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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Friday Assembly

The Year F/1 class will host our Assembly this Friday. Family and friends are invited to join us in the project space at 3pm.

Labour Day Holiday

Monday 14th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday. There is no school on this day.

School Council Elections 2017

We have had five parent nominations to join School Council, which is fantastic! Thank you to Anneke Den Houting, Ian Faul, Cindy Puddick, Rachel Woolhouse and Angela Turner for putting your hands up to join us on school council. Janice Flood will continue to be the staff representative. Thank you Narndi Carter for your time on school council and all the work you have put into organising fund raising activities. School Council will meet on Monday 20th March at 7:30pm. This will be the Annual General meeting followed by the normal council meeting.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we have been conducting parent teacher interviews over three afternoons.

This has been an opportunity to touch base with the teachers as to how your child is going and ways we can help with the partnership of educating your child. If you need to reschedule time to see the teachers please make contact. We are always willing to make time to meet with you.

There is a short survey attached to this newsletter on the process of the Parent Teacher Interviews if families could fill in and send back please.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:	FAMILIES:
March 24 th ---	Azzopardi/Carter/ Hall (Ch)/Hall (B)
April 28 th ---	Wright (T)/Lake/ Walle
June 2 nd ---	Bell/Snowdon/ Cruse/Stokes

Dates to remember

Term Dates 2017

- Term 1 ~ January 31st – March 31st
- Term 2 ~ April 18th – June 30th
- Term 3 ~ July 17th – September 22nd
- Term 4 ~ October 9th – December 22nd

Public Holidays 2017

- March 13th – Labour Day
- April 25th – ANZAC Day

School Dates To Remember

- March 7th ~ 9th – Parent Teacher Interviews
- March 20th - 22nd – Year 5/6 Cluster Camp
- March 31st – End Term 1
- April 18th – Term 2 Starts
- April 21st – Fun Run

Assembly Dates:

- March 10th – P/1 Hosting
- March 24th – 4/5/6 Hosting
- April 28th – 2/3 Hosting

Assembly this Friday – P/1 Hosting

School Improvement

As teachers we are always looking at improving our skills and classroom practice. This year Janine Barnes will again be working with teachers through coaching, classroom observations and quality time to have discussions and offer feedback. Janine worked with each teacher today and will be back next term to continue the work with classroom observations on our modelling skills as part of our Literacy lessons.

School Review

2017 sees our school up for review. Schools are reviewed every four years. The purpose of a review is to provide a view of a school's performance with regard to the goals and targets set in the four-year period prior to the review year. The review process is a rigorous one, and requires the staff to enter into detailed discussions and deep analysis of student progress and achievement, teaching and learning programs, school improvement and overall performance. Part of this process also involves collecting the thoughts and opinions of our school community. This process will drive a lot of our work over the next two terms.

Cross Country

This year the Murrabit Cross Country has been cancelled. Schools will hold their own Cross Country and are able to send students onto the Swan Hill Zone competition. The parents club have organised for us to hold our own Fun Run on April 21st (the first week of Term 2). This will also be a fund raising activity for the school with the children obtaining sponsors for the Fun Run. They will be able to choose prizes according to how much they raise. More details regarding the day will be sent out later.

Winter Uniform Orders

Mrs. Ficken is putting in a winter uniform order before the end of Term 1 so it will be ready for Term 2. Please see the attached uniform order form if you need to make a purchase and return before Friday 24th March.

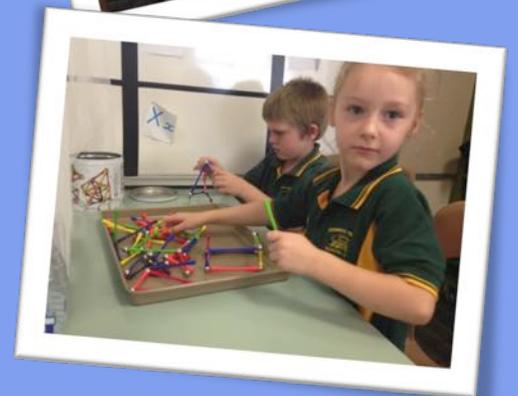
Parents Club Cake Stall Fundraiser

Due to lack of helpers on the day of our school cake stall, we are asking all families to:

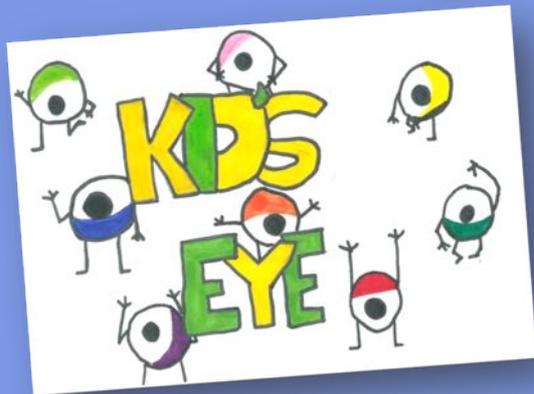
- Divide their dozen cakes and muffins onto two trays, cover and clearly label both.
- Divide slice in half and place on two plates, covered and clearly labelled.
- Full cakes are to be placed on plate, cover and labelled.

*Labels on cakes/slices need to state what it is (name of cake/slice) and the ingredients used.

Please remember that all cakes need to be at the school by 9am and the stall starts at 10am out the front of Foodworks in Barham.



Parents Club Cake Stall – Thursday 9th March @ Foodworks – 10am



Kids Eye

Welcome to this weeks Kids Eye.

Today Sam from Robotics came to teach the 4/5/6 class about robots and programming. He brought this robot called Nao/Ray; he can dance, dab, wave, walk and talk.

We made up a cafe called Jonathan's café and made the robot take the orders!

Koondrook Primary School welcomes Mrs. Jones as our new music teacher; she is great.

By Your School Captains

Lachie and Charli

Robotics

Today the Year 4/5/6 class participated in a robotic session with Sam from Robotics. This incursion has been arranged to complement our ICT program. See the Kids Eye article for more information.

Cooking

In cooking Jy, Rainni, Isabella and I made zucchini fritters with eggplant underneath, onion, garlic and tomato on top.

When I went home I made the zucchini fritters with onion on top, but no eggplant underneath, with a salad for my family.

By Hunter

eat.
fruit & veg

Week 6 - Talking to kids about food

Do you talk to your kids about food? Here are five tips from Dr. Rick Kausman about how to talk to your kids about food, eating and body image.

1. **Do your best to avoid labelling food as 'good' or 'bad'.** These have a connotation of guilt. Instead you could use 'sometimes food' or 'always/everyday food'.
2. **Encourage children to differentiate hunger** from wanting something just for the taste of it, and from other drivers such as being bored. For example, when your children ask for snacks, you might ask them if they would like something to fill their tummies (looking for physical hunger), or something that feels good in their mouth (something just for the taste of it, thus needing a small amount) or the possibility that they are bored (giving us an opportunity to offer an alternative to food).
3. **Do your best to not comment on their appearance, your own or others' appearance,** in relation to weight and body image. One seemingly innocent remark, can stick in their minds and shape how they feel about themselves and their body/body image in the long term.
4. **Talk less. Listen more.** Don't avoid important conversations with children about what they see, hear and feel. Have open discussion about the silly diet that they saw in a magazine and explain why it is unhealthy. Car rides are a great place to have these conversations. There are no distractions and it doesn't feel forced.
5. **Try to practice what you preach.** Do your best to model the behaviour that you want your child to adopt. Practice mindful eating and, before long, you will have formed new habits.

For more information on how to talk to kids about food, eating and body image follow the links below.

http://www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au/page/Parents/Bulletin/Bulletin_14_May_2015/Spotlight_on/How_to_talk_to_kids_about_food

http://www.ifnotdieting.com.au/cpa/htm/htm_article_list.asp?id=22.

Amanda Bradford

KPS Fun Run – April 21st – Sponsorship Forms Will Be Sent Out Soon

4/5/6 News

How time flies, school camp for the 5/6's is coming up very soon. I hope they are all prepared. Belinda Cruise is coming with us for the few days. It should be fun.

In Maths, we have been learning about division, reading and making of graphs and grid references. Both the graphing and mapping are important skills associated with Geography.

All children by the end of this week will have chosen their ERP (Educational Research Project) topic and how it links to one or more Learning Intentions. Hopefully they are reading and asking questions about their chosen topics. The Expo will be held on May 15th.

One of the major themes that will run throughout this year is organisation. Each week we are taking time to put main events or reminders (ie. Focus Student, SPLAT chairs, Class Meeting Role etc.) in our diaries each week, tidy locker tubs and paste in work sheets. It would be so good to see what children are reading in their diaries as well. All of this will make our learning time more efficient.

We are also practising using "I will..." statements when setting our Learning Goals. It is easy to say "I will try.....", but we are aiming for a full commitment to learning and when our goal is not achieved we can talk about why. As we all know even if we don't achieve something we learn along the way.

Janice Flood

Raiders Junior Football



It has come to the coaches' attention that some of the Under 14.5's & Under 12's will have school commitments on Thursday the 16th March.

****Therefore training will commence on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 5:30pm sharp at Barham Recreation Reserve****

To be eligible for Raiders Junior Football in 2017 your child needs to have turned 9 on or before 01-01-2017.

Any questions please call - Julie Frankling - 0429841699



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Parent Teacher Interview Survey

Were you happy with the process? Yes No

Suggestions on how we can improve Parent Teacher Interviews

Signed (Optional) _____

Parent Teacher Interview Survey

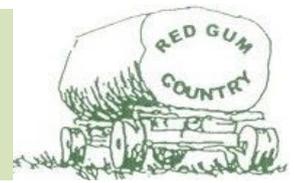
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UNIFORM ORDER



DATE	
NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	

GIRLS UNIFORM				
STYLE	SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)	PRICE	NO OF ITEMS	TOTAL
DRESS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$19.00		
POLO SHORT SLEEVE	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$22.50		
POLO LONG SLEEVE	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$20.00		
SKORTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$18.50		
BIKE SHORTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$11.50		
SHORTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$12.50		
TRACK PANTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$20.00		
STRAIGHT LEG PANTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$22.00		
LEISURE PANTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.00		
TIGHTS	4-6 YR 7-10 YR 11-14 YR	\$14.00		
FLEECY RUGBY JUMPER	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.50		
FLEECY ZIP JACKET	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.50		
FLEECY HOODIE	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$29.50		
BOYS UNIFORM				
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CARGO PANTS	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.00		
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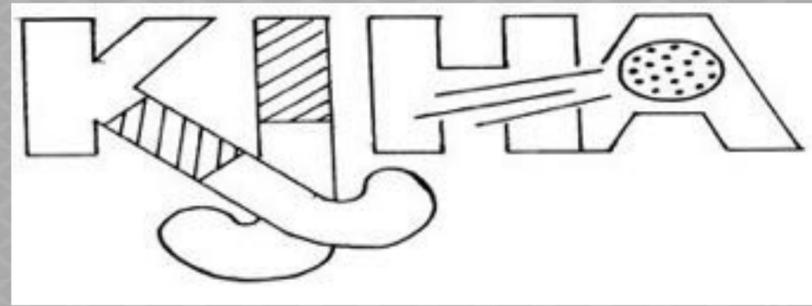
ORDER DIRECT FROM THE SCHOOL VIA ABOVE ORDER FORM

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE DIRECT TO THE SCHOOL VIA CASH / CHEQUE PAYABLE TO KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Get Hooked on Hockey

Try something different this season

Kerang Junior Hockey Association
2017 season is starting soon. New or existing players are invited to join us for our:



"Come, Try and Register Day"
25th March 9am @ McLead Oval - Kerang

Player ages start from 5 to 17
Season starts 22nd April 9am.

For more info call Mark 0407 551 465
or email on kjha3579@gmail.com



Loddon Murray Hockey Club are looking for players - whether new or a returning player, we have a team for you. LMHC trains in Kerang and plays in Bendigo. We have teams in A and B grade, men and women and under 15. Age can be from year 7 to 77. Season starts 19th March. For more information call John on 0499 337 144 or email secretarylmhc@yahoo.com

