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# Koondrook Primary School

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## Principal's Report

### Home Reading

Now that everyone has settled back into school life, it is very important that a routine at home is established enabling all students to read some form of literature daily. This could be books, magazines, comic books, newspapers etc. Some children can be a little reluctant to read. At the back of the newsletter are a few ideas for reluctant readers.

### School Council Elections

Each year we call for nominations from parents to be on School Council. We hold our meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the staff room. If you are unsure what it is about you are more than welcome to sit in on our February meeting, which is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.

### Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February in the project space, commencing at 3.00pm. The 2/3 class will be hosting the event. All families and friends are invited to join us for the last half hour of the day. School Leadership badges will be presented at this assembly.

### Swimming

Tomorrow we will be swimming at 10:00am.

### Head Lice

This is the time of year that head lice are a real problem. We would like all families to check and treat your children's hair if needed. Long hair needs to be tied back or plaited.

**\*MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE\***

DATE:	FAMILIES:
February 17 <sup>th</sup> ---	Woolhouse/Tucker/ Bull/Mitchell
March 24 <sup>th</sup> ---	Azzopardi/Carter/ Hall (Ch)/Hall (B)
April 28 <sup>th</sup> ---	Wright (T)/Wright (D)/ Lake/Walle

## Dates to remember

### Term Dates 2017

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

### Public Holidays 2017

- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – ANZAC Day

### School Dates To Remember

- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, 10 to 11am
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Murray Plains Cluster Swimming Carnival @ Koondrook Pool
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5/6 Cluster Camp

### Assembly Dates:

- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4/5/6 Hosting
- February 24<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2/3 Hosting
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade P/1 Hosting

### **School Fees**

School Council has set the school fees at \$160 for 2017. The fees include costs incurred for student supplies and books, ICT, MARC and MACC Levies. School fees can be paid in full or in instalments, either by cash or by Bpay. The Bpay code for your payment is on the statement that was sent home recently.

### **Zone Swimming**

Congratulations to, Jonathan, Lachlan, Montanna, Pyper, Emma, Emily W, Maddie W and Elektra for representing the school at the zone trials in Kerang on Monday. It was great to see the children enjoying the day, having a go and mixing with the other children from the small schools. You should all be very proud of your efforts. Montanna, Pyper and Maddie W will now represent the school in Swan Hill on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with transport, supervision, time keeping, photography and cheering and encouraging the children.

### **Mates Royal Hotel**

It is our turn to sell raffle tickets at Mates Royal Hotel on Friday from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. The Woolhouse/Tucker/Bull and Mitchell families are on duty this week. This is a great fundraiser for us and we thank Mates Hotel for their continuing support of our school.

### **Farmers Market**

We are out of recess and back on deck this Sunday in Barham. We don't have a lot of produce from the garden for sale so any donations of produce would be greatly appreciated. We would love to see as many of our students at the market lending a hand, even if only for a short while. We generally set up at 8.30am. The market is over by 12.00pm.

### **Murray Plains Swimming Sports**

Next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February the Murray Plains Swimming Sports are being held at the Koondrook Pool. We have changed the program so that students can only swim in all lengths or all widths or all novelty events. This is to make everything run as smooth as possible and to make it an enjoyable day for the kids. If any family has a shade shelter we could borrow we'd appreciate it. We'd like to have one to marshal the novelty swimmer events. We will be setting up at 7:30am and we would really appreciate any help. The program starts at 10:00am, children need to be there by 9:45am. There will be a bus leaving from the school. Children need to make sure they have bathers, towel, t-shirt/rashie, sun screen, water, snacks and lunch. We will take their school hats. The kiosk will also be open on the day. We will need parents to help with judging, please see Janice if you are able to help out.

### **Review Family Fire Plans**

With the resumption of school it is a timely reminder to review and update family fire plans. As per the schools OH&S schedule, a practice school fire drill will be scheduled in the month of February.



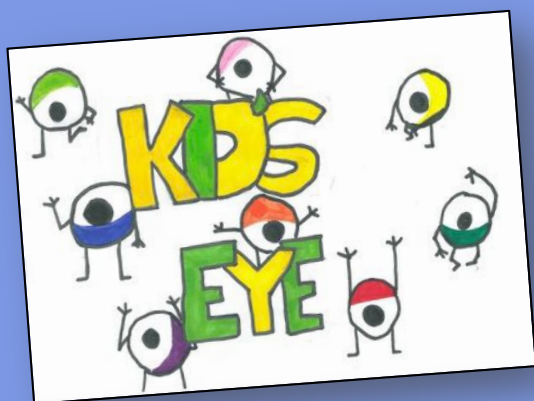


## 4/5/6 News

In the 4/5/6 classroom we have been making our own personal Coats of Arms with our interests and aspirations on them.

We have started working on our first ERP's for the year by listing our interests and making a hanging decoration with information about ourselves on it.

The subject focus for our ERP's is Geography and it will all finish up with an Expo later on.



# Kids Eye

Welcome to this week's edition of Kids Eye.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February Montanna, Pyper and Madison W are going to Swan Hill to compete in the Regional swimming because they made it through the Kerang Zone. The people that did go but didn't make it through were Jonathan, Emily, Emma, Lachie and Elektra. They all did a good job. It was very helpful of some parents helping as the timekeepers at the Kerang Zone.

There will be the Murray Plains Swimming Sports on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Koondrook Pool. There will be a few schools there like Gunbower, Leitchville and Welton. The canteen will be open for use.

By Jonathan and Pyper

## Camps Schools and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Please see Judi if you are eligible and all forms need to be returned by *no later than Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February*.

## Year 5/6 Cluster Camp.

Notes were sent home last week. Please send permission notes and medical forms back by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.



## Mathletics

Did you know all of our students have access to Mathletics? Mathletics is an online program that can be accessed at home to reinforce and extend students mathematical knowledge. All of our students are familiar with this program and regularly use it at school. Please note there is no personal cost associated with this program for families.

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## Week 3 - Ask them

Involving kids in the decision about what exercise they want to do is a great way to get them interested. It can be easy to pressure your child into sports you enjoyed at their age without taking their own interests, skills and capabilities into account. Sitting down together and having a good discussion about sports they want to play or extra-curricular activities they'd like to join is a good way to start.

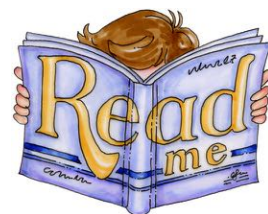
## Physical Activity Options in Swan Hill

Did you know there are over 20 different physical activity options for kids in Swan Hill?! These include: little athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, bowls, canoeing, calisthenics, cricket, dance, football, futsal, gymnastics, netball, pony club, soccer, skate park, swimming and tennis. For details head to [www.shdh.org.au/literature\\_149711/Physical\\_Activity\\_Option\\_for\\_Children\\_5-12](http://www.shdh.org.au/literature_149711/Physical_Activity_Option_for_Children_5-12) for all the details or contact Health Promotion on 5033 9337 or [hpreception@shdh.org.au](mailto:hpreception@shdh.org.au) for a copy.

**\*\***There are probably some of the same or similar activities in our local areas of Koondrook/Barham, Kerang and Cohuna, just see the local Shires for info.

## Ideas For Reluctant Readers

If your child is happy to read every night, then please carry on; you don't need to change a thing!



However, some children can be a little reluctant to read. These are a range of ideas (in no particular order) that you may like to try at home with your child:

- **I Read, You Read** – This is where you **share the book**. One of you reads the page then the other person **reads the same page**. You could take it in turns to go first. This works well if the child is finding the words challenging.
- **Check for Understanding** – This is also done **sharing the same book**. Take it in turns to **read a different page**. At the end of each page, the **listener explains what the page was about**.
- **Read Two Different Books** – This is where you both **read your own book** (for the parent it could be a bedtime story you are currently reading to your child, one of the child's readers or something else such as a newspaper). You take turns to read a page each. At the end of a page, the **listener explains what the page was about**.
- **Quiet Reading** – Both **read your own books** independently, and then at the end of the allocated time, stop and **share what you have read**.

### FAMILY DAY CARE

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### Guide for a Day:

*Have you always wondered what Guides is all about?*

*Do you enjoy having fun & meeting new people?*

*Do you know someone in Guides and just want to give it a go?*

Where: Kerang Guide Hall, Maxwell Street, Kerang

When: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Time: Brownies (7-10 years) 4pm – 5:30pm

Guides (10-18 years) 6:30pm – 8:30pm

RSVP (for activity planning): Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

For more information or to register please contact:

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