

We are GREAT Writers!!



Koondrook Primary School respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land. We pay respects to the Barapa Barapa Elders past, present and future.

Koondrook Primary School

KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

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Principal's Report

Report Folders

Teachers are now starting to write End of Year Reports. If you haven't returned your Semester 1 Green Report Folder, could you please send it back to school as soon as possible?

Curriculum Day

Friday 30th November is our last Curriculum Day for 2018; there will be no school for students. This day will be used by staff to plan programs for the 2019 school year.

Swimming

Our swimming program commences on Tuesday 4th December. Thank you to the parents who have returned the swimming helpers form. We still need more parents to help us run the program successfully. If you can help please return the swimming helpers form included with the newsletter. You also need to send in a signed green envelope giving permission, including payment *or* Member number of the pool. The cost for the swimming is \$2.50 per lesson, there are 8 lessons in total. If you have already sent your permission and payment/Member number then thank you.

Prep Transition 2019

The next Transition Session for Prep 2019 will be held on Wednesday 21st November from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Children will need to bring their fruit snack, morning tea, lunch, water bottle and a hat.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

FAMILIES:

December 14th ---

Woolhouse/Carter/
M & C Hall

***Thanks Everyone for Your Help!

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2018

Term 4 ~ October 8th – December 21st

School Dates To Remember

- * November 21st – Prep 2019 Transition, 9am – 2pm
- * November 28th – BHS Transition, Yr. 6, 9am – 3pm
- * November 30th – Curriculum Day
- * December 6th - ERP EXPO, 3/4/5/6
- * December 11th – Step-Up Day
- * December 17th – Yr. 6 Graduation
- * December 20th – Picnic on the Green

Swimming

December 4th, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 20th

Assembly

23rd November – 1/2 Hosting



Grade 6 Transition Dates for Barham High School

Wednesday 28th November, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Wednesday 5th November, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Monday 10th December, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday 11th December, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Students may catch the bus from Koondrook Primary at 8:40am or make their own way to Barham High School.

Student Leadership 2018

The students in Year 5 have been asked to prepare a speech as to why they would like to be School Captain next year. The children may ask the teachers for help and advice as they prepare their speeches. They will then present their speech to a panel on Thursday 13th December consisting of our present school captains, Pyper and Bella, Stephen Ralston, Mrs Callow and Miss Bradford.

Grade 6 Graduation

Each year the Grade 6 students have a dinner to celebrate the end of their Primary Schooling. This year the dinner will be held on Monday 17th December at Tudor Tavern. Students formally invite their families and staff to attend.

2018 Picnic on the Green

This is a family celebration on Thursday 20th December. The whole school gets together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. This includes the Award Presentations for Year 6 students, Formal Announcements of 2019 School and House Captains and we have a visit from the Jolly Red Fellow! Also, each class performs a Christmas themed item. All families are invited to attend, bring your picnic meal and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students. Picnic time commences at 6pm.

Book Club

Book club orders have been sent home. This will be the LAST order for the year.

If you would like to purchase books as presents, please write a note on the order and we will give you a call and keep them at school until you can pick them up.

Or if you would like to purchase online through LOOP (scholastic.com.au/LOOP), there is a gift section you can tick. Orders are due back before **Wednesday 28th November**.

Hot Weather

The weather is warming up and many children are coming to school without a drink bottle. It is important that children are able to grab a drink during class time without having to leave the classroom and as we know, it is important that we are hydrated to do our best learning. **Please make sure your children have a water bottle each day.**

Amanda Bradford

Wisdom Begins in Wonder - Socrates





Grade 1/2 Class News

Once again, we have had a few busy weeks in the Grade 1/2 classroom, with lots of learning happening!

First of all, I need to say a huge **congratulations** to the grade 1/2s for taking out the 'Golden Shoe' for our Walk to School Month! A large percentage of students in our class walked, rode or scooted to school during the month of October. It has also been great to see that lots of students have continued to walk or ride to school. Keep up the great work everyone!



In writing we have been looking at Procedural Texts, learning how to write a set of instructions for someone else to follow. The grade 1/2s have been doing a great job with this and even had the opportunity to put their skills to the test by making Fairy Bread! As a class we were given a set of 'not so great' instructions and it was our job to make it into a great one! All the students did a great job in re-writing the instructions and then following them to successfully make fairy bread. Maybe they could write a procedure for you to follow at home!



It is crazy to think that there is less than 5 weeks of the school year left. We are going to be finishing the year off with a positive attitude, a smile on our faces and lots of fun. We hope everyone does the same too!



Cassie Altimari

Koondrook's Zoo for a Day

Families are encouraged to register for Koondrook's Zoo for a Day Event to win a Zoo Keeper for a day experience with a myriad of iconic Australian animals with TV Zoologist Chris Humfrey at his property in Macedon. This prize is valued at over \$400 and includes a fuel card. The event being held on Sunday the 2nd of December is free including entertainment and food. See the flyer in today's newsletter or go to: www.ndch.events.org.au/events



**KOONDROOK'S
ZOO FOR A DAY!**

TO BOOK
www.ndch.org.au/events
NOCH - 5453 0200

2 December 2018

11.00am to 3.00pm
(Zoo performance begins at 11.30am)
Koondrook Primary School

THE ZOO IS
COMING TO
TOWN!

Come face to face with Australia's amazing wild life!
Snakes, Quolls, Koalas, Goannas, Dingoes,
Crocodiles, Lorikeets, Echidnas.

TV Zoologist Chris Humfrey will personally present
a fun and interactive program, "show casing"
some of his amazing animal family!

A **FREE** day of food and entertainment
for families in Gannawarra &
surrounding districts.

BBQ - FACE PAINTING
SANTA

BYO CHAIR

WIN!
A Chris Humfrey's
"Junior Zoo Keeper for
a Day Experience" in
Macedon

A circular inset photo shows Chris Humfrey, a man with blonde hair, smiling and holding a small white animal (possibly a koala or possum) and a colorful lorikeet. He is wearing a black t-shirt and has a surprised expression on his face.A circular inset photo shows a close-up of a koala's face, looking directly at the camera.A circular inset photo shows a plate of BBQ food, including what looks like a burger and some fries.

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