

Science



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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Year 5 and 6 Cluster Camp

Next Monday 20th March the Year 5 and 6 children are off to the DOXA Camp in Malmsbury with the cluster schools of Gunbower, Leitchville and Welton.

Children need to be at Kerang Railway station by 7:30am to catch the train. The train is due back at the Kerang Railway Station at 10:08pm on Wednesday 22nd March.

Children need to take their morning tea, lunch, snacks and water bottle.

The \$90 payment for camp needs to be paid by Thursday. This camp has been heavily subsidised by DOXA, which we are very grateful for their generosity.

Children will need to take:

- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Pillow case
- Suitable clothing for various weather conditions (T-shirt, shorts, pants, jumper, pyjamas etc.)
- Warm/waterproof jacket
- Walking/comfortable shoes
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant (roll on), shampoo/conditioner)
- Towel
- Scarf/gloves
- Torch
- Hat/sunscreen
- Drink bottles
- Camera (optional)

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

March 24th ---

April 28th ---

June 2nd ---

FAMILIES:

Azzopardi/Carter/
Hall (Ch)/Hall (B)
Wright (T)/Lake/
Walle
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

April 25th – ANZAC Day

School Dates To Remember

• 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 24th – 4/5/6 Hosting

April 28th – 2/3 Hosting

KPS Fun Run – April 21st – (First Friday of Term 2)

Koondrook Barham Farmers Market

We need helpers at the market in Barham on Sunday. The Green House students have been asked to come and help out this market. We set up at about 8:30am and sales are usually completed by 12.30pm. You don't have to stay for the entire morning. Look forward to seeing you there.

No Gardening and Cooking Program Next Week.

On Tuesday 21st March we will not be running the cooking and gardening program due to the Year 5 and 6 students being on camp. Some of the teachers will also be at Professional Development organised by the Network as well.

School Council

School Council will meet on Monday 20th March at 7:30pm. This will be the Annual General meeting followed by the normal council meeting.

Cake Stall

Thank you for all the generosity many of our families showed last week baking goods for the cake stall. We were able to raise \$430 at the stall. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the set up and the selling of the goods.

Fun Run

As mentioned in last week's newsletter 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.

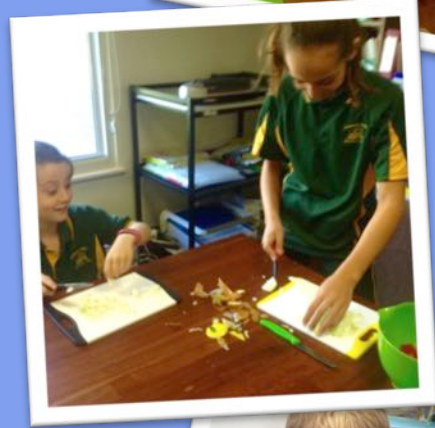
The parents club have organised for us to hold our own Fun Run on April 21st (the first Friday of Term 2). This will also be a fund raising activity for the school with the children obtaining sponsors for the Fun Run. Sponsorship forms are being sent home for every student with this newsletter. More details regarding the day are available further in this newsletter.

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. Uniform order forms were sent out with last week's newsletter. If you need to make a purchase, please fill in and return before Friday 24th March.

Cooking

Yesterday in Mrs. Callow's cooking group they made ratatouille using eggplant, onion, tomatoes and tomato juice, zucchini, garlic, capsicum, basil and thyme all fresh from the garden. The recipe linked to the focus on geography when Mrs. Callow told the students the recipe is from Southern France. There was a lovely crunchy baguette or French stick to have with the ratatouille at lunchtime. All students enjoyed the dish especially one who was a bit apprehensive to start with and wanted only to look at the finished product rather than taste it. But after two bowls and wanting another it was suggested he get the recipe to take home!



Literacy PD

Continually looking to keep up to date and grow teaching skills is a vital part of being a teacher and providing a high quality education. Next Monday and Tuesday our teachers along with teachers from all around the Kerang & Swan Hill area will be taking part in professional development days focusing on teaching of the two crucial skills of Reading and Writing.



Kids Eye

Welcome to this weeks Kids Eye.

Next week the year 5/6 students are going to camp. They're going for 3 days and the camp is in Malmsbury.

We are going to interview one of our preps, Arkie.

What is your favourite game to play at school? - Tiggy

Her favourite football team is Geelong Cats.

She has been doing investigations in class.

Her favourite foods are grapes and apples and she has apples at home.

Her favourite colours are pink, purple, violet and indigo.

By Montanna and Pyper



Week 7 - Its National Ride2School day this Friday!

move.
more often

Get active and ride to school with your kids this Friday for National Ride2School day. Riding a bike instead of driving or catching the bus is a great way to get a bit more activity into the day. Do you know how much activity your kids should be doing? See below for Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines for Children 5-12 years.

Physical Activity

- For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years should accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity every day.
- Children's physical activity should include a variety of aerobic activities, including some vigorous intensity activity.
- On at least three days per week, children should engage in activities that strengthen muscles and bones like skipping, running, dancing and doing gymnastics or martial arts.
- To achieve additional health benefits, children should engage in more activity - up to several hours per day.

Sedentary Behaviour

To reduce health risks, children aged 5-12 years should minimise the time they spend being sedentary every day. To achieve this:

- Limit use of electronic media for entertainment (e.g. television, seated electronic games and computer use) to no more than two hours a day - lower levels are associated with reduced health risks.
- Break up long periods of sitting as often as possible.

Go to <http://www.ride2school.com.au> for more information about the program or <http://www.health.gov.au/> for more information about the guidelines.

Amanda Bradford





2/3 News

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and are ready to get back into some great learning! We have been busy in the Grade 2/3 classroom, with everyone loving the Walker Learning Program. The Grade 2s are enjoying Investigations, exploring different learning areas and opportunities, whilst the Grade 3 ERP's are well underway, with all students having chosen their topics and connecting learning intention.

*Just a reminder that the Expo will be held on the 15th of May.

In Maths we have been learning about measurement and how to use informal and formal units, measuring objects in and around the classroom. We have also been exploring addition and subtraction, developing our skills and understandings through open-ended tasks and activities.

We recently began reading 'Toad Rage' by Morris Gleitzman as a class, thoroughly enjoying the narrative and looking forward to finding out what happens next. We are also developing our own love for reading, changing our readers regularly and learning to read independently and with someone during our Literacy Rotations. This is a great skill for all students to develop and use at home.

Cassie Altimari & Jennie Callow



Dear Parents/Guardians

Koondrook Primary will be holding a School Fun Run for the students as a major fundraiser in term 2 so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular funding for a basketball court for the students.

The fundraiser is all about participation! Students raise funds and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes, and it finishes with the School Fun Run. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate.

The run will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 21st of April**. We encourage all parents to come along and have lunch with their children and watch them complete the run.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have received a Sponsorship Form, which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

Major Promotion - \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher

Simply raise \$30 or more in donations and one lucky family will **WIN** a \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher, which can be used towards any cruise, from any port, to any destination. To register, create a profile page online and click the 'Choose your Cruise Draw'. *T&C's online.*

How to Order Prizes

As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and Happy fundraising!

Thank you
Meghan & Romy

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

EASTER CRITTERS

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local library
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a place today.

TIMETABLE

	Monday 3 April	Tuesday 4 April	Wednesday 5 April	Thursday 6 April	Friday 7 April
KERANG		Bug Weaving 10am-11am		Bead Beasts 10am-11am	
COHUNA			Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity Bug Weaving 2pm-3pm	Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity	Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity
LEITCHVILLE		Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity Bug Weaving 2pm-3pm			
QUAMBATOOK					

	Monday 10 April	Tuesday 11 April	Wednesday 12 April	Thursday 13 April	Friday 14 April
KERANG	Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity	Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity Easter Sand Art 10am-11am		Museum Nature Kit Drop-in Activity	
COHUNA				Easter Sand Art 10am-11am	
LEITCHVILLE					
QUAMBATOOK			Museum Nature Kit 10am-12pm Easter Sand Art 10.30am-11.30am		

BOOKINGS

Kerang 5452 1546 Cohuna 5456 2124
Leitchville 5456 7031 Quambatook 5457 1220

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ACTIVITY INFORMATION



DRAWING ON NATURE KIT *

On loan from Museum Victoria, this learning kit aims to inspire people of all ages to positively engage with natural science and the local environment. Come and explore the delights of this kit at your leisure at our different branches.

BUG WEAVING

One for the younger kids, come along and produce a cute minibeast magnet that focusses on fine motor skills.

Suitable for ages 3 and up.



EASTER SAND ART

Use colourful sand to produce a beautiful Easter Egg.

Suitable for ages 7 and up.



BEAD BEASTS

Make a minibeast keyring using threaded beads. A memorable minibeast keepsake!

STRICTLY for ages 8 and up.



**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL –
LIMITED
NUMBERS**

*With the exception of the Drawing on Nature kit, all activities must be booked. See reverse side for session times and contact details.