

GRIP

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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

Fun Run - Cross Country

The 2019 Barham Public School, Wakool-Burraboi Public School and Koondrook Primary School Cross Country will be held at Riverside Park, Barham, on Friday the 10th of May.

All students will walk down to the park at 9:00am to walk the course at 9:30am.

The course will begin at the grassed area in front of the board walk. The students will run down in front of the boardwalk and across the pedestrian bridge into Koondrook. From there, the students will follow the river walking track to their designated turnaround point. Staff and High School students will be situated along the track at the various wooden statue carvings. Students will finish their race from where they started from.

The order of events is as follows:

(Please note that these times are approximates)

- Prep (500m) – 10:15am
- Year One Boys and Girls (1000m) – 10:30am
- Year 2 Boys and Girls (1000m) – 10:45am
- 8/9 Boys and Girls (2000m) – 11:15am
- 10 Years Boys and Girls (2000m) – 11:45am
- 11 Years Boys and Girls (3000m) – 12:15pm
- 12/13 Years Boys and Girls (3000m) - 12:45pm

Prep/1/2 students will be walking down to the Riverside Park with the rest of the school. They will participate in their races and will watch the Year 2 race. They will be able to have the barbeque lunch before walking back to school and participating in other learning activities. Students are to wear their school **uniform** on the day, and to ensure they are wearing the appropriate footwear for running, and a school hat. All students need to take a full water bottle.

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MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

FAMILIES:

May 10th ---

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

June 21st ---

Verhey/Faul/Whelan/
Bettinelli/Wood

Dates to remember

Term Dates 2019

Term 2 ~ April 23rd – June 28th

Term 3 ~ July 15th – September 20th

Term 4 ~ October 7th – December 20th

Public Holidays

June 10th – Queen's Birthday

November 5th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

May 10th – Fun Run

May 14th~17th – NAPLAN Testing

May 21st – Regional Cross Country @
Swan Hill

May 24th – Careers Dress-Up Day

May 28th ~ 31st – Yr. 5/6 Cluster Camp

Assemblies

May 17th – Grade P/1 Hosting

June 7th – Grade 5/6 Hosting

June 21st – Grade 3/4 Hosting

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The Barham and Koondrook schools will combine to run a Barbeque lunch, which will be made available at the kiosk set up on the boardwalk from **11:00am onward**. Students may take a packed lunch if they prefer.

Students will be assembled and racing in a public community area, and so will be expected to show our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience at all times. They will need to be quiet and considerate of the community people nearby and of others using the public space.

We are organising for students to bring items such as pencils, paper or playing cards for example, to keep themselves occupied while waiting patiently for their race (electronic/digital devices are **not permitted**, nor are footballs, frisbees etc. as we are in a public space that will be quite crowded).

We hope parents will come along to support the students.

Students may go home with parents after the presentations, but you must see class teachers to sign the students out.

Please make sure you have returned a signed green permission note.

Mates Hotel Raffle

The school will be on duty to sell raffle tickets on Friday 10th of May. The families rostered on are: Cain, Martin, Moseley, Hall(B) and Murray. This is an ongoing fundraiser for the school and we thank the Royal Hotel for supporting us.

Year 5/6 Camp

The final payment of \$145 for the Year 5/6 15 Mile Creek Camp needs to be paid by Thursday 18th May.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back **before** 10th May.

Education Week: Celebrating Careers

Monday 20th ~ Friday 24th of May is Education Week. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Careers'. We have planned an activity to promote Education Week. We will be having a dress up day on Friday 24th May. We would like students to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up.

Winter Woollies Drive for the Community

Each year Northern District Community Health (NDCH) supports over 200 individuals and families across the region who are at risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness. For these 200 individuals and families, there are over 500 dependent children.

With winter just around the corner and the cold weather starting to appear, NDCH will again be running its Winter Woollies Drive from 13th to 24th May 2019.

We are asking you to donate winter clothes and blankets for vulnerable people in our community. All goods are given to the local St Vinnies to be distributed to those in need over the colder months.

We have a tub at Koondrook Primary School where you can drop off items to support the Winter Woollies Drive.



Woolworths 'EARN and LEARN' Program

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program again. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. Your children can then place them on a special sticker sheet. Once completed, bring the sheet to school or drop them into the collection box at Swan Hill or Kerang Woolworths to earn points. The promotion started last week and runs until Tuesday 25th June. A sticker sheet was sent home to each family with the Newsletter last week. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, Art & Crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

NAPLAN

Next week the students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN.

- Tuesday- Writing - Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test and Year 5 students will use the iPads to complete the task.
- Wednesday- Reading - Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts.
- Thursday- Conventions of Language - This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Friday- Numeracy - This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests. The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

This year we are completing the NAPLAN online. NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance. This testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Students should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Parents can help their child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best.

Amanda Bradford

5/6 Class News

On Friday, 3rd of May the Grade Six children went to Grip leadership conference in Bendigo. There were lots of kids and plenty of new faces. I personally enjoyed the conference because it was both entertaining and informative. I learnt that leadership is about people not position or power. We also learned about the 4 core character traits of a leader. C stands for Confidence with humility. O stands for Others focused. R stands for Reliability. E stands for Empathy. The way I contribute to my team is using my strengths.

GRIP stands for Generosity - Respect - Integrity - People. A few kids I met were Molly, Libby, Gillian and Indy. It was a great day but I was very tired when I got home. I think everyone enjoyed the day. I hope the Year 5 kids get the same opportunity.

By Elektra Woolhouse

On Friday, 3rd of May the Year Six children left for Bendigo at 6:15am. We picked up a few more school groups along the way. It was a long, boring trip so I read my book The Happiest Refugee.

When we arrived at the Bendigo Basketball Stadium. We were asked to find some new faces and to mingle with the other schools. All the schools went into the stadium and had to choose one of the 300 seats. Each seat included a conference booklet with pre-conference activities, a program and introduction activities. The first activity was 'Like A Leader' and 2 rules were: You couldn't ask the same person twice and you couldn't pick anyone from your school. Then we started the people pathway. The 4 topics were: Developing myself to lead. Making a difference to my team. Making a difference to my school. And finally Making a difference to society.

It was long day but it was worth it. I believe we all learnt a lot and the activities were fun. If you were lucky you received a badge.

By Maddie Walle



World Asthma Day 2019

Be in the know about WHO has Asthma

Do you know your child's friends who have asthma?

This World Asthma Day, May the 5th, we are encouraging our local families to know who of your children's friends have asthma. As adults simply knowing this means we are able to help the child or young person quickly in the event of an asthma attack, which can come on suddenly.

1 in 9 Australians live with asthma and children and young people make up over 50% of hospital admissions for it. Asthma is a lifelong disease which commonly causes

- wheezing
- breathlessness
- chest tightness
- coughing

Check out these FABULOUS supports:

Download the [Kiss My Asthma App](#), developed by young people for young people. Click here

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1117750114>

Sign up for JAM, a free text message service designed to give you the information and skills to sweeten your asthma management, right in the palm of your hand. Over four weeks you will receive 13 asthma related messages Click here <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/national/about-asthma/resources/asthma-text-message-service>

Join the COACH Program®, a confidential, FREE health service delivered over the phone by trained Asthma Australia Coaches. The program aims to help people with asthma, or those who care for someone with asthma, improve their general health and asthma control - Call 1800 278 462.

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