

# Kerang

# Zone

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# Koondrook Primary School

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## Principal's Report

### Reading Expectations

It is important that a routine at home is established enabling all students to read daily. The expectation is that all students read for 15-20 minutes every night at home. One major aspect of reading that we are focusing on in particular this year is developing the students' comprehension. On the back of the newsletter is a list of some suggested questions or prompts to use when you hear your child read in order to ensure that they are understanding and thinking about what they are reading. There are also some ideas to help reluctant readers.

### Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. All the teachers are going to Swan Hill to participate in 'Positive School Wide Behaviours' Professional Development.

### Head lice Checks

With the warmer weather and start of school year, we ask all parents to be vigilant in regularly checking their child's hair for head lice. We have already had a couple of cases. Long hair needs to be tied back or plaited. Don't forget you have to treat the hair once a week for at least 3 weeks or you won't stop the cycle.

### School Council Elections

Each year we call for nominations from parents to be on School Council. We hold our meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the staff room. If you are unsure what it is about you are more than welcome to sit in on our February meeting, which is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.

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

**DATE:**

March 9th ---

**FAMILIES:**

Tucker/Jordan  
Brennan/Daniels

\* A roster will be made up soon and sent home

## Dates to remember

### Term Dates 2018

Term 1 ~ January 30<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>

Term 2 ~ April 16<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 ~ July 16<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>

Term 4 ~ October 8<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>

### Public Holidays

Labour Day – March 12<sup>th</sup>

ANZAC Day – April 25<sup>th</sup>

Queen's Birthday – June 11<sup>th</sup>

Melbourne Cup Day – November 6<sup>th</sup>

### School Dates To Remember

\* February 13<sup>th</sup> – Reading Information Night

\* February 19<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting

\* February 20<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day

\* February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Swimming

\* February 27<sup>th</sup> – Murray Plains Swimming

Carnival @ Koondrook Pool

\* February 28<sup>th</sup> ~ March 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent/Teacher Interviews

## **Murray Plains Cluster Swimming Sports:**

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February we are having our annual Cluster Swimming Sports with Gunbower and Leitchville Primary Schools. This is an all-day event starting at 9:45am and finishing around 2.30pm. We will be setting up at 7:30am and we would really appreciate any help.

We have organised a bus to take the students to the pool. At the end of the day students may go home with their parents once the teachers have signed them out.

It is a very social day and a great opportunity to meet our new families. Students need to make sure they have bathers, towel, t-shirt/rashie, sun screen, water, snacks and lunch. We will take their school hats. It is compulsory that all students wear a t-shirt/rashie when they are not swimming in a race.

The kiosk will also be open on the day. We will need parents to help with judging, please see Sophie or Amanda if you are able to help out.

### **Zone Swimming**

Congratulations to Pyper, Emma, Emily W, Maddie W, Elektra, James, Zara, Sarah, Hunter and Max for representing the school at the zone trials in Kerang on Monday. It was great to see the children enjoying the day, having a go and mixing with the other children from the small schools. You should all be very proud of your efforts. James, Max, Pyper and Maddie W will now represent the school in Swan Hill on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

James will compete in Backstroke, Max is in the Relay, Pyper will compete in Breaststroke and Maddie W will compete in the Freestyle, Backstroke and the Relay. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with transport, supervision, time keeping, photography and cheering and encouraging the children.

### **Review Family Fire Plans**

With the resumption of school it is a timely reminder to review and update family fire plans. As per the schools OH&S schedule, a practice school fire drill will be scheduled in the month of February.

### **Week 3 - Being Active at Home**

**move.**  
more often

Most primary school-aged children still need plenty of unstructured activity like running and chasing and playground games. Running races in the backyard, kicking/throwing a ball around, little obstacle courses around the house and jumping on the trampoline are easy and affordable activities to fit into busy family life. Encourage children to help with physical household tasks like gardening, washing the car, cleaning the windows or sweeping/mopping the floor. Everyday physical activity can also include walking, scooting, skating or riding to and from places (school, the corner store, a friend's house, a park). Not all children will be interested in sports and that's ok. It's important for them to have hobbies that keep them active, as they get older. Bike riding, family walks and exploring outdoors are all great ways to get and keep children active.





### **Book Club**

Book Club orders are due back by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### **CSEF**

CSEF forms were sent home last week and need to be completed and returned by 27<sup>th</sup> February. No late applications can be accepted.

### **School Fees**

Accounts for school fees have been sent home – these can be paid in instalments if required. Please see Judi in the office if you have any queries.

### **Mates Royal Hotel Raffle**

Our school will be on duty for the raffle at Mates Hotel in Koondrook on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Tucker, Jordan, Brennan and Daniels families are rostered on. You just have to sell raffle tickets from 5pm.

*Amanda Bradford*

### **MACC News Term 1 2018**

Wow! It's so exciting to be back at school and getting to know the new students for 2018 and introducing them to the MACC program. We have a new school join our cluster, so a big welcome to Murrabit Group School.

Just a quick reminder that all students will need a smock for Art to protect their clothing from paints, glues and other messy materials. Please make sure smocks are labelled with your child's name. Some parents have even sewn or ironed a patch on to make bought smocks more distinctive. This helps when taking them out of the tub at the start of each lesson.

This term we will be working on drawing skills and Getting Smart for Art. We will be looking at and talking about the building blocks of Drawing – the Art Elements and Principles. These include Line, Shape, Form, Pattern, Texture, Colour, Movement, Contrast and Emphasis. You can help your child notice patterns in nature, man-made patterns, the shapes of things, and different types of lines such as curved, straight, wavy, zigzag, etc. We will also study and discuss images of famous Artworks.

The last week of Term 1 will be spent doing an Easter activity. I look forward to seeing lots of smart artists developing this year!

**Ms Sally Bentley**  
**Murray Plains MACC**  
**Art Teacher**

## Ideas For Reluctant Readers

If your child is happy to read every night, then please carry on; you don't need to change a thing!

However, some children can be a little reluctant to read. These are a range of ideas (in no particular order) that you may like to try at home with your child:

**I Read, You Read** - This is where you **share the book**. One of you reads the page then the other person **reads the same page**. You could take it in turns to go first. This works well if the child is finding the words challenging,

**Check for Understanding** - This is also done **sharing the same book**. Take it in turns to **read a different page**. At the end of each page, the **listener explains what the page was about**.

**Read Two Different Books** - This is where you both **read your own book** (for the parent it could be a bedtime story you are currently reading to your child, one of the child's readers or something else such as a newspaper). You take turns to read a page each. At the end of a page, the **listener explains what the page was about**.

**Quiet Reading** - Both **read your own books** independently, and then at the end of the allocated time, stop and **share what you have read**. This can be particularly useful for older readers.

## Becoming Better Readers...

Questions you can ask your child about their book.

★ Who is the main character?

★ Where is the story set?



★ What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?

★ What do you think will happen next in your story?

★ Which character do you like most? Why?

★ Which character do you think would make a good friend? Why?

★ What was your favourite part of the story?

★ Did you like the ending? Why/why not?

Fiction/Story Books

TODAY  
is the day to  
learn something  
NEW

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