



KPS: Where the pursuit of excellence is encouraged

Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

This is the final week of Term. WOW! Where did the time go? It is hard to believe our term is drawing to a close. *School finishes for students at 1:35pm on Thursday 29th March.* Well done to our amazing Prep students who have had a fantastic start to school! Congratulations to our Year 6 students who have taken on leadership roles with enthusiasm and commitment. We are so fortunate to have such a committed group of staff at KPS who work tirelessly to ensure all students are supported to be the very best they can be. We also have parents who make our job as educators so much easier and who put so much effort into making KPS the best school.

Looking back over the previous 9 weeks, students have achieved many things this term. Some notable achievements have included: The Preps settling into the daily routine of school life, swimming sports and the Grade 5 & 6 students complementing their learning with a cluster camp to Melbourne. Investigations and the Year 3-6 students embracing their Educational Research Projects, Professional Development for staff in writing, Walker Learning, Bastow Literacy Leaders, and School Wide Positive Behaviours. It has been very pleasing to see the students embracing all of the opportunities presented to them throughout the term. Well done Koondrook Primary!

Looking ahead towards Term 2, we have many things on the agenda. Some of these include: ANZAC Day Service, Koondrook PS Fun Run, Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN, Lion's Club Speeches, Lightning Premiership and Year 3-6 Expo, whole school trip to the Wizard of Oz and a Bush Day to name a few activities. Students return to school on Monday 16th April. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday, enjoys the Easter break and returns ready for a great term of learning.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

April 13th ---

May 18th ---

June 22nd ---

FAMILIES:

Millard/Moseley

Ralston/Webb

Cain/Curry

Martin/T & K Wright

Cruse/Verhey

Faul

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2018

Term 1 ~ January 30th – March 29th

Term 2 ~ April 16th – June 29th

Term 3 ~ July 16th – September 21st

Term 4 ~ October 8th – December 21st

Public Holidays

ANZAC Day – April 25th

Queen's Birthday – June 11th

Melbourne Cup Day – November 6th

School Dates To Remember

* March 26th ~ 28th – Urban Camp, Yr. 5&6

* March 29th – End Term 1, Early Dismissal

* April 16th – Term 2 Begins

* May 11th – Fun Run

* May 23rd – Grandparents/Friends Day

* June 20th – Wizard of Oz, Whole School

Casual Dress Day On Thursday 29th March, our last day of Term 1, the children can come dressed in casual clothes. We will be collecting a gold coin donation for The Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Thank You Bunnings

Ella H, Charli, Sarah and Harri wrote a letter to Bunnings in Echuca asking if they could donate some items for the gardening program. Bunnings very generously donated a wheelbarrow, gloves, a rake, secateurs and several buckets. Thank you Bunnings.

Cake Stall

Thank you for all the generosity many of our families showed last week baking goods for the cake stall. We were able to raise \$553.10 at the stall. Thank you to the parents who helped out with the set up and the selling of the goods; your work was most appreciated.

Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Raffle. We were able to raise \$840.00. The winners were:

- 1st - Indigo Cain
- 2nd - Zara Verhey
- 3rd - Luke Fulton
- 4th - Indigo Cain (re-donated) - Alice Marsh
- 5th - Bronwyn Agius

Holiday Reading Challenge

During the holidays we will be running a reading challenge to encourage kids to keep reading. The Challenge Sheet will be sent home with students to be filled in when they read over the holidays. The sheet will then need to be returned to school on the first day back for Term 2 (it would be a good idea to keep it in the green reader bag). Students who read 10 nights or more will go in a draw to win a book of choice from the Scholastic Book Club catalogues.

School Council

The School Council welcomed our new members for 2018 with Tim Millard, Cathy Sims, Cassie Altimari and Kate Donehue attending their first meeting. Office bearers for 2018 were elected as follows:

President - Dale Laursen **Vice President** - Cathy Sims
Secretary - Cassie Altimari **Vice Secretary** - Sophie Lake
Treasurer - Judi Ficken

Executive Officer - Amanda Bradford

Ange Turner, Stephen Ralston, Meghan Hall, Rachel Woolhouse, Tim Millard, Anneke Den Houting and Kate Donehue make up the rest of the Council.

The school greatly appreciates the time and commitment all our school councillors contribute to make Koondrook Primary the best school it can be. At the first meeting we:

- Moved the Annual Report
- Approved the purchase of a shipping container to help with our storage problem
- Discussed jobs that need completing at the Working Bee
- Changed the meeting starting time to 7:00pm.
- Financial reports and payments for the school were also approved.

The next meeting of School Council will be on Monday 24th April at 7:00pm.





Fun run

The Koondrook PS Fun Run will be held on Friday 11th May. The children are busy training each morning. Please encourage your children to continue their training over the holidays and get as many sponsors as they can with the sponsorship form attached to this newsletter. We hope that parents will join us and be part of the fun day. More details the first week back next term.

Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who came along to lend a hand at the working bee on Sunday. Due to the damp weather we were not able to start the painting of the front fence however, we achieved many other jobs - cleaned the guttering on the sheds, cleaned up around the tennis court, trimmed a few trees and prepared the area for the shipping container.

Kids Active Rebate - NSW Families

The new Active Kids Rebate Guidelines explain how families can receive a \$100 rebate for their child's sporting activities from 31st January 2018.

From 31st January 2018, parents and carers of school aged children enrolled in an approved sport or fitness activity can receive a \$100 voucher to cover registration and participation costs for that calendar year.

Parents will be able to apply and download their vouchers from the Service NSW website from the end of January.

Each child is eligible to receive one voucher every year for the next four years. For more information Google 'Active Kids Rebate'.

Wizard of Oz

On Wednesday 20th June the whole school is off to Melbourne to see the stage show The Wizard of Oz. We have to finalise tickets, so **full payment needs to be received by the first day of next term**. There are still some places available for parents who would like to attend. Parents will need a Working With Children Check. Please see Amanda or Judi if you would like to come along. The cost of the excursion is \$97.00 for students - bus and show. The cost for parents will be \$117.00. A Parent expression of interest requires a \$30 deposit. CSEF may be used by the students to pay for the excursion.

Amanda Bradford

Raiders Junior Football – Under 12's

Meet the coaches night and light training.

Wednesday 28th March

5:30 – 6:30pm at the Barham Oval.

All Welcome



Week 9 - Easter Ideas

eat.
fruit & veg

Easter is a time for family bonding and the sharing of 'Occasional', or 'RED' foods such as chocolate Easter eggs.

While we love a good celebration and the hide-and-seek excitement of finding a few quality chocolate eggs, Easter is also a good time to promote and model eating in moderation. Don't deprive your child of chocolate eggs, but set limits and set an example.

Avoid the bunny blow-out with better choices:

- **Make Easter a one day celebration** - it just wouldn't be Easter without chocolate but try to limit its consumption to one day.
- **Give other gifts besides chocolate.** Stickers, pajamas, a soft bunny toy, a game, or movie tickets are a much healthier and long-lasting gift. Combine it with just a few small eggs.
- Instead of a traditional Easter egg hunt, have a **treasure hunt** instead. Use written clues encouraging physical activity that will ultimately lead to the chocolate treasure.
- **Dye or decorate real eggs** with your kids that can be hung around the house or given as presents
- **Eat a healthy breakfast** - start the morning on the right foot with a fruit salad, a homemade hot cross muffin or a boiled egg with toast before digging into the chocolate.

Most of all, when you indulge in some chocolate, savour it, enjoy it and be mindful of what you're eating.



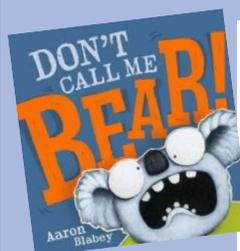
MARC News

This term we have been looking at 'caring for library books'. Great care needs to be taken with the books as some of them are expensive books and too many books are coming back not in the condition they were borrowed. Water and liquids are being spilt over the books making the pages mouldy and sticking together. Food is spilt amongst the pages. Please **DO NOT** eat or drink around your library books. Also could parents please keep an eye on the younger children as some books are coming back scribbled in and with torn pages. Also please keep the books away from pets. Please use a library bag to protect your books and **DO NOT** put your drink bottle in the same compartment in your school bag, as your library book.

Preps, Grade 1 and 2's have been doing an author study on Aaron Blabey. Aaron is the author of all the Pig the Pug books. We read 'Don't Call Me Bear!' and looked at why the koala is not a bear. It is a marsupial and it has a backward opening pouch, the same as a wombat. We read 'The Flying Optometrist' and learnt about The Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Flying Optometrist in the outback. We then made our own glasses.

In Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 we looked at the Winter Olympics and the different events. We looked at The Guinness World Records 2018 book and recorded some records on the asphalt, measuring the records, then drawing the actual record. We also read some books on Melbourne; learnt about the street grid in the Melbourne CBD and looked at some of Melbourne's iconic buildings.

Helen McLaren
MARC Library



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