

Welcome to Koondrook PS For 2019!



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Koondrook Primary School

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Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2019 School Year

Welcome back to Koondrook Primary School to all our existing families and a special welcome to the 14 students and families in our Foundation/Prep class. We also have a new grade 2 student to welcome, Kye. I would also like to welcome Mrs Kylie Chalmers, Mr Bernie Monaghan, Ms Janine Fletcher and Mrs Kirsten Nicholson to Koondrook Primary Teaching staff.

Staff for 2018

Miss Bradford - Principal, Reading Recovery
Mrs Lake - Learning Specialist, Literacy Coordinator, - Tues-Thurs
Mrs Chalmers - Foundation/Year 1
Miss Altimari - Years 1/2
Miss Reither - Years 3/4
Mr Monaghan - Years 5/6
Ms Fletcher - Literacy Support, Well Being- Wednesday/Thursday
Mrs Nicholson - LOTE Indonesian - Tuesday
Mr McLaren - PE - Tuesday
Mrs McLaren - MARC Library - Monday
Ms Bentley - MACC Art - Monday
Karen Naismith - Classroom support/Library/Newsletter
Shane Guerra - Classroom support - Wednesday-Friday
Mrs Ficken - Office each Tuesday and Thursday.
Terry will visit each Thursday to sort out all our computer issues.

Emergency Contact Forms

Students from Years 1-6 will have their emergency contact detail forms sent home today. Please check that the information is correct, alter if necessary and return to school by 8th February. It is essential that the school has the correct phone, allergy and asthma details.

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

FAMILIES:

February 8th ---

Azzopardi/Robertson/
Sims/Puddick

*Roster will be sent home early in Term 1

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 5th – Swimming 12:20pm – 1:30pm

February 12th – Swimming 12:20pm – 1:30pm

February 20th – Parent/Teacher Interviews

February 26th – Cluster Swimming Sports @

Koondrook Pool

Assemblies

February 8th – Grade 1/2 Hosting

February 22nd – Grade 3/4 Hosting

Book Club Anyone wishing to make a purchase from the book club catalogue are reminded that orders need to be in at school no later than 14th February.

Holiday Thanks

Thanks to all the families who popped in over the holidays to mow and water the lawns and gardens. We really appreciate all the help parents volunteer to maintain the fantastic facilities that we have here at Koondrook.

Student Lunch Boxes

This year we have a student who is anaphylactic to nuts and fish. We are asking parents not to send tuna, salmon, nuts and nut-bars in children's lunchboxes. We are not banning peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches at this stage but children will need to let teachers know if they have them for lunch. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring no fish, nuts or nut products are sent to school and we appreciate your support in providing a safe and allergen free environment for all our students.

Welcome BBQ and Classroom Information Session

On Tuesday 12th February we would like to invite all families 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 Year 5/6

Sausage sizzle at 6:30pm– the school will provide a sausage in bread. We would love some people to help cook the BBQ. A note will be sent home closer to the date for catering purposes.

Mobile Contact

Please add my number to your phone contact list: 0429329183.

I ask new families to send me a test with your mobile number so I can update the school contact list. You may be contacted for a variety of purposes: to share a special moment or achievement of your child, to remind you of upcoming events or to send important information. This is vital in the hot weather due to the fact that we are a Bushfire Code Red school.

Mates Hotel Raffle

Each month the school is rostered on to sell raffle tickets at Koondrook Mates Royal Hotel. Each family is rostered on once per year. Our first turn is on Friday 8th February and the Azzopardi, Robertson, Sims and Puddick families are rostered on. A roster will be made up and sent home soon. We need to sell tickets from 5:00pm-8:00pm. This is a fantastic fund raiser for the school and we appreciate the support of the parents and Mates Hotel.

Start of the school Day

Children are asked not to arrive at school before 8:40am as the yard is not supervised until then. The classroom doors will not be opened until 8:40am. We understand there are times when children may need to arrive at school before 8:40am, if this is the case please call the school to make this arrangement.



Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. An application form is attached with the newsletter.



Foundation/ Prep Students

Foundation students are not required at school on Wednesdays for the month of February.

Over the next few weeks Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Lake will be conducting a literacy and numeracy survey with each Foundation student. It is a good chance for Kylie to get to know the children one on one and a good opportunity for parents to have a quick chat before or after the interview. A letter has been sent home indicating interview times.

Drinks

Students MUST bring along a drink bottle of water to have on their tables. It is very important that students drink lots of water, especially in this hot weather.

Absences

A reminder that attendance at school is vital for all students. Every day counts and it is not okay to be away unless the child is ill. Please contact the school on 54532428 or send a text to Amanda 0429329183. Unexplained absences will be followed up each day by the school as per the Education Department policy.

Medications

All families of students with asthma and allergies MUST provide a new management plan by the end of February signed by a doctor. If you require the school to give your child medication please fill in a medication permission form available from school.

Monday Lunch

On Mondays the children may order lunch from the Koondrook General Store. Orders need to be made directly with the store and payment needs to accompany the order.

Review Family Fire Plans

With the resumption of school, it is a timely reminder to review and update family fire plans. As per the schools OH&S schedule, a practice school fire drill will be scheduled in the month of February.

School Council

The School Council will meet at 7:30pm on Monday 18th February. We will shortly be holding School Council elections and we will be calling for nominations. This is a great chance to become involved with the school and we value the input and support of all families.

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform at all times. State School Relief can help with school uniforms if needed. Please see Amanda if you require assistance. **Please make sure you name all items of school uniform!**

School Purpose and Values

The beginning of each year is an ideal opportunity to remind ourselves of what we define as the purpose and the values we hold as a school community.

At Koondrook Primary School our purpose is to:

- Provide a supportive, safe and secure learning environment that promotes thinking, creativity and individuality.
- Provide high quality programs that engage our students in their learning and instil the essential skills that will enable them to reach their full potential; supporting and extending them in all forms of academic, social, creative and physical endeavours.
- Create a resilient school community where all students develop independence, emotional intelligence and social competency as they strive to achieve their full potential as 21st Century learners.
- Provide a stimulating and supportive environment for all teachers; and assist, inform and involve parents and the greater community of Koondrook.
- The school values are respect, responsibility and resilience.

Personal Property at School

Personal property is often brought to school. This can include mobile phones calculators, toys, sporting equipment and other such items. We would like to remind parents that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development or the school does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Toys at School

Any toys/personal items brought to school are not the school's responsibility. Electronic items of all types must remain in a student's backpack unless specifically allowed in the classroom by the classroom teacher. Students are encouraged to leave all toys at home as they are often lost, damaged, or can cause disruptions to learning.

Ambulance Cover

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer. Please note that if an ambulance is called for your child this also is not covered by the school. We recommend that all families have Ambulance cover as this can become very costly.

Year 5/6 Camp 28th-31st May

Next term the Year 5/6 students will attend the Cluster Camp with Gunbower, Leitchville and Murrabit Primary Schools. The students are attending the Outdoor Ed camp at 15 Mile Creek near Benalla. This is a camp run by the Education Department and the cost of the camp will be around \$210.00. The final cost will be known when we have numbers in and can divide the cost of the bus.

Amanda Bradford



Cohuna Bridge to Bridge

Sunday, March 3

- Mini-miler (1.6km kids run)
- 6.5km fun run/walk
- 12.5km trail run
- Half marathon trail run
- 6.5km junior cycle
- 25km cycle
- 50km cycle

15% family discount!

Go to www.bridgetobridge.org.au for full details and follow us on Facebook.

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