



KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Sun Smart: School Hats

All students will need to be wearing their school hats from September 1st, as per our school sun smart policy. The school has already been receiving SunSmart alerts informing us that UV Levels are at 4 which is the top of the Moderate range. Students who are not wearing hats will need to play under the covered areas around the school buildings. It is recommended that all students apply sunscreen to exposed parts of their body as part of their morning routine at home. Sunscreen will be available to students if they need to top up throughout the day or if they are on an excursion.

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.

Absences from School

We would like to remind parents to please advise the school when their child is away, as it is a Department of Education audit requirement. The school is also required to contact parents as soon as possible if a child is absent from school without the school being notified of the absence. Remember you can send Amanda a text on: 0429329183.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

October 5th ---

November 9th ---

December 14th ---

FAMILIES:

Snowdon/Fulton/
Dean

McInerney/Hobson/
Whelan/Bettinelli

Woolhouse/Carter/
M & C Hall

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

* September 5th – School Photos

* September 7th – Zone Athletics Trials @ Kerang

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

* September 13th – Walk to School

* September 13th – Cake Stall @ Barham

* September 14th – P/1/2 Stay, Play & Sleepover

Assembly

September 14th – Years 3/4 Hosting

School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos are being taken tomorrow Wednesday 5th September.

**Please make sure you have returned your photo form.



Congratulations Bella

It was a big surprise when the Mayor, Brian Gibson, presented the Book Competition awards to the children last week to find out that Bella has received the special Library award for her book, *The Black Quill*. Congratulations Bella you really deserved this award in recognition of your writing.

Healthy Eating

Our school encourages healthy eating at recess and lunch time. Fresh food is always better than processed foods. Fruit is a great snack option.

3/4/5/6 ERP EXPO

The students will be showcasing their Health Research during the afternoon this Thursday, 6th September. If you are free, pop in between 2:30pm and 4pm to see what they now know about the Health of our body, mind or spirit.

Pioneer Settlement Camp

The Year 3/4 class head off to camp on Monday morning. A note with the itinerary and clothing list was sent home last week. Children need to remember they need to take their morning tea, lunch and water bottle on Monday.

Stay and Play

On Friday September 14th the Prep/1/2 students will be having their 'Stay, Play and Sleepover' at school. After some afternoon tea the students will be involved in some planned activities and have dinner, before the Preps are picked up at 6:30pm. The grade 1/2 students will then have story time and a movie with popcorn before sleeping the night at school. In the morning after some yummy breakfast the children will be picked up at 9am. If your child is going to participate in this activity please make sure you have sent back your permission envelope with \$5 for Preps and \$8 for year 1/2 children. If any parents could make a dozen muffins will you please contact Kate, Sophie or Cassie.

Zone Athletics

We wish all the students who will be representing the school at the Zone Athletic Trials on Friday, all the best. We need to leave school at 8:40am ready for the first event at 9:15am. Children will need to remember to take their lunch, snacks and water bottle. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with transport.

NAPLAN RESULTS:

Individual student results for NAPLAN have arrived at school for Years 3 and 5 students. A lot has been said about the NAPLAN results, drawing attention to the academic argument around comparisons between written responses and online responses not being able to be made. Nevertheless, this is a test completed over a few days which provides a guide to staff as to where your child is at. Staff at Koondrook Primary will use these results, alongside other testing completed throughout the year, to inform our approach to improving student outcomes.



Prep News

It's not long until the Stay and Play. The Preps will be involved in activities after school and then dinner before they are picked up at 6.30pm. Please ensure you have sent back a permission envelope to school with \$5 to cover the cost.

We have continued to learn about Information Reports in our Writing and Reading sessions. We have been using the 'Bump It Up Wall' to set our own goals during writing - it has been impressive to see the Preps recognising the areas they need to improve in. During our Guided Reading sessions, we have focused on using expression as well as looking at initial, middle and end sounds when we are unfamiliar with words. For the remainder of the term we will be investigating digraphs during our phonics sessions.

In Maths we have been learning about Addition and later this week we will start to investigate Subtraction. We have discussed the different friends that our numbers have - e.g. $6+4$, $5+5$ are friends of 10. A great game to play with your child is Flip 10. You will need a deck of cards without the picture cards. Place the cards in rows. Then, they flip two cards over. If the sum of the two cards equals 10, they keep the cards. The game ends when there are no more matches left. A match includes 6 and 4, 7 and 3, 8 and 2, 5 and 5. This can be changed to flip doubles or a sum to another number.

Kate Donehue & Sophie Lake



Street Stall

We need a couple of people to help with the street stall on Thursday 13th September.

If you can help out on the day or can bake something for the stall and you haven't returned the response form we have included another copy with this newsletter.

Thank you to the families who have already returned their forms and grocery items. Grocery items for the raffle can be sent to school at any time.





School Council Snippets

- **NAPLAN** - Chloe and Amanda completed the training session in Bendigo. Terry has configured the Mac Books ready for the trial. Between Monday 20th August until the 7th September the Year 3 and 5 students will take part in a number of trial tests to check the equipment and to see if our internet will support the NAPLAN. These tests will not be marked. On 28th March next year all schools in the trial will run a practice test for the students.
- **Transition** - We held our Prep 2019 information night. We hope enrolment forms will be back to the office by the 14th September.
- Year 6 students have attended KTHS for a day and next week will spend a day at Barham High.
- **Dyslexia Training** - The teachers will complete the 2nd face to face session on Thursday evening.
- **First Aid training** has been booked in for Tuesday 18th September
- **Launch for Walk to School** - This year the Gannawarra Shire are using Koondrook Primary to launch the Walk to School program.
- **KPS Rocks** - Through the garden art program the children have painted rocks. They are now having fun finding them around the school.

End of Term

The end of term is fast approaching. The last day of term is Friday 21st September. We will finish school at 1:35pm. Term 4 will start on Monday 8th October.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As the end of Term 3 draws near we are pleased to have met with nearly all parents. If you haven't had an interview as yet it would be a good idea to touch base with your child's teacher before the end of term. Please contact your child's teacher or the school to organise a time.

Amanda Bradford

Relaxed and informative seminar for parents of children of all ages and abilities

Body Confident Children & Teens

POSTPONED

UNTIL EARLY 2019

Body Esteem Educator session still available 14th Sept

Monday 10th Sept
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Kerang RCH
241 Sturt St, Kerang

FREE

Register: [HERE](#) or
Visit: www.butterflyfoundation.org.au and SEARCH: 'XZBAND'
Registrations appreciated.

The Butterfly Foundation is Australia's largest charity supporting those affected by eating disorders and negative body image. We are bringing our unique whole community program to young people, parents & professionals in Swan Hill & Kerang between the 21st and 28th September.

The Victoria State Certified session is supported by NDCH and generous donations from the Kerang Trust (M&I 2011 Melbourne Cup Donor Charity Lunches).

NDCH's 'Body Esteem Educator' session **Friday 14th September 9:00am-1:00pm**.
Please register by Sept 12th. Call Justine on 5451 0200.

Swan Hill RCC's 'Body Confident Teens and Children' session is still available held **Tuesday the 11th September**, call Nellie on 0419 288 365 to register.

OR

'Like' our facebook pages @FreeZaNDCHS or @ndchvic to see future community sessions.

NDCA JUNIOR CRICKET CAMP 2018



FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 10-17

- Fun cricket clinics
- Guest coaches
- Games
- Totally free event including lunch
- Equipment provided
- For boys & girls of all abilities, new & existing players welcome

CALLING ALL COACHES Get involved and pick up some new ideas for the upcoming season during the day or at the evenings
Community Coaching accreditation course

Wednesday 26th September, 10am-4pm
Riverside Park, Kerang

Registrations & more information at
malleemurrayregion.cricketvictoria.com.au

Contact: Tom | 0409 321 877 | thuf@cricketvictoria.com.au



St John's Anglican Church Teddy Bear and Doll Show



St John's Anglican Church in Barham is holding a Teddy Bear and Doll Show on Saturday 23rd September in their hall.

Dolls and Teddy Bears will be accepted from 9am and will be displayed until 4pm.

For the competition section, the categories for entry are:

- Most loved Teddy Bear
- Oldest Doll
- Most unusual in either category

It would be greatly appreciated if you could attach a small story about your item i.e. 'My doll was given to me by my Uncle Paddy in 1954.'



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