

Another busy week at Koondrook PS!



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Principal's Report

Head Lice

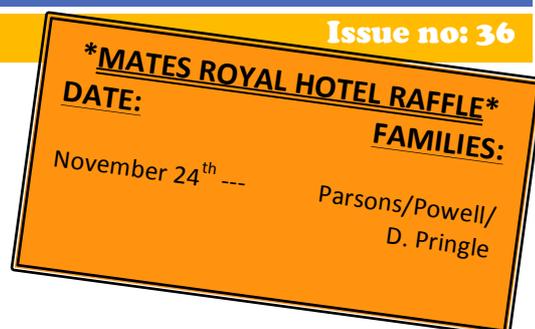
We have been informed of a few cases of head lice. Please check your child/children's hair and treat as needed. Remember you need to treat the hair for the **next two to three weeks** also. The key to treatment and eradication of a head lice infestation is to break their life cycle. A lot of the frustration parents experience stems from their belief that current treatments don't seem to work. There are several possible reasons for this. Head lice resistance may be one cause. Another reason for recurring infestation can be attributed to not fully completing a treatment cycle, and therefore not breaking the life cycle of the head lice. It is difficult to kill all the eggs present when the infestation is first treated. This is why **several treatments are necessary**.

Ground Works

Last week Brian and Alan built a fence/retaining wall around the playground equipment, as the old logs were rotten. The finished fence looks fantastic and it ties the area into the rest of the school. The children enjoyed watching the construction of the fence during recess and lunch; they especially loved his Dingo machine. They were amazed that it could do everything from pulling logs out, levelling the ground and even worked as a cement mixer. Thanks for making our grounds look even better!

Reading Every Night

Remember to get your child to read their readers every night and have their reading diary signed. Ask your children what they read and get them to tell you about it. Reading every day is extremely important for your children, not only for their literacy skills but also for their overall development.



Dates to remember

Term Dates 2017

Term 4 ~ October 9th – December 22nd

School Dates To Remember

- . November 16th - Yr. 6 BHS Transition
- . November 19th - Farmers Market
- . November 21st - Yr. 6 BHS Transition
- . December 1st - Swimming Program Starts
- . December 6th - Curriculum Day, Pupil Free
- . December 12th - Step-Up Day
- . 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:

November 24th - 2/3 Hosting
December 15th - Year 6 Hosting

Farmers Market

This Sunday, 19th November, the Barham Koondrook Farmers Market is on again. We will need helpers to run our stall. You don't have to stay for the whole market; just an hour or so will help. We start at 8:30am and go until 12ish.

Swimming

Our swimming program commences on Friday 1st December. We need parents to help us run the program successfully. If you can help please return the swimming helpers form included with the newsletter.

Curriculum Day

Each year schools are allocated four curriculum days. As we have only used three we have declared Wednesday, 6th December as our last Curriculum Day for 2017; there will be no school for students. This day will be used by staff to plan programs for the 2018 school year.

End of Year Excursion

Information about the end of year excursion and an expression of interest form is attached to this newsletter. Please read and return the expression of interest form ASAP for planning purposes. **Please note that this is not a permission form just an expression of interest, permission forms will be sent out closer to the date.

Week 6 - Sugary drinks

Did you know if you drink a 600mL orange fruit drink every day for one year you will consume around 23kg of sugar!

Sugary drinks, including soft drink, engery drinks and juice, should be limited to a sometimes option. Consuming sugary drinks regularly will greatly increase the chance of tooth decay and erosion. Choose water as your drink of choice as it is great for oral health and its free!

For more information about sugary drinks visit <https://livelighter.com.au/>

Amanda Bradford

Library Books

As it's getting closer to the end of the year I have asked the students to look for any lost or overdue books they have. Some children have had books out for a very long time and they have told me they are lost. If books are lost or damaged you will need to pay \$10 per book towards replacement. I'm hoping to get overdue notices out soon so keep a look out under beds and in cupboards and shelves for those missing books.

Thank you,
Karen Naismith

eat.
fruit & veg





Barham Koondrook Christmas Festival

The school will be holding a stall at the Barham Koondrook Christmas Festival this year, which will be held on Friday December 1st. We will be selling Fairy Floss and plaster moulds for the children to paint.

We are asking for donations of sugar in order to make the fairy floss, so if you *can* donate a bag of sugar please drop it off at the office. All donations are much appreciated.

We are also in desperate need of some parent helpers on the night. A sheet is attached to this newsletter; please indicate what time you are available and send back to school **ASAP**. It would be good if we could have three people rostered on at a time so if you could please spare just 30 minutes for a quick shift we would be very grateful. Many hands make light work.

**Thank you,
The Fundraising Committee.**

Children Create The Future Project

It was all happening Tuesday morning when the pavers turned up and the crushed gravel was delivered. The large pot for the water feature was also delivered.

The kids came together to unpack the pavers and stack them in piles ready for laying. They worked wonderfully together as a team and soon had the job done.

A couple of students were offered to sit down and have a break at recess but declined, insisting they were having too much fun working!

Some comments from students were:

“How great it was, working together with so much cooperation and teamwork.”

“It was good to get hot and sweaty doing physical work, it made you feel good.”

“It’s exciting to see the project getting closer to being finished.”

“That’s what it’s all about; building resilience and teamwork”, was (a very proud) Mrs. Callow’s answer!

Jobs that are still waiting to be completed are: wacker packing the gravel for the pavers, pavers to be laid and plants to be planted out. If anyone has any equipment or expertise to help us out we would welcome any help.

David Pringle is constructing the cages for the gabion walls, thank you David.

We can’t wait to see the finished project and for the students to utilise the special ‘quiet’ area that has been in the planning and fundraising stage for approximately 2 years now. See the photos in this newsletter showcasing their hard work and enthusiasm.



2/3 News

As we move towards the end of the year students have been completing a series of assessment tasks, which will help support our report writing. You may hear them talking about On Demand, NFI, BURT, TORCH and writing moderation.

In amongst all of this we still go about our daily teaching. We have been looking at Imaginative Texts and their features and have then written our own imaginative pieces. This week we will revisit informative texts and will also be writing our own informative pieces.

In maths we are consolidating our knowledge around basic facts to support our work with the four processes. Thank you to the parents who are working on these facts at home with their children, it really does make the procedure much easier when they know them instantly.

The children are also learning about telling the time. Once again any help from you at home would be wonderful.

The year 3's are doing their final ERP, which is Design and Technology. There will be no expo attached to this ERP. The 2's are loving their café in Investigations.

Mrs. Callow is reading *The Secret Garden* to students and we are using it as a basis to discuss relationships and history.

We are presenting the assembly on the 24th November. The kids love it when their families come along so hopefully we will see you there.

Cassie Altimari & Jennie Callow

Bar-rook Swimming Club Incorporated **Swimming Training**

Come & Try, Grading, Registration Night
& First 2017/18 Training Session
20th November

Junior Group Junior group at 4:30 -5:15pm Monday or
Tuesday weekly
Junior Group capped at 10 swimmers per session

Group A (Intermediate)
A group at 5:30 – 6:30pm on Monday & Tuesday weekly

Group B (Advanced)
B group at 5:30 – 6:30pm on Monday & Tuesday weekly
Group B training sessions will extend to 7:00pm after fitness is achieved

Membership Fee \$70

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The Fundraising Committee.



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Name:	Time:	✓
	5pm	
	5:30pm	
	6pm	
	6:30pm	
	7pm	
	7:30pm	
	8pm	
	8:30pm	
	Pack up	



Swimming Help

I am able to help with the swimming program on the following days:

Friday 1st December	12 - 1pm	
Monday 4th December	12 - 1pm	
Thursday 7th December	12 - 1pm	
Friday 8th December	12 - 1pm	
Monday 11th December	12 - 1pm	
Wednesday 13th December	12 - 1pm	
Thursday 14th December	12 - 1pm	
Wednesday 20th December	12 - 1pm	

Signed: _____

Echuca Whole School Excursion

On Tuesday 19th December, the whole school will travel by bus to Echuca for our whole school excursion.

We will visit TwistEDscience where the students will participate in a science workshop and a session in the hands on play zone. After lunch in the park, we will be going for a ride on the PS Arbuthnot and a guided tour of the Echuca Wharf.

The cost of the day is \$30. The Parent's Fundraising Group have kindly paid for the bus to keep costs down.

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

All students will need to wear their school uniform.

The bus will leave Koondrook Primary School at 9:00am and return by 5:30pm.

Please fill out this expression of interest form so we can organise numbers and buses and return to school ASAP. Permission notes will be sent out closer to the date.

Echuca Whole School Excursion



 will will not

be attending the Whole School Excursion to Echuca on Tuesday 19th December.

Signed: _____