

It's beginning to look like
Christmas at KPS!



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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Whole School Excursion- Echuca 19/12/2017

This year the whole school excursion will be held on Tuesday 19th December. We are going to Echuca where we will be visiting the Science Twists Discovery Centre, going for a ride on the Alexander Arbuthnot paddle steamer and having a guided tour of the Echuca Wharf. The cost of the excursion will be \$30.00.

***Thank you to the Parents Fundraising Committee for covering the cost of the bus making the excursion more affordable for everyone.**

We will be leaving school at 9:00am and return to school at about 5:30pm.

Children need to take their morning tea, lunch, fruit, afternoon snack and water bottle.

Permission envelopes and \$30 payment needs to be in by Friday 15th November. Accounts were sent home today. The Camps, Excursions and Sport Funds (CESF) may be used to pay for this excursion **if you have any left**, please see Judi Ficken in the office.

Step-Up Day

On Tuesday 12th December we are conducting a Step-Up Day. The 2018 preps will attend their first full day at school. All students will step up and work with their 2018 class and teacher. This is a transition process in readiness for next year.

Student Leadership 2018

The students in Year 5 have been asked to prepare a speech as to why they would like to be school captain next year. The students will present their speech to our present school captains - Charli and Lachlan and also Stephen Ralston, Miss Flood and Miss Bradford on Friday 8th December.



Dates to remember

Term Dates 2017

Term 4 ~ October 9th – December 22nd

School Dates To Remember

- . December 12th - Step-Up Day
- . December 15th - Money and Permission
- Notes to be in for Echuca Excursion
- . December 18th - Yr. 6 Graduation
- . December 20th - Reports Home
- . December 21st - Picnic on the Green

Swimming Dates:

December - 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 20

Assembly Dates:

December 15th - Year 6 Hosting

Staff for 2018

Miss Amanda Bradford - Principal - Year 5/6 - Monday/Tuesday

Mrs Jennie Callow - Years 5/6 Wednesday - Friday

Miss Chloe Reither - Years 3/4

Miss Cassie Altimari - Years 1/2

Miss Kate Donehue - Foundation

Mrs Sophie Lake - Foundation/1/2 –

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, PE/PMP - Tuesday

Ms Sally Bentley - MARC Art - Monday

Mrs Helen McLaren - MARC Library - Monday

Mrs Angie Jones - Music - Tuesday

Mrs Karen Naismith - Teacher/student support, Library, Newsletter

Mrs Judi Ficken - Business Manager -Tuesday and Thursday.

Terry Gallagher - Computer Tech - Thursday

Miss Janice Flood - Long Service Leave Terms 1 and 2

Chloe Reither

I would like to formally welcome Chloe Reither to Koondrook Primary School. Chloe will be teaching the Year 3/4 class in 2018. Chloe attended our Curriculum Day yesterday and will be with us for Step Up day next week.

Leadership Meeting

The last 2017 student leadership meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th December from 3:30pm until 4:30pm at the Long Paddock.

Grade 6 Graduation

Each year the Grade 6 students have a celebratory dinner with staff and their family. This year the dinner will be held on Monday 18th December at Tudor Tavern.

School Council

The next School Council Meeting, on Monday 11th December, will be a dinner meeting at Mates Hotel in Koondrook. The meeting will start at 7:00pm followed by dinner at 7:30pm.

School Assembly

The Year 6 students will present the final 2017 school assembly on Friday 15th December at 3:00pm.

MARC Books

Could you all please have a good look at home for any MARC library books and return them to school. We hope that we will be the first school with 100% of books returned.

School Fees

At the last meeting School Council set the school fees for 2018 and decided to keep the fees at \$160. School fees cover MARC/MACC fees, student supplies and a computer levy.

KPS School Bags

A reminder if you would like a KPS school bag (as seen in last weeks newsletter) they will cost \$40 and if you want it for next year orders and payment need to be in by Tuesday 12th December.





Watering over the Holidays

Diesel does a great job watering and mowing our oval and school grounds. They always look fantastic. During the holidays we need help watering the pot plants, vegetable garden, the gardens near the BV, the front of the school and the Preschool. It would be a shame if all our hard work wasn't cared for during the summer break. We are establishing a roster. **If you can help out please complete and return to school.**

Week 9 - Healthy Christmas Treat



Are you trying to think of healthy Christmas treats for your family? Try to steer clear of too many sugary treats over Christmas by looking for some healthy alternatives. Visit Pinterest or just do a regular Internet search and you will find a wide variety of fun healthy Christmas treats you can make using fruit and other healthy ingredients. Most of these are easy to make so the kids can help out and join in the fun!

Some examples are:

- Snow men using boiled eggs and carrots
- Mini Santa's using strawberries
- Make Christmas trees using green apple, kiwi fruit, celery or green beans and decorate with bright coloured fruit and veg

Amanda Bradford

Thank You

Once again there are more people to thank for helping us with the Students Create the Future Project.

Thank you to: -

Keith Wandin - Wandin's Sand and Soil, Kerang - for a generous discount on our rocks.

Rick Snowdon - for going to Kerang to get the rocks and delivering them to us.

Susan Thompson and David Pringle - for making the Gabion cages

and all the other work in our gardens you do.

Slowly but surely we are making progress on our 'quiet space'; it will be lovely when completed.



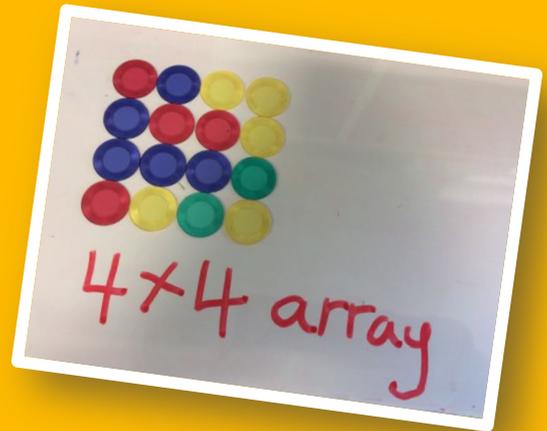
Being Safe While Using YouTube

Do you know what your children are watching on YouTube?
Have you heard of 'Elsagate'?

'Elsagate' refers to the controversy surrounding a large number of YouTube channels targeted towards children, which contain themes inappropriate for their age. Most videos under this classification are notable for presenting violent and sexual content. They often feature popular children's characters used without legal permission (hence the name Elsagate).

Despite YouTube's age restriction policies, these videos are sometimes tagged in such a way to bypass the inbuilt child safety algorithms, even making their way into YouTube Kids. In order to capture search results and attract attention from users, their titles and descriptions feature names of famous characters, as well as keywords like "education", "learn colours", "nursery rhymes", etc. So as you can see, it is a minefield out there. Children *should* be using the YouTube Kids site preferably but even then **parents and carers should be supervising and know what they are watching.**

Sourced from Wikipedia.org



2/3 Class News

We were very lucky to have our Literacy Coach, Janine Barnes work with classes across the school last week. In the 2/3 class Ms. Barnes demonstrated 1:1 writing conferencing with three of the students and we, the teachers got to observe. Whilst this was happening, Mrs. Frisby had the rest of the class writing a persuasive letter to Santa to convince him that they were good. The letters put a smile on our faces and warmth in our hearts. We also got to put into practice the skills Ms. Barnes taught us. Whilst on writing we are very impressed with the growth we have seen throughout the year.

Swimming has commenced and what a contrast in weather conditions. Let's hope the remaining days are warm.

Our focus in Maths this week will be on money and financials, maps and locations if time permits.

Sadly Mrs. McLaren and Miss Bentley have their last lessons this week. The children have been very fortunate to be able to experience such wonderful art and library lessons. Thank you from the 2/3 students and teachers.

We have also finished our SAKG program for the year.

Next week the threes will complete their final ERP for the year, the subject focus has been DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY. There will be no EXPO this time but the students will be given an opportunity to share with their peers next week.

Next Tuesday is Step-Up Day. The 2/3 class will spend the day getting ready for 2018, pretending to be 3/4s.

Cassie Altimari & Jennie Callow

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