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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

FUN RUN

The Fun Run will be held on Friday 11th May. The program will start at 10:00am. We hope that many parents will come along and support the children. The children over 9 years old will have the opportunity to go on and compete in the District Cross Country on May 22nd in Swan Hill. Children who have not returned a sausage sizzle order will need to bring their own lunch. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help, we'd still like a few more parent helpers so please see Amanda if you can help.

Grip Leadership

Last Tuesday, I attended a Leadership Day in Bendigo with the Grade 6 students. The theme of the day was transformation. The students learnt how to lead with a mixture of a positive attitude, words, actions and a caring heart in order to make a positive contribution to our school. It was a very inspirational day. See some writing from the students about the day further in the newsletter.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 15th May to Thursday 17th May, students in Grade 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This includes tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Schools use the results from NAPLAN to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers also use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support. Structures have been implemented to support students and help them prepare for this.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

May 18th ---

June 22nd ---

July 27th ---

FAMILIES:

Cain/Curry

Martin/T & K Wright

Cruse/Verhey

Faul

Mathers/Hartley

Bohn/Bell

Dates to remember

Term Dates 2018

Term 2 ~ April 16th – June 29th

Term 3 ~ July 16th – September 21st

Term 4 ~ October 8th – December 21st

Public Holidays

Queen's Birthday – June 11th

Melbourne Cup Day – November 6th

School Dates To Remember

* May 11th – Fun Run

* May 15th ~ 17th – NAPLAN, Yrs. 3 & 5

* May 23rd – Grandparents/Friends Day

* June 20th – Wizard of Oz, Whole School

Assembly

May 18th – 1/2 Hosting

June 1st – 3/4 Hosting

June 15th – Preps Hosting

Mother's Day

This Sunday is Mother's Day. I hope all of our Mothers have a nice day and get a little bit spoiled by your children; whether it be by a gift, getting served breakfast or even helping around the house. Enjoy!

Head Lice

There has been a reported case of head lice/nits at school. I would like to remind parents and carers to check children's hair regularly so we can keep on top of this pest. It is also important for long hair to be tied up.

Koondrook Mates Hotel Raffle

On Friday May 18th the Cain, Curry, Martin and T & K Wright families are on duty. You need to be at the hotel between 5:00pm - 8:00pm to sell tickets. Shane has everything you need at the hotel.

Australian Early Development Census

Between May and August this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

The children in the Prep Class have received a letter attached with further details outlining the program.

Uniforms

Students are expected and encouraged to wear school uniform at all times.

Winter Uniform

Bottle Green trousers or tracksuit pants

Polo shirt - bottle green with gold piping

Bottle Green with school logo - windcheater, hoodie, bomber jacket or vest.

Sneakers, black lace up shoes or elastic sided pull on boots.

School beanie (not compulsory however if wearing a beanie, it must be a green one)

During winter months children may wear school beanies, coats and scarves at recess and lunchtimes. If wet, gumboots can be worn.

Dress Code

Hair should always be neat and tidy, with long hair (shoulder length+) to be tied back. Nail polish is **not** permitted to be worn at school and nails should be kept short (safer for sporting activities). Earrings must be sleepers or studs.

Beanies

As the weather cools down some children will start to wear 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.



Seating

The flip-up seats (old Koondrook Hall seats) that are under the BV are looking tattered and weathered. If anyone has a use for these seats they can have them. There are two 'rows' of 5 seats to give away. Please contact Amanda if you are interested.



G.R.I.P Leadership

On Tuesday 1st May the Year 6 students and Miss Bradford went to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Bendigo. We were the smallest Year Six group, we had 4 kids in Year 6 all the other schools had nearly 25 or 30 kids. What they did was they taught us all about leadership and how we could make our school a better place. I learnt a lot about leadership. I learnt that leaders should have integrity and respect. They were also talking about 'lead like a transformer' like you can transform the school to make a better place. They said that a leader should say a positive word to someone every day and encourage kids to do their best. Leadership is not about a badge it is about caring for other people. **By Emily**

GRIP LEADERSHIP

Last Tuesday the Year 6's and Miss Bradford went to Bendigo for a GRIP leadership conference. There were around 600 students there from different schools. I learned to be a strawberry leader not a watermelon, that means to be the same on the inside and on the outside. There was a game called Monopolead and we had to go around and ask people questions like 'Have you broken your arm? or Have you ever travelled overseas?' We had to write their name but we couldn't have anyone from our school. I also learned what GRIP stands for **G**enerosity **R**esponsibility **I**ntegrity **P**eople. 4 words that help make leaders - Attitude, Words, Actions, Care. **By Emma**

GRIP Leadership Conference

There was about six hundred students that came to the conference. One of the topics was LEADERS ARE TRANSFORMERS and that talked about things that help transform someone into a leader. They had four main words for that topic- Attitude, Words, Actions and Care. LEADERSHIP IS LIKE A... We had to fill in the gaps. Leadership is like a MAP because you can take many different ways. Leadership is like a TRAFFIC LIGHT because you can get held up when you are going really well. Leadership is like a TREE because it has many ideas (branches) to think. Leadership is like a TELEPHONE because you can get a call at any time. Leadership is like WATER because it flows and it has its waves. Then we had to try one on our own, Leadership is like a JUMP because you may make it then next time you may fail. **By Pyper**

GRIP Leadership - Generosity Responsibility Integrity People

Simple changes that leaders make can positively transform your school. We came up with ideas on how we could help our school. My idea on how to help other students: Have sport buddies so the younger kids can improve their skills. My idea to transform a part of our school grounds: Have a quote on a blackboard at the front of the school so that kids feel inspired and feel ready for the day. One thing I learnt from that session is how to show integrity. Five ways to have 'berry' good integrity.

- Be sure to do the right thing
- Encourage others to do the right thing
- Refuse to lie
- Respond when you see something that is not right
- You overcome criticism

By Bella

Grade 1/2 News – May

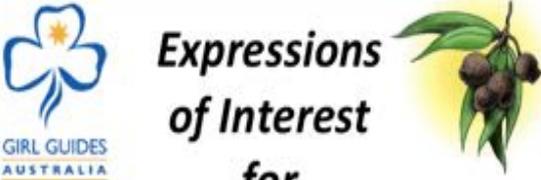
What a great start to Term Two we have had in the Grade 1/2 classroom, with lots of learning happening already!

This term students have been loving our weekly 'Big Book' sessions, with students exploring different texts and making all sorts of predictions. We have been busy in Maths learning about measurement and now looking at time. As always, the students are loving Investigations, working together and exploring a range of areas.

We are all excited for the upcoming Fun Run this Friday the 11th of May and we hope to see lots of parents and friends there to cheer us on!

Additionally, the Grade 1/2 class will be hosting assembly on Friday the 18th of May and hope to see this Friday as well. We hope to see lots of parents and friends there supporting us at both the Fun Run and the assembly.

Cassie Altimari



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of Interest
for**

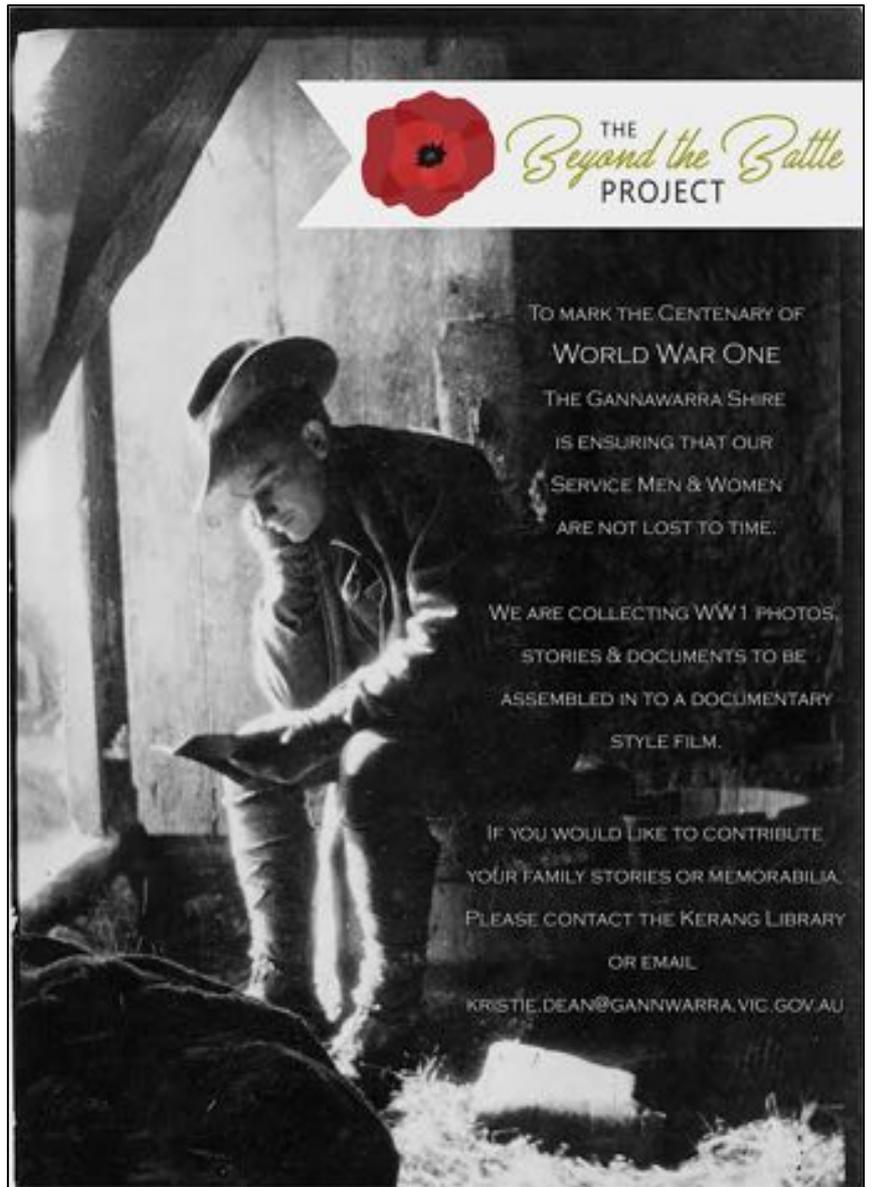
GUMNUT GUIDES

NEW!
In Kerang
Monday's 4pm – 5pm
Girls Aged 5 – 7 years old

FUN & Games **CRAFT & SONGS**

Develop CONFIDENCE

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