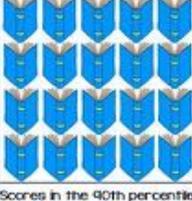
Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are sent home monthly. You can get quality books for children at reasonable prices. There is no obligation to purchase.

Orders are due back by 14th February.



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If a student starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

eat. move. smile.

fruit & veg more often together

Think about these three words to help your child (and yourself) be their most healthy and happy:

- Eat** more fruit and veggies
- Move** more often
- Smile** with friends, family and neighbours.

Getting good nutrition, good levels of physical activity and interacting with other kids and adults are important factors in the growth, learning and health of children.

eat.

fruit & veg

Week 2 - Bring back the sandwich

Nutrition Australia is easing the stress of school lunches with the launch of Healthy Lunchbox Week! This year the major supporter is the Grains & Legumes Nutrition Council (GLNC) and together they are encouraging parents to bring back the sandwich. Coming up with new ideas (that the children will eat!) can be challenging. Healthy Lunchbox Week supports and inspires parents across Australia to create stress-free healthy lunchboxes. They are celebrating with a free webinar designed for busy parents. This 20 minute webinar will inspire parents to maximise nutrition and keep lunchbox stress to a minimum.

Visit:

<http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/healthy-lunchbox-week-0> for more information and to watch. Webinar expires 18th February 2018.

Gardening Program

This week we commenced our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen & Gardening Program. I would like to thank our volunteers who come along each week to help with the program; we really appreciate your contributions. We would love any people who would like to help out with the program to join us each week. Please see Amanda if you are interested.

2018 PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES

Essential Education Charges are now due and can be paid using one of the following options listed below:

Essential Education Charges (School Fees) are \$160 per student.

Payment Options

Option A: Full amount at the beginning of Term 1 - Due 30th January 2018.

Option B: Half yearly payment at beginning of Term 1 - (Due 20th February) & Term 3 (Due 16th July).

Option C: Other payment arrangements - Must be approved by Amanda or Judi

******* Please note CSEF monies cannot be used to pay Essential Education Charges.**

We accept cash, cheque & direct deposit. NO EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

Direct Deposit Details: see Judi to set up this arrangement.

Financial Assistance & Making Payments

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting requests for payment and contributions. A range of support options are available to assist parents, including State Schools Relief Committee support and Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Parents are able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the Principal or Business Manager.

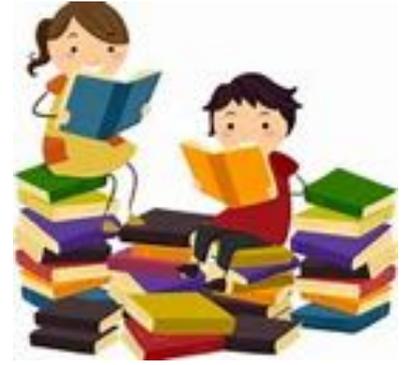
Emergency Contact Forms

We are still waiting for some Emergency Contact Details forms to be returned. Please read and check that the information is correct and alter if necessary. ***It is essential that they be returned a.s.a.p. so the school has the correct phone, allergy and asthma details.***

Thank You

Thank you to Luke Sims and his team for putting up the new whiteboards and moving the display boards.

Reading Information Night



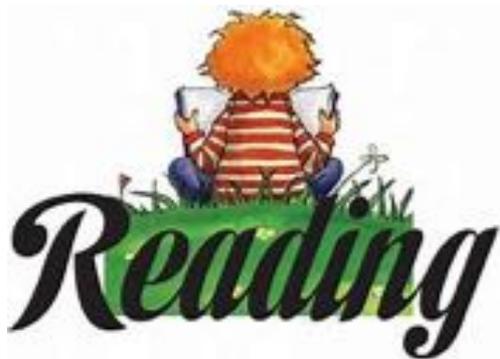
Did you know?

Reading more books and developing a lifelong love of reading are important to your child's success. Just 15 - 20 minutes of independent reading a day exposes students to over a **MILLION** words per year!

**Looking for ideas to help your child
with their reading?**

Reading Information Night

- **Tuesday 13th February 2018**
- **6:00pm - 6:45pm**



*"You can find magic wherever you look.
Sit back and relax
All you need is a book!"*

Dr. Seuss

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