

Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition



KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready for another busy term. As the term progresses we should see the weather start to get warmer as we head into spring. This term there are a number of activities planned with Jump Rope, Cluster Athletics Sports, Year 3/4 Cluster Camp at the Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill, Prep Information Night for 2019, Year 6 Transition Programs, Book Writing for the Book Week Competition, School Photos, Prep/1/2 Stay and Play, Elektra and Max will compete in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition on Monday 31st July, and there will be lots of learning experiences in class for the students.

Parent teacher interviews will take place during Week 5.

****Just a reminder to please return report folders****

We welcome back Miss Flood while Miss Donehue is on leave for the next 2 weeks. Miss Flood will be following Mrs Lake's timetable while Mrs Lake is taking the Prep class.

Year 3/4 Pioneer Settlement Camp

Information regarding the Year 3/4 Cluster Camp to the Pioneer Settlement Swan Hill was sent home last term. It would be fantastic if **all permission notes and medical forms be returned to school by Friday 20th July (this Friday)** so planning can be confirmed.

Curriculum Day

On Friday 10th August there will be no school for students. All staff members will be attending professional learning in Swan Hill. Teachers and staff from the whole of the Southern Mallee Network will be in Swan Hill on this day.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

July 27th ---

August 31st ---

October 5th ---

FAMILIES:

Mathers/Hartley/

Bohn/Bell

Murray/McNeil/

Walle/K & B Hall

Snowdon/Fulton/

Dean

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2018

Term 3 ~ July 16th – September 21st

Term 4 ~ October 8th – December 21st

Public Holidays

Melbourne Cup Day – November 6th

School Dates To Remember

* July 24th – Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off Day

* August 6th – Prep 2019 Information Night

* August 10th – Curriculum Day

* August 17th – Bush Day

* September 5th – School Photos

* September 10th ~ 11th – Year 3/4 Camp

Assembly

August 3rd – Year 5/6 Hosting

Prep/Foundation 2019 Information Night

There will be an information session for parents and carers of children wishing to start Prep/Foundation at Koondrook PS in 2019.

You will get an insight into the programs and opportunities available at KPS. There will be information on:

- The Pre-school to School Transition Program
- Enrolment process
- The opportunity to meet staff and ask questions
- Buddies Program
- What we offer at KPS

The Information Night will be held on Monday 6th August from 6:00pm at Koondrook Primary School. Please call the school if you are unable to attend if this time does not suit and you would like to arrange another time.

Jump Rope

The children are busy practising their skipping every morning and even at recess and lunchtimes in readiness for our 'Jump Off'. Sponsorship forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago and we will finish off with a Jump Off on Tuesday 24th July. We will have a sausage sizzle lunch on that Tuesday. The children will be skipping during their PE class as well as during morning Recess and Lunch.

Athletics Sports

The Cluster Athletic Sports will be held in Cohuna on Friday 24th August with a backup day on Friday 31st August if there is bad weather.

We will be running training sessions on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:20-3:20pm. If there are any parents who would like to come and lend a hand with training please see Mrs Lake. Children need to make sure they wear suitable shoes for training.

School Council Meeting

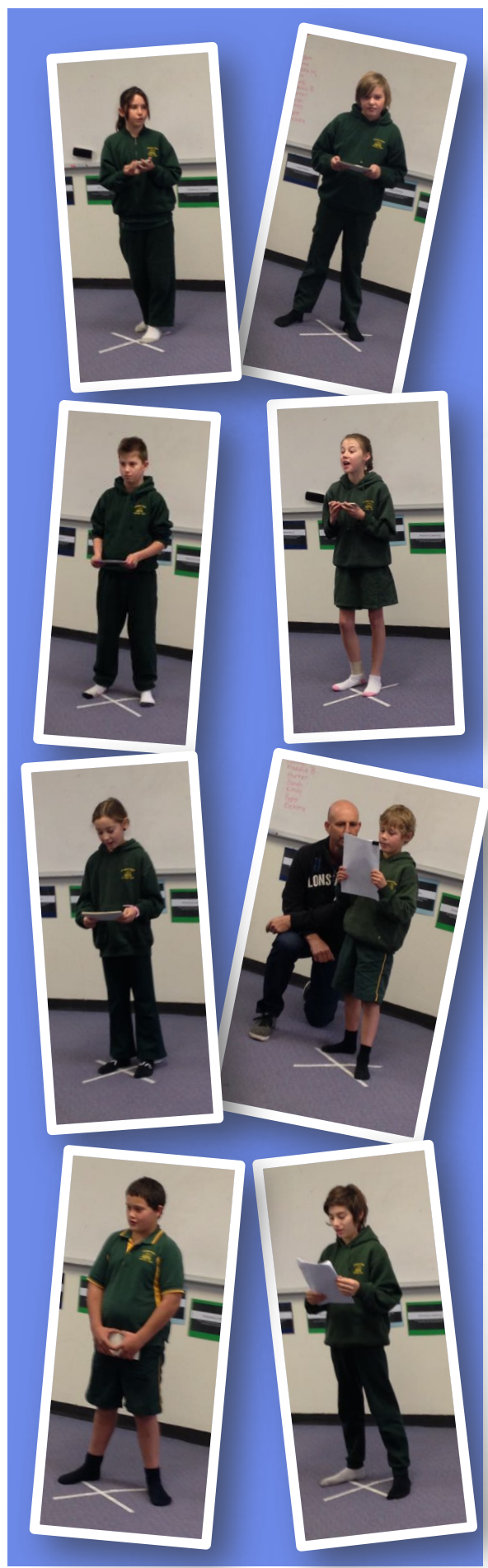
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd July at 7:00pm in the Staff Room.

Mates Royal Hotel Raffle

Friday, 27th July will be our turn for the Mates Royal Hotel Raffle. The **Mathers/Hartley/Bohn and Bell** families are rostered on to sell tickets between 5pm and 8pm.

Book Club

Book club catalogues have been sent home and if you wish to make a purchase the orders need to be returned by Monday 6th August.





New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by calling 5453 2428 or texting Amanda Bradford on 0429 329 183.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

The Koondrook Primary School Attendance Policy which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available on the school website.

We are a Child Safe School

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes them feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in their family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse. If they suspect abuse of any child or young person, staff have a responsibility to report it, even if they are not sure.

Lions Club Public Speaking

During the last week of Term 2 the students in Years 3/4/5/6 presented their speeches to the class and members of the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club. All the students put a lot of work into their presentations and spoke well. It is a big challenge to face your fears and speak in front of so many people and all the students are to be congratulated. I would like to thank the members of the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club for adjudicating the competition. They had a very hard task. The results of the competition were:

Years 5/6 –

1st Place - Elektra Woolhouse

Runner Up - Pyper Tucker

Year 3/4 –

1st Place - Max Snowden

Runner Up – Jy Tucker

Elektra and Max will now represent the school on Monday 31st July at the finals of the 2018 Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition in Barham. Good luck to both students.

We're skipping into term 3!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Koondrook Primary has already raised about \$500 so far.

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on **24th July** so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details.

<https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/register>

Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



1/2 Class News

We hope everyone had a fantastic break and are ready for Term 3 and lots of new learning.

Students are excited to get back into Investigations, keen to check out and explore the new areas created. Some of the new investigation areas this term include the Baby Nursery, Birthday Party, Lego Construction, Cupcake Station and many more. Make sure you ask your child where they investigated today!

We are also working hard on getting our class book ready for the upcoming Book Competition, putting our skills of Information Writing and typing on the computer into action. This task may be taking us a while, but we are having fun doing it!

All the children are practising their skipping in the mornings and in our P.E. sessions. They are getting a lot better.

Thank you to the families who read with their children over the holidays and filled in the Reading Challenge sheet. Not only does it help with their reading but they will now go in to the draw to win a book of their choice from the Scholastic Books Catalogue.

We would like to give families a friendly reminder to return your child's school report once they have been read.

Cassie Altimari



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SPECIAL EVENT



BOOK LAUNCH!



This collection of short stories is based on the author's observation of Australian youth growing up in the second half of the Twentieth Century. Several are set in the Kerang region in the 1950s and 60s. The stories actually trace the changes in Australian society over the decades from country towns to urban society. School settings play an important role in many of the stories. The unifying theme of the collection is growth in cultural, emotional, physical, psychological and spiritual stages through childhood, adolescence and adulthood. They are filled with iconic characters such as Whacko Murray the Rabbitoh, Sr. Tarcissius who tames the unruly Mallee Boys to sharp shooting larrikins who wreak havoc on Annie Butler's poultry farm. There are also insights into the romantic dreaming of teenage girls and the annual rituals of Deb Balls.

John Collard

Larrikins, Debs & Ugly
Teenagers;
Australians Growing Up 1950-
2000

Wednesday

July 25

Sir John Gorton Library

7.00pm

This event is FREE but bookings are essential.

You are invited to attend a research workshop lead by John the following morning at 10.00am.

Phone 5452 1546 for more Information.

