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# Koondrook Primary School

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## Principal's Report

It is great to be back feeling refreshed and ready for the final term. Thank you Miss Flood for taking on the acting principal role last week.

### Working Bee

We had a good number of people turn up for the working bee on Sunday and the school grounds are looking fantastic. A number of jobs were completed but we still need to work on the sandpit. Thank you to Diesel and Lachie Laursen, Leigh Whelan, Anneke, Emersyn & Isabella Den Houting, Irene Whelan, Charli Sims, Graeme Cruse, Rick Snowdon, Steve, Romy & Juliet Ralston, Tim and Noah Millard and Ange Turner for your help, it was most appreciated.

### Farmers Market

Thank you to all the children who came along and helped out at the market. This market we raised \$193.00

### Regional Athletics

Rainni, Montanna and Zara competed in the Regional Athletics competition in Bendigo on Monday. Congratulations Rainni who came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the discus event and received a medal. Montanna and Zara came 5<sup>th</sup>. A great effort from all the girls!

### Koondrook Barham Show

If you are attending the Koondrook Barham Show on the weekend check out the Koondrook Primary School Display. Thank you to the teachers for the effort they all put in to organise the display to showcase our students' work.

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

**DATE:**

October 20<sup>th</sup> --- Richardson-Wood/  
Taylor/Faul/Verhey

November 24<sup>th</sup> --- Parsons/Powell/  
Laursen/D. Pringle

**FAMILIES:**

### Dates to remember

#### Term Dates 2017

Term 4 ~ October 9<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Public Holidays 2017

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Melbourne Cup

#### School Dates To Remember

- . October 23<sup>rd</sup> - School Council Meeting
- . October 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 25<sup>th</sup> – 3-4 Cluster Camp
- . October 27<sup>th</sup> – P-2 Stay, Play & Sleepover
- . October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Family Photos
- . November 1<sup>st</sup> - T-20 Cricket @ Kerang
- . November 1<sup>st</sup> - KTHS Parent Information Night
- . November 6<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day, Pupil Free
- . November 7<sup>th</sup> - Melbourne Cup Holiday
- . November 9<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair

#### Assembly Dates:

20<sup>th</sup> October - 4/5/6 Hosting  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> - P/1 Hosting  
November 24<sup>th</sup> - 2/3 Hosting

**Book Club** - Book club is due back on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## Walk to School

This month is walk to school month. We are encouraging all children to walk to school or the school bus. If this is not possible the children are encouraged to go for a walk once they get to school. Let's encourage everyone to get active and join in! The competition is on between the classes to claim the Golden Shoe Trophy. On Thursday the student Leadership group have organised a special walk to school activity followed by milo and fruit. We will be walking to the wharf at the beginning of the school day.

## Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who collected Earn and Learn stickers. The stickers from Woolworths have been counted, with a final tally of 11,580 stickers, which is a fantastic total! We will now be able to select some extra resources for our school. Many thanks to all our supporters from far and wide who donated stickers to the school and to all the children who stuck the stickers on the sheets.

## Transition to School

On Monday, we started our 2018 Transition to School Program. We welcomed 18 Pre-school/Kinder kids to our P/1 classroom from 9am until 11.30am. This week we had current Prep students Paddy, Arkie, Mason, Islah, Gypsy, Ruby M and Lincoln help assist the children. We made puzzles together, toured the school, had the opportunity to do Investigations, read a story and decorated the first letter of our name. It was a very busy morning, which we hoped everyone enjoyed. The next Transition day will be: **Monday 30th October** from 9am to 11.30.

## Golf

Seven children from Year 4/5/6 have entered in the Primary School Golf competition that will be held at the Kerang Golf Course on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Further information will be sent home with individual students.

## Cluster Camp

Next Tuesday the Year 3/4 students will be packing their bags to head over to the Barham Lakes Caravan Park for the Cluster Camp. We hope all the children enjoy the experience and the chance to catch up with their friends from the Cluster Schools. **Please be reminded that all forms and money need to be returned by tomorrow (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>).**

Also, if any students going to the camp have a life jacket could they please bring it along? Shane has 4 at the caravan park to use if you don't have one. Fishing is one of the planned activities and we need to keep safe around the river. *Please remember to name all personal items.*



## Sleep Over

Friday next week the Prep/1/2 will be very excited when they have their stay and play afternoon. On this day ALL grade Prep/1 and 2 children will get to stay at school, have afternoon tea, play organised activities, eat a BBQ tea and dessert and then have story time.

The Prep children will be picked up at 6:30pm while the grade 1 and 2 children will stay on for a sleepover.

## Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair on November 9th. Collins Books from Echuca will bring a wide selection of books, for children and adults, to school and set them up for family and friends to come along and purchase. This is a great idea if you need to buy Christmas or Birthday gifts to put away.

## Family Photo Fundraiser

On Sunday the 29th of October the Fundraising Committee will be offering mini photo shoots as our major fundraiser for term 4. We are very grateful to the talented Susan Thompson who will be donating her time as photographer. The photo shoot will be 20 minutes in length and you will receive up to 10 edited photos on a USB. The cost will be \$100 with a \$50 deposit required to secure your spot. We will be holding the shoots on the school grounds and surrounds. Please get in touch with Romy Ralston on 0418561465 a.s.a.p. to guarantee a spot for your family.

## School Council

The next School Council Meeting will be on Monday 23rd October at 7:30pm in the staff room.

## Calendar Fundraiser

Each year we produce a calendar as one of our major fundraisers. It is an easy one as Mrs Ficken does most of the work; all we need from families is some people to deliver them to the businesses when they arrive. Also, families can purchase 'dates' on the calendar for only \$1 per entry. Attached to this newsletter is a form if you wish to add any dates; they can be birthdays, meetings or anniversaries.

*Amanda Bradford*

## Cooking

Today I had three quiet but independent cooks. We researched, reviewed our fractions and had a discussion about sweet pea colours; what we might call them - cerise, sunset, lilac, violet and ultra-purple.

*Jennie Callow*

## Week 2 - Walk to School

Walk to School is taking place during the month of October. Walk to School is a great opportunity to get active and enjoy spring! We understand not all students can walk to school so here are some other options.

- Pick a drop off point near your school such as a park, car park or oval and walk the rest of the way
- Park your car further away to drop the kids off
- Walk a few laps of the oval before class starts

When walking to school remember to **always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN** before crossing the road and use school crossings where possible.

## 4/5/6 Wellbeing News

Sergeant Andrew Downes from Swan Hill Police visited the 4/5/6 students last Thursday. Andrew spent a lot of time talking about cyber safety and the risks our kids can be exposed to if safety procedures are not put in place by their families. Another area covered was respect for self, things and others; which included aspects of bullying, both physical and verbal. I hope the students have had a chance to speak to their respective families about this very informative session.

We are very fortunate to be able to access this service from the Victorian Police.

## Holiday Reading Challenge

The winners of last term's Holiday Reading Challenge are: Eddie, Chanelle and Bella. There was a good lot of participants in the P/1 room with 16 children taking part; well done! The winners will now select a book from the Book Club catalogue.





Invites prospective Year 7 students to the

## 2018 INFORMATION EVENING

# Wednesday 1st November

Venue: KTHS Library

Time: 6:00pm

Further information and apologies, please contact Miss Zoe Fernier: 54 521 062 or fernier.zoe.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

### Koondrook Tennis Club

We will be conducting our junior tennis program again this year commencing

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 5.15pm**  
*All children welcome!*

If you don't have a racquet we have plenty, so come along for a hit and some fun!

If you would like to put your name down or have any queries please contact  
**Helen Guerra on 0448 147 299.**



### Barham Koondrook Cricket Club

Junior Registration Night will be held on

**Friday the 27th October**

at the

**Koondrook Cricket Oval at 6pm**

All juniors and parents to attend  
BBQ tea and drinks will be available.

**Friday Night U16s Big Bash**

Commencing

**Friday the 3rd November - 5pm start.**

**Check out our Facebook page for training times and venues!**



### P/1 News

This week we welcome back Mrs Lake to the classroom. Thank you to Mrs Fry for being in our classroom while she was away.

Our first week back flew with new Investigations areas and new concepts to learn. We have begun learning about 'take away/subtraction' in Maths in our class. This tricky concept has been explored through games and stories. We used the song 'Ten in the Bed' and teddy counters to make up our own takeaway stories, as well as picking apples and smashing play doh.

In Writing we completed a holiday recount and set a personal writing goal for the term e.g. "My writing goal is to... always use finger spaces, re-read my writing, use interesting words in my writing". We will work and refer to these goals throughout the term.

Our focus in reading this term is 'understanding what we are reading' and this will be explored by retell and questioning. We encourage our families to ask your child questions about what they are reading before, during and after the text as well as retell the story.

Our class has had a terrific start to 'Walk to School'. Students can walk, ride or scoot to school, from their home, a spot close to school or to their bus stop to earn a tick on our chart. Tomorrow, as a whole school we will walk down to the Koondrook Wharf and come back to school for morning tea.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of October we have our P/1/2 Stay, Play and Sleepover. Permission envelopes and money are due back next Monday. A note will be sent home with Grade 1 & 2 students before the end of the week explaining what they will need to bring to the sleepover. We are still looking for someone to volunteer to cook the BBQ, please speak to Kate if you can do this.

This Friday is the Barham Show. Please make sure to pop into the Show Pavilion to see our wonderful display of work.

**Kate Donehue and Sophie Lake**

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