



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

It's great to see everyone settling back into school life. It is also really important that a routine at home is in place to support the work being done at school, such as nightly home reading and homework.

Reading with your child at home is hugely beneficial throughout primary school. But why is it so important?

Research has typically found that shared reading experiences are highly valuable for young people. Benefits of shared reading include facilitating enriched language exposure, fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary, and establishing essential literacy skills. They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading.

Welcome BBQ and Classroom Information Session

A reminder that tonight all families have been invited to a sausage sizzle and classroom information session.

Information sessions will take place in the student's classrooms.

This is a chance to meet the teachers, hear about expectations and ask questions.

Classroom Sessions

5:30pm - Foundation/Year 1

5:50pm - Years 3/4

6:10pm - Years 1/2 and Years 5/6

Welcome

Over the holidays the Moseley family welcomed a new son and brother to their family. Welcome to little Koa, a new brother for Hope and her brothers to adore.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

FAMILIES:

March 22nd ---

Brennan/Wright(T)/
Woolhouse/Walle/Tucker

May 10th ---

Cain/Martin/Moseley/
Hall(B)/Murray

Dates to remember

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 ~ January 30th – April 5th

Term 2 ~ April 23rd – June 28th

Term 3 ~ July 15th – September 20th

Term 4 ~ October 7th – December 20th

Public Holidays

March 11th – Labour Day

April 25th – ANZAC Day

June 10th – Queen's Birthday

November 5th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

February 12th – Welcome BBQ and Class Information Session

February 20th – Parent/Teacher Interviews

February 26th – Cluster Swimming Sports @ Koondrook Pool

Assemblies

February 22nd – Grade 3/4 Hosting

March 8th – Grade 5/6 Hosting

Working with Children Checks

There are often activities and excursions where we rely on parent help. As you are aware, in order to help out with any activities, **all** volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. It is free to get one and you can apply online or go to the Post Office and apply there. They do take several weeks to process, so now is the perfect time to get one if you would like to help out this year. If you are unsure how to go about it please make time to see Amanda for help. Thank you.

Parent Payments 2019

Information regarding the 2019 Parent Payments was sent home last term. If you have any questions or concerns regarding parent payments, please contact the school.

The essential educational items fee structure for 2019 is set at \$160.00 per child. It is now open for payment and is **compulsory**.

Any family who feels they may experience difficulty paying the fee should make a time to speak with Amanda personally. A copy of the school's Parent Payment Policy is available from the office. The various payment options are:

Option A: Full amount at the beginning of Term 1

Option B: Quarterly payment at the beginning of each Term

Option C: Half yearly payment (beginning of Terms 1 & 3)

Option D: Other payment arrangements (please notify the school of your proposed arrangement).

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be on Monday 18th February at 7:00pm in the Staff Room.

I will be calling for nominations for the vacancies on School Council shortly. I encourage interested parents to nominate for the positions. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Camps Schools and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. A form has been sent home. If you think you are eligible, please complete and return the form to school. Applications are accepted during Terms 1 and 2.

Book Club

Anyone wishing to make a purchase from the book club catalogue are reminded that orders need to be in at school by 14th February.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We believe that Koondrook Primary School should be a happy and safe learning environment which meets the needs of all students at all levels of their school life.

All students and staff have;

- The right to be safe
- The right to be treated with respect
- The right to work and play without interference

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole school program which aims to create a positive school climate, a culture of student competence and an open, responsive management system for all school community members.

Introducing, modelling and reinforcing positive social behaviour is an important component of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioural expectations and rewarding or recognising students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehaviour to occur before responding.

The School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program is underpinned by the school's values. At Koondrook Primary School, our values are reflected in our everyday learning and are displayed and taught explicitly in all areas of the school. Our values are the Three R's'; RESPECT, RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY.

Expected behaviours are acknowledged and rewarded. Students can earn 'tokens' and these can be traded for prizes at our Rewards Shop. They have an opportunity to earn 'tokens' in their classroom, during specialist classes and in the yard. Expectations are clearly displayed in each classroom in the form of a Matrix.

In the chance that a negative behaviour does occur we have introduced 'Behaviour Slips' to the students. These slips will be used to track student's behaviours and work on a 'three strike' policy. Children demonstrating negative behaviours will have these recorded on their slip. If three are recorded in one day they will report to the Principal where appropriate actions will be made, and a phone call made to parents/carers.

Kerang Swimming Trials

The Kerang and District Primary Schools Swimming Trials are to be held on Monday 18th February at the Kerang Swimming Pool. If your child has been chosen to compete in these trials they will be given a note. **Please fill these in and return to school by Wednesday 13th** so we can organise transport. Children will be travelling to Kerang by private car. Those students going will need to take their lunch, plenty of water and snacks, their hat, sunscreen and asthma puffers if needed. Mr. Monaghan will be supervising the students at this event. First, second and third placegetters in each individual final will qualify to compete in the Mallee Division Championships in Swan Hill on Monday 25th February.

Amanda Bradford

3/4 Class News

We have had a fantastic start to the year in 3/4. We have been focusing on the rules and routines of our classroom and getting to know each other.

In the first week, students completed interest projects as part of ERP. Students brainstormed their interests and created a hot air balloon display, which you can see hanging in our room. Our ERP focus this term is Geography and students have been eager to learn about the world.

Students have undertaken two class meetings so far, discussing things that have been happening in the world that they have seen or heard about. Class meetings are a great opportunity for students to learn about and discuss real life topics.

We have a busy term of learning ahead and look forward to many more positive experiences in the class.

Chloe Reither

Grade 3/4 Classroom Teacher

Bar-Rook Swimming Club Incorporated
Members Swimming Carnival
 &
Pool Side Presentation Night



Koondrook Swimming Pool

Swimmers to be there by 5:30 pm

First event starts at 6:00 pm

25th of February 2019

Entries are the actual age swimmers are on the carnival night

All 8 years & Under races are 33 meter events

Dinner items, drinks & snacks

available for purchase from Pool Kiosk

Bring a chair

& your bathers to enter the fun family relay

(hope to be finished by 8:30)

Last swimming training session is 11th of March 2019



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Smart Eating Week & Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Smart Eating Week 2019 is February 11-17. One way to support young people to eat smart is to pack a healthy lunchbox. Children consume approximately 30% of their daily food intake at school so it is important to fill their lunchboxes with nutritious foods to help them with get the best out of their day.

5 Steps to the Perfect Healthy Lunchbox:

- 1 Add energy to play & learn**
Pick carbs with long-lasting energy like wholegrain bread, pita pockets or wraps. Or use leftover wholemeal pasta.
- 2 Help them grow**
Fill hungry tummies with protein-packed foods like grilled chicken, boiled eggs, tuna or canned beans.
- 3 Create healthy habits**
Make fruit and vegetables part of every school day by cutting them into fun, bite-sized shapes.
- 4 Build strong bones**
Pair calcium-rich cheese with crackers or freeze small tubs of yogurt and milk cans for an edible ice pack.
- 5 Snacks to refuel**
Base snacks on fruit, wholegrains, dairy foods and vegetables, rather than sugar, fat and salt.

For more Healthy Lunchbox ideas go to: <https://www.healthy-lunchbox-week.org/>

www.ndch.org.au

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