

SAKG: Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program



KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

National Turtle Day

This week the students in Year 3-6 participated in a Polycorn session to learn about the turtles that can be found in our area. It is turtle breeding time and there are a number of projects in the area to help save and protect the turtles as they breed. Last Friday Graeme dropped in 10 kits for any families who would like to get involved in the project. Please see Amanda if you would like a kit.

Lightning Premiership

The Year 5 and 6 students will join Leitchville and Gunbower Primary Schools for the Lightning Premiership which will be held in Kerang on Thursday 7th June. This year we have entered netball and t-ball teams. We did not have enough interest to form a football team. We will travel to Kerang by car so the students need to return the permission/travel form and a signed green envelope. The girls will wear our new netball dresses.

Open Day

On Wednesday we are welcoming Grandparents, families and friends to our Open Day. At 11:00am we will be participating in the National Simultaneous Story Time where we will read the story Hickory Dickory Dash. Thank you to all the families who have offered to send along a slice or scones for morning tea.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alesha and Tim Millard on the arrival of their new baby daughter, Larni. A beautiful little sister for Noah, Indi and Mahli to love.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

June 22nd ---

July 27th ---

August 31st ---

FAMILIES:

Cruse/Verhey/

Faul

Mathers/Hartley/

Bohn/Bell

Murray/McNeil/

Walle/K & B Hall

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 23rd – Grandparents/Friends Day

* May 23rd – KTHS Information Night

* May 27th – BHS Open Day

* May 31st – KTHS Open Day

* June 7th – Lightning Premiership

* June 20th – Wizard of Oz, Whole School

Assembly

June 1st – 3/4 Hosting

Reminders from Mrs Ficken

- As the weather cools down don't forget you can purchase green school beanies from the office for \$9 each.
- We will be purchasing cuffed track pants if anyone wants to order them. They will cost \$22.00. They can be a better idea as they don't drag on the ground if they are a bit big.

Barham High School Transition Information Day

Barham High School will be having a Transition Information Day for families to attend on Sunday 27th May from 12 till 2pm. Come along and see what BHS has to offer your children. See the advertisement in this newsletter for more information.

Kerang Tech High School

A Parent Information Session will be held at the Kerang Technical High School on Wednesday 23rd May in the library at 6:30pm.

School Open Day and Tour is on Thursday 31st May. There are two sessions at 2:00pm or 4:00pm. The tours will begin at the KTHS Library. See the advertisement for more information.

Koondrook Mates Royal Hotel Raffle

Thank you to the families who sold raffle tickets at Mates Hotel on Friday night. The money we raised will go towards school fundraising programs.

For Sale

Mrs. Jones has 2 second hand Alto recorders for sale. Both are in good working order. \$10 each. See photos at right. If interested contact the school.

HOT LUNCHES

Just a reminder to our families that the pie warmer is **only** available on **WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** for heating lunches. Mondays are Koondrook Café lunches or cold lunch, Tuesdays are cold lunch.

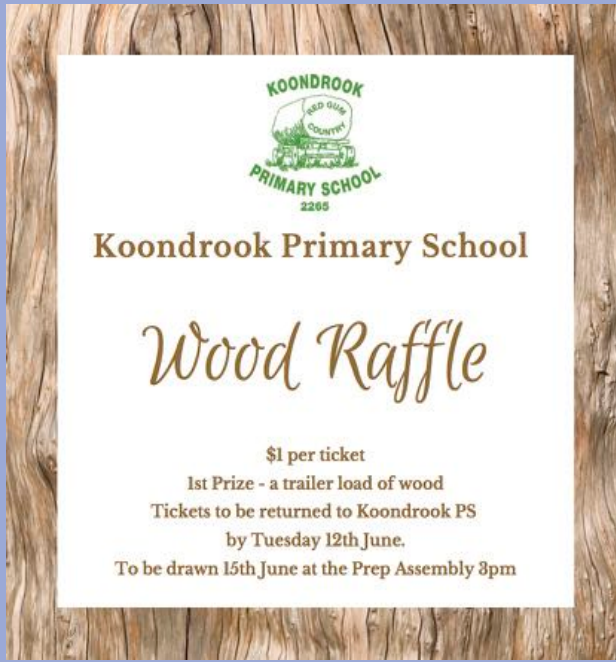
Gastro Bug

There is a Gastro bug going around which many of our students have had. We just want to remind parents that it is only safe to send your children to school 24 to 48 hours **after** their last vomiting session in order to try and reduce the spread. Also, please remind your children on the importance of hygiene and washing their hands after toileting.

3/4 Cluster Camp

This year the 3/4 Cluster Camp will be held at the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement on the 10th and 11th September. We will be with the cluster schools of Gunbower, Leitchville and Murrabit. The cost will be \$160 and children will need an additional \$10 spending money. More information will be available closer to the date.





5/6 Class News

We are midway through the term and what a busy term it is! With NAPLAN taking up most of last week we can now get back to our normal routine.

To make the connections with our learning about **time** and our new Subject Focus, **ECONOMICS**, we have created personal planning timelines so that we are ready for the **ERP EXPO** on **June the 14th**. In order to support the students' research, we have been learning about needs and wants, goods and services, consumers and producers and we will also be looking at advertising.

At the end of this term all students will have to present a **prepared speech** for the Lions Public Speaking competition. Judging will take place on **June 28th**. We are using writing time to prepare our speeches. Please feel free to help out at home. The topic this year is:-

***You are a Travel Guide.** Your job is to explore your local area – as if you have never seen it before. Document what you find. Tell us about your discoveries and why you should visit.*

The reading strategies we will be focussing on this week will include;- **Scan & Skim** and **Predict and Confirm** and to further develop our understanding of nouns, adjectives and adverbs we have been writing poetry known as “Mr Trickey” poems, some examples are included.

Wednesday is our Grandparents and friends day. We look forward to our visitors popping in to see what we are doing.

This term we have commenced working on our new school values which are RESPECT, RESILIENCE and RESPONSIBILITY. I wonder what these values meant when our grandparents were at school. As a class we will be focussing on the values and what the expected behaviours relating to each value look like, feel like and sound like. We will link our class awards to our values.

A couple of expected responsibilities of all students in the class is for them to read for at least 20 minutes each night and complete their readers notebook; learn their spelling words and practise their times tables. The tables' championships this week will be the easy ones; the 10s, 5s and 2s!

This week in Maths we will be working on comparing fractions with related denominators, as well as our efficient mental strategies with our timetables.

To finish up I share this quote: “In a WORLD where you can be anything, BE KIND”
Jennie Callow

Some examples of ‘Mr Trickey’ Poems

(Mr Trickey poems are made up like this:
Adjective, Adjective, Noun, Verb, Adverb)

Biscuit

Fluffy, female bunny hops frightfully
Brown, white animal digs confidently
Pink nose mammal eats happily
Cute little pet poops copiously
Hazel eyed rabbit drinking thirstily
Little pawed Biscuit sleeping quietly
Laura

Rodeos

Fierce, raging bulls bucking violently
Speedy Barrel Racers rotating
precisely
Nervous, awaiting audiences watching
silently
Trained, anxious riders seizing tensely
Dusty bull ring dampens purposefully
Sleek, surefooted horses gallop
obediently
Bella

KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Kerang Technical High School welcomes prospective families/ students to the following information sessions:

2019 INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Wednesday, 23rd May

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: KTHS Library

KTHS OPEN DAY

Date: THURSDAY, 31st May

Time: 2:00pm OR 4:00pm

Venue: Tours begin from the KTHS Library

If you require further information please contact Zoe Ferrier

Ferrier.zoe.r@edumail.vic.gov.au or 0354 521 062

Barham High School's 2019 Transition Info Day

SUNDAY 27th MAY 2018 12.00pm-2pm

We invite all Year 6 students
and parents from BPS, WBPS,

KPS, Moulamein PS and
Murrabit Group School

BBQ Lunch & Tour
of the school

PosterMyWalls.com

Living with Asthma, or have a child living with asthma, interested in more support to stay well?

Your asthma COACH

1800 ASTHMA Helpline – Make the call

If you'd like to learn how you can breathe better with asthma, call our FREE 1800 ASTHMA Helpline and ask about **The COACH Program®** or ask your health care professional for a referral.

What is the COACH Program?

The COACH Program® is a confidential, FREE health service delivered over the phone by trained Asthma Foundation Coaches. The program aims to help people with asthma, or those who care for someone with asthma, improve their general health and asthma control.

How does it work?

The COACH Program® runs for up to six months, with regular scheduled calls. Your Coach will contact you by phone, at a time suitable to you. At the end of each session your Coach will send you a letter recapping the details of your discussion, any recommendations and the time for your next appointment. Any health care professionals nominated by you will also receive a copy of the letter. All your information is confidential and will not be shared without your consent. You are free to withdraw from the program at any stage.

What does an Asthma Coach do?

Your Asthma Coach will support you by:

- understanding your health needs and providing you with personalised information tailored to your lifestyle
- identifying gaps in your treatment and recommending a plan to align with Australian Asthma Handbook Guidelines
- working with you to set goals to achieve good asthma control
- offering regular support with the same Asthma Coach each time; you can also ring your Asthma Coach in between sessions if you have any questions or would like further information.
- complementing your existing GP and/or specialist asthma care

Asthma Foundation staff have been supporting people with asthma for over 50 years. Recent program evaluation has shown that 70% of people receiving ongoing phone support showed significant improvement in their level of asthma control (Asthma Australia, 2016)

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