

KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Koondrook Primary School

August 21st, 2018

Principal's Report

Cluster Athletics Carnival

Our **Athletics Carnival** is on this Friday and this year we are introducing a change to the way we give out ribbons: Students will collect points for each event throughout the day. After the last event, these points will be added up and 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons will be given based on their total number of points. As long as they participate, all students will receive **a** ribbon. At primary school we want **all** students to feel valued, encouraged and experience success in all aspects of learning and we believe that this change reflects that. There will still be a Grade 6 boy and girl champion as well as an overall winning school. For those with a particular strength in one or more aspect of athletics, they will still get the chance to compete at the next level of Athletics. If you have any questions about this, please let us know.

The athletics sports will be held in Cohuna at the Number 2 oval. The children will travel to Cohuna on the bus leaving school at **9:00am**. This year we are using our Sporting School grant to provide the bus to the sports. All parents will need to sign a green school envelope permission note and return it to school. The children will need to take their lunch, morning tea and water bottle. It might be a great idea to put on some sun screen. We will require helpers on the day to help out with the events, to move around to each event with the children and to take photos on the day.

School Council

The School Council will meet in the Staff Room on Wednesday 22nd August at 7:00pm. Please note the change of day.

Issue no: 2

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

August 31st ___

October 5th ___

November 9th __

FAMILIES:

Murray/McNeil/ Walle/K & B Hall Snowdon/Fulton/

Dean McInerney/Hobson/ Whelan/Bettinelli

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

- * August 22nd School Council Meeting
- * August 24th Athletics Carnival @ Cohuna no.2 Oval
- * August 27th Yr.6 Transition @ BHS
- * September 5th School Photos
- * September 10th ~ 11th Year 3/4 Camp

Assembly

August 31st – Prep Hosting September 14th – Years 3/4 Hosting

Book Club

Book club orders are due back before September 6th.

Enrolments and Transition for 2019

We have now started taking enrolments for 2019. We hope that most enrolment forms will be in by the 14th September as this will help us with our planning and staffing for the 2019 school year. If you have a child who you wish to enrol for next year, please ask for an enrolment form, or if you know of anyone intending to enrol at Koondrook Primary for 2019 in any year level, please encourage them to contact the school. The earlier we know, the better we can plan to maximise all students' wellbeing and learning. New families are also welcome to contact the school to book a tour.

We have a very comprehensive transition program to help prepare our new Preps for school. A transition to school timetable is attached for families with children starting next year. If you know anyone with a child wishing to start Prep next year, please encourage them to contact the school as our transition program begins on Wednesday 24th October (Week 3 of Term 4).

Cake Stall & Raffle Fundraiser

The school council has organised a cake stall on Thursday 13th September in Barham out the front of Foodworks.

We will need helpers on the day to set up the stall and sell the items. The school council would also like a small raffle and are asking families to donate a grocery item like a can or packet. A form is attached to let us know what you will make for the cake stall and if you can help. Please fill in and return to school.

Lions Club Public Speaking Competition

On Sunday 19th August Max participated in the District Final of the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition at Pyramid Hill. What an amazing experience for him. He should be very proud of his effort just as we are. Congratulations Max on coming Runner Up in the Year 3/4 section. Max will now go on to the next level in Tongala next Sunday. We wish him all the best for Sunday. Great job Max!

School Values

This week we will be focusing on: How we show **respect** to all staff members and adults. How we are **responsible** when travelling on a bus.

With the Athletics sports week and excursions coming up, some questions you could ask your children are why do we need to respect **all** teachers and adults at different events or activities? How do you show responsibility when travelling on a bus?

School Photos

The order forms for school photos have been sent home. If you would like to purchase photos please fill in the order forms and send back to school. This needs to be done before the photos are taken on September 5th.





Barham High Transition Day

On Monday 27th August the Year 6 students will attend Barham High School from 9am until 3:00pm. The girls may catch the school bus, which will leave Koondrook at 8:35am and return at 3:00pm.

NAPLAN Online

In 2019 NAPLAN at Koondrook Primary School will be going online and over the next two weeks we will be trialling this in Grades 3 and 5 to see if our technology can cope with the demands of such a process. The tests will not be marked.

Amanda Bradford



We have had a great start to term 3 in the grade 3/4 classroom and can't believe how fast the term is going!

This term in writing we all completed a book for the book competition and some of us were lucky enough to get short listed in different categories. We have been writing procedure text on different topics including "Friendship Soup" where students created a recipe including personal qualities they like in a friend.

We have been working hard on developing our reading comprehension and this week we are celebrating book week with some fun activities based around the theme of "Find your Treasure".

In maths this term we have been learning about data, angles, chance and fractions and have been working hard to develop our maths skills.

Our ERP topic this term is all about Health. We have been lucky enough to have our Social Worker Kylie come in and teach us about healthy friendships to support our learning. We have learnt many new things and have been very busy putting our learning together ready for our up and coming EXPO on the 6th of September.

We had an amazing day on Friday at our bush day and are now looking forward to the athletics carnival and our School Cluster camp to Swan Hill.

Big congratulations to Max who has been lucky enough to come runner up in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition in Pyramid Hill on the weekend and is off to the next level next weekend. We wish you all the best.

Chloe Reither



Bush Day

Friday turned out to be a lovely day for our bush day. Everyone was excited and ready for a day of fun, construction and exploration.

Firstly, some rules were explained and boundaries marked to help keep everyone safe. Then the big buddies paired up with their little buddies to show them around the bush area. Then they all went off and built their cubbies.

Lots of students came up to the firepit at the start of the day to warm up. Then after recess the buddies went off and did something on their own.

At lunch everyone had a potato and after their potato a piece of damper, most people had theirs with jam. Then in our buddies we toasted two marshmallows each.

At the end of the day Shane had set up a treasure hunt for us to do in our house groups. The house leaders had to pick an item and then their house had to find 11 of those items. When all of the items in your house were found then you had to gather all of the house members and line up. The house that had all 11 items and were all lined up were the winners. Yellow house was the house that won the treasure hunt.

After that everyone had one more play. Then everyone went and did their jobs and packed their bags. At the end of the day the teachers dismissed the students and that was the end of Bush Day.

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Book Week - MARC Library

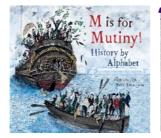
This week is Book Week, the 18th – 24th of August. The theme this year is 'Find Your Treasure'. In Library we have been reading these books and doing activities e.g. We read the book 'Boy' about a deaf boy. We then learnt some sign language. Below is a list of the shortlisted books with the winning books marked by a red star and the honours books marked by an asterisk.

Helen McLaren (MARC Librarian)

SHORTLISTED BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

EVE POWNALL AWARD (INFORMATION BOOKS)

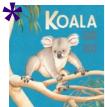












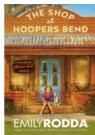
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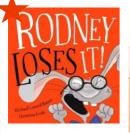








THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD







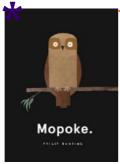




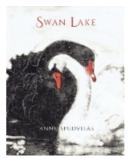


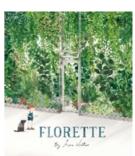
THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR











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