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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Reconciliation Week

On Friday the whole school will be heading to the Koondrook Wharf to take part in the Gannawarra Shire's Reconciliation Week Event.

As part of the event there will be:

- Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony
- Presentation by our Elders
- Musical Performance by KINJA, Ron Murray and Sarah James who celebrate the cultural heritage of their ancestors in a blend of Indigenous Australian and Celtic music
- Story time with our Elders
- Arm painting for the children and other activities.
- Light morning tea is provided (scones and fruit)

Everyone is welcome to come along.

We will be leaving school at 9:40 and we will walk down to the wharf. This event is taking place even if it is raining. So send along raincoats and umbrellas if it is wet.

Koondrook Mates Hotel Raffle

This Friday the Bell, Snowden, Cruse and Stokes families are on duty. You need to be at the hotel from 5:00pm - 8:00pm to sell tickets. Shane has everything you need at the hotel.

Book Club

Book Club orders need to be returned by 13th June.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

June 2nd ---

July 7th ---

August 11th ---

FAMILIES:

Bell/Snowdon/

Cruse/Stokes

Charry/Daniels

Brennan

Sims/Mathers/

Millard/McNeil

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2017

Term 2 ~ April 18th – June 30th

Term 3 ~ July 17th – September 22nd

Term 4 ~ October 9th – December 22nd

Public Holidays 2017

June 12th – Queen's Birthday

November 7th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates To Remember

- June 2nd – Reconciliation Day
- June 2nd – Mates Hotel Raffle (see above for families on duty)
- June 16th – Lightning Premiership - (Years 5 and 6)
- June 28th – Bush Day
- 9th August – KTHS Transition Day
- August 14th – School Photos
- August 18th – Murray Plains Cluster Athletics
- August 25th – Kerang Book Parade
- November 6th – Curriculum Day

Assembly Dates:

June 9th – 2/3 Hosting

June 23rd – P/1 Hosting

Koondrook Barham Bridge The temporary bridge is now open to pedestrians and traffic. Traffic will continue to be monitored to ensure safety of all users.

Farmers Market – Garden Produce

The Barham Koondrook Farmers Market is taking a break for the winter months. We still have eggs at school for sale at \$4 per dozen and a few veggies as well. If anyone is after some compost we have a few bags for sale at \$5.00 a bag.

Beanies

As the weather cools down some children are wearing beanies to school. Our school uniform colour is bottle green so they need to be that colour. You can purchase bottle green beanies at school for \$5 each.

Week 7 – Nude Food

Its World environment day next Monday 5th June and it's a great time to think about ways in which we can care for our planet.

One way to reduce your family's impact on the environment is by packing your kids a lunchbox full of Nude Food.

So what is Nude Food?

Nude food is food without packaging. That means no foil, plastic wrap, plastic or paper bags or commercial packaging. Packing a nude lunch reduces the amount of waste produced, making it a healthier alternative for the planet ☺

Tips for packing a nude lunch

- Buy yoghurt and other prepackaged foods in larger containers and divide into smaller reusable containers.
- Pack reusable cutlery rather than disposable plastic ones.
- Avoid zip lock, plastic and paper bags, plastic wrap and foil.
- Get your kids to help! Involving them in deciding what to take for lunch will help to avoid them throwing it out, leading to reduced waste, which saves the planet and saves money.
- Put a frozen drink bottle or cold pack in with their lunch to keep cold foods, like yoghurt and some sandwich fillings, cold until lunchtime.
- Pack a reusable plastic or metal drink bottle filled with water rather than water in a disposable bottle or tetra packed drinks.

Hot Lunches

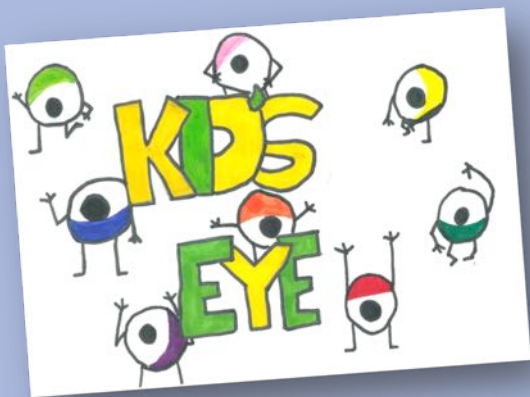
Just a reminder that we **do not** have hot lunches on **Tuesdays**. Wednesdays to Fridays are the only days for hot lunches in the pie warmer.

Amanda Bradford

eat.
fruit & veg

**Swan Hill
Cross
Country**





Kids Eye

Welcome to this weeks edition of kids eye.

Grade 4/5/6 had Mrs. Nicholson for the week while Ms. Flood was away. We got some of the new computers to use in our room.

Grades 2/3 have assembly on June 9th.

The years 3/4/5/6 ERP and Speeches are using the same topic and involve the arts and drama.

The 4/5/6s have another Korea link up on Friday.

By Montanna and Pyper

MARC Library

During Term 2 in Library the children have been introduced to new release books. They have been learning the different parts that make up a book, as well as learning about the call number and where to find books. They are learning about the Dewey Decimal System and where to find non-fiction books.

The middle and upper grades have used books and computers to research information.

The children will be enjoying a variety of literature. Books of different genres will be introduced, as well as book series and books by certain authors. Enjoyment of books is my main goal.

Helen McLaren
MARC Librarian

2/3 News

Our school days continue to be busy. It is mid-year and so we have been completing formal assessments. All students will have an individual Numeracy Fluency Interview and many will complete On Demand Assessments.

This coming Friday we will join the whole school at a Koondrook Community Event for Reconciliation Week. Our local shire has organised the morning, which will include Welcome to Country, music, story-telling, arm painting and morning tea. The event commences at 10am; you are more than welcome to join with us and walk down to the park.

Our turn for assembly is on the 9th June. Mark it in your calendar.

The Year 3's have been given their next ERP Subject Focus which is Drama. We are going to incorporate the local Lions Public Speaking as it meets the Drama learning outcomes. Perhaps you might like to discuss the progress they are making. The topic is:

If I rewrote the story "The Three Little Pigs", "Cinderella", etc. it would go like this...

Here is your chance to rewrite your favourite fairy tale, story or nursery rhyme. Tell why you picked the story and why you changed it and then give us your new version.

(You only have three minutes-so it doesn't have to be the whole story-it can be just the first part, first verse etc. The new version should be the longest part of the speech-keep the introduction and explanation part brief)

Students will present their speeches in the last week of term.

For Writing we have been creating our own Fairy Tales, planning our stories with the intended audience in mind. Some of the areas we have covered in Maths include time, addition and subtraction, arrays and we are learning our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

In PE Mrs Lake has been busy teaching us the Heel and Toe Polka.

Jennie Callow and Cassie Altinari

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Student Name.....
Date of Absence.....

Reason for Absence (please tick)

- illness
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