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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Swimming

The swimming program commences **this Friday**. Please make sure you have returned your permission envelopes with money for the bus and entry or membership number. *If you don't return these forms and money you won't be able to swim.* We will be swimming from 12 - 1pm and will need parent helpers to make this program work successfully. Thank you to the parents who have already returned their forms and offers of help but more would be beneficial. On Friday students who are swimming will need to bring their bathers, towel and sunscreen in a separate bag suitable for wet clothing. Plastic shopping bags are not suitable as they break too easily. Children will change at school before we head down to the pool and big buddies will help the preps if needed. Children who are not swimming will still come to the pool and will be given an activity/worksheet to do from their teacher.

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 to Echuca and an expression of interest form were sent home recently. There are still a lot of families who haven't returned the expression of interest form. If you think your child will be going to this could you please return the form (green) **ASAP for planning purposes**. **Please note that this is not a permission form just an expression of interest.



Dates to remember

Term Dates 2017

Term 4 ~ October 9th – December 22nd

School Dates To Remember

- . 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:

December 15th - Year 6 Hosting (Final)

Thanks Ange Turner for filling the sandpit with your trusty tractor!!

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. Notes went home yesterday, 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 to the few people who have returned their forms; more people are still needed though.

**Thank you,
The Fundraising Committee.**

Book Club

The **final** book club order for the year has been sent home and needs to be returned before **Monday 4th December**. If you would like to order books as Christmas presents and don't want them sent home with your child, please write a note on the order and we will contact you to collect them when they arrive.

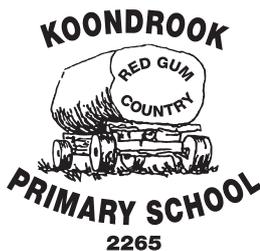
Toys at School

Any toys/personal items brought to school are **not** the school's responsibility. Electronic items of all types must remain in a student's backpack unless specifically allowed in the classroom by the classroom teacher. *Students are encouraged to leave all toys at home* as they are often lost, damaged, or can cause disruptions to learning.

School Bag

Due to popular demand we have decided to introduce a school bag to our uniform list. The bags will be bottle green with the Koondrook Primary School logo printed on them and are very good quality. The bags will cost \$40 and if you would like to order one for next year the orders and payment need to be in by Tuesday 12th December. Please see Judi Ficken in the office on Tuesday or Thursday or call us on 5453 2428.

Please see photos at right of sample bag and logo.



BOTTLE



STUDENTS CREATE THE FUTURE (SCTF) GRATITUDE, GRATITUDE, GRATITUDE!!

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the local businesses and community members who have helped SCTF students achieve their dream of quiet garden spaces for students and families within our school grounds.

You will have noted the cleared area near the staff room and you now walk through the pergola on the way in to school. We are almost there! The construction will hopefully be completed before the end of the year and planting has been put off until March next year when the weather will be hopefully cooler.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the following: -

Central Murray Builders, thanks Luke, Kyle and Jack for your time, labour and materials.
Brian Powell, for donating his time and equipment to clear the area and spread crusher dust.
Boyd's Plumbing, thank you for pot discounts.
Our **Lions Club**, for their donation of the pavers.
Elizabeth Cockroft, for her expertise.
Susan and David Pringle, who are making the Gabion Cages.
Bunnings Swan Hill, for the donation of plants.
Ange Turner, for donating her time and expertise drawing up the initial plans.

The Students Create the Future Team

Week 8 - Holiday Activity

Are you looking for a way to keep the kids entertained over the school holidays? Get them out of the house and into the garden by putting together a vegetable garden. Depending on how much room you have you could make a small garden in a pot or a larger garden bed for your fruit and vegetables. Plant a range of fruits and vegetables and get the kids to water them and take care of them. The kids will love watching their plants grow as the days pass!

Amanda Bradford

MARC Library

Could all MARC Library books please be returned to school. Borrowing has now finished for the year and all books need to be returned for a stock take.

Thank you,
Helen McLaren
(MARC Librarian)



P/1 News

We can't believe that at the end of the week it will be December. Where has the year gone!

Mrs Lake and Miss Donehue have been busily working on Semester 2 Reports. The Preps and 1's have worked tirelessly through assessment. It has been pleasing to see the results made from the beginning of the year to now.

In Writing we have begun Information Reports and will soon begin writing Christmas lists & letters; which will be exciting! We have been exploring Capacity in Maths. Yesterday we used a plastic container that we brought to school to demonstrate – full, half full and empty - and found out the container that held the least and most amount of rice. We have been further practising our addition & subtraction facts by completing Ninja Maths Facts. We have seen a boost of confidence in the students recall.



We have lots to look forward to in December. On the 12th is Step-Up Day where all students 'step-up' to their new class for 2018. On the Thursday in the final week we will be heading to Murray Haven to sing carols and songs to the residents. A note will be sent home at a later date. Also we have Picnic on the Green on the 21st where we all gather on the lawn and have a picnic tea, some awards are handed out and students perform a Christmas themed item.

As it is nearing the end of the year, we ask families to look around their houses and find any MARC and school library books as well as misplaced readers. Thank you!

Kate Donehue & Sophie Lake



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**Prizes up for grabs this year through the SRC!
Gift Vouchers from Kerang Sports and Toys!**

**4x \$50 for the kids that read the most books from
each of the four library branches
3x \$75 drawn randomly for kids in
Grades P/1/2, 3/4 & 5/6!**

PLUS

**Some of your favourite SRC rewards including a
'choose your own prize' at the 20 book mark and
a MAGIC towel at 30!**

**Program runs
1 December -
31 January
Register now!**



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