



Koondrook Primary School respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. 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

End of Term

The term is quickly coming to a close and much has been achieved. Kinder Visits, Year 6 Transition, Lions Club Public Speaking Finals, Open Day, Athletics, 3/4 Expo, Out of Africa performance and Book Week celebrations have all been part of a very busy curriculum that have kept students engaged and moving forward with their learning. Well done to all our students for the progress they have made; we are proud of each and every one of you. Thank you to all our wonderful staff for the mammoth amount of work you have done. I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and a chance to recharge your batteries ready for a busy 4th term which will start on Monday 7th October. Friday is the last day of Term 3 and we will be finishing early at 1:35pm.

Unpaid School Fees

Accounts have been sent home to everyone who as yet have **not** paid their school fees. These fees cover **ALL** student consumables (pens, pencils, books etc) – other schools send home a booklist that must be purchased prior to school starting and any other requirements must be purchased throughout the year – Koondrook Primary provide everything at a **VERY** low cost.

MARC/MACC fees are charged to cover the cost of all the craft supplies that go into the art projects that children bring home – Koondrook Primary School have to pay this amount to the Cluster to cover this. The ICT fee is to cover the cost of all internet usage and to go towards the purchase of new computers for all students to use. Other schools do not provide a computer per student. Please help our school by paying your fees, so that we can continue to provide the great resources that we do.

******* *If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please see Judi in the office on a Tuesday or Thursday.*

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

FAMILIES:

October 25th --- Ralston/Bull-Forster/
Parsons/ McNeil

December 6th --- Snowdon/Fulton/
Dean/ McInerney/Millard

Dates to remember

Term Dates 2019

Term 3 ~ July 15th – September 20th

Term 4 ~ October 7th – December 20th

Public Holidays

November 5th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

September 19th – Stay, Play and

Sleepover Yrs. P/1/2

September 20th – Footy Colours Day

September 20th – Last Day Term 3, Early

Dismissal @ 1:35pm

October 7th – Start Term 4

October 14th – School Council Meeting

October 18th – Quantum Excursion Years
P/1/2

October 21 ~ 22 – Years 3/4 Cluster
Camp

November 1st – Quantum Excursion Years
3/4/5/6

November 4th – Curriculum Day



Footy Colours Day

On Friday the children may wear their footy colours to school.



Thank You Mrs Callow

This year Mrs Callow has been enjoying some well-deserved long service leave. This week Mrs Callow handed in her retirement notification. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mrs Callow for her contribution and outstanding work throughout the years as a principal and teacher at Koondrook Primary School, and within the Education Department DET, and wish her all the best in her retirement. We will welcome Mrs Callow back to our school as a Casual Relief Teacher when required.

Pie warmer

Next Term hot lunches in the pie warmer will cease for the year. You can still purchase a lunch order from the Koondrook Café on Mondays but we will **not** be heating any in the pie warmer.

Stay and Play

On Thursday September 19th 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 a BBQ 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 get dressed into their footy colours ready for school. We still need families to send in the baking form with offers of a slice or biscuits etc. for afternoon tea. *See the picture on the right, of the baking form, as a reminder.* →

Reading Challenge

Once again, we are conducting the Holiday Reading Challenge over these school holidays. Children who read for 10 nights or more and have the sheet signed will go into a draw to win a book of their choice from the book club catalogue. Reading sheets are attached to this newsletter.

Year 3/4 Expo

On Thursday the 19th of September at 11:50am the year 3/4 students will be turning into science teachers! Students have been working in groups of 3 or 4 and each group will be conducting a different chemical science experiment. The experiments will be conducted and presented to the P/1/2 students on the back veranda. We invite any visitors to come and see the class transform into scientists and see what they have been learning about this term.

Police Visit

Last week Phil Lloyd, the new Koondrook Policeman, came to school to introduce himself to the children. He spoke to the children about his career in the police force, the work he carries out in the community and the importance of wearing a bike helmet when riding a bike or scooter. The Prep/1/2 students were lucky enough to have a look at his police car as well. Phil also brought along apples and oranges for the children to enjoy.



Stay, Play & Sleepover

We are holding our P/1/2 Stay, Play & Sleepover on Thursday the 19th of September. We are asking parents, if able, to bake a slice, muffins or biscuits for students to have for afternoon tea (Nut FREE please).

If you are able to bake something, please return this note to your child's classroom teacher by Monday the 16th of September.

Muffins	Slice	Biscuits

Name: _____



Students of the Term

Congratulations to the students who were named students of the term. They will enjoy morning tea in the staffroom on Wednesday.



Student of the Term Winners



Barham Koondrook Junior Basketball
Registrations are now open and can be found at the following links:



JUNIOR BASKETBALL

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-10332-0-0-0

AUSSIE HOOPS

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-10332-0-0-0&sID=364944



R U OK? Day

Last Thursday was R U OK? Day where the emphasis is on checking up on your mates if they are ok. The students learnt four steps on how to check if someone is ok and what they can do to help if they aren't. They learnt the four steps through discussions and role-playing activities. We finished up the week with a sausage sizzle lunch; thank you to Shane for cooking the sausages and Miss Altimari and Mrs Lake for serving.

Zone Athletics

Well done to Maddie Walle who was competing in the Zone Athletics in Swan Hill on Monday and placed 1st in long jump and 2nd in triple jump. Maddie now qualifies to compete in the Regional Athletic Trials in Bendigo on the 14th October.

Spelling Bee Competition

Riley and Alethea D'Silva competed in the Rotary Club's Spelling Bee last night in Kerang. Although they didn't make it through to the Spell Off they had a great night. Kerang Christian College won the grade 4 level, Kerang South won the grade 5 level and Cohuna Consolidated won the grade 6 level. Well done for having a go!

Walk to School

October is Walk to School Month and we are encouraging all students to walk to school or go for a walk around the oval once they get to school. The Gannawarra Shire is supporting the Walk to School program. The Golden Shoe trophy will be awarded to the class who has the greatest number of children walking for the month.

Melbourne Cup Long Weekend Holiday

There will be no school on Tuesday 5th November as it is Melbourne Cup and the Gannawarra Shire has proclaimed it as a Public Holiday. Also, School Council has agreed that Monday 4th November be a Curriculum Day. There will be no school for students, so it makes for a nice long weekend!

Amanda Bradford

5/6 Class News

In the 5/6 classroom, we have been working really hard on our A.A.A (All Aussie Adventure) and most of us are in S.A (South Australia). Last week we also started our posters for the Barham Koondrook District Show and will hopefully be done by Thursday this week. Some grade 6s have also started working on their graduation presentations for the end of this year, and grade 5s will start their year 6 t-shirt designs. A few of our kids have been busy competing in athletics at the Zone trials in Kerang and Swan Hill.

By Laura



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Northern District Community Health

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Get your walking shoes on, Walk to School 2019 starts up at the start of term 4!

Walk to School is on again from **October 7th until November 1st** and all students are strongly encouraged to **walk, ride or scoot to school.**

All schools in the Gannawarra Shire will be taking part again in this fantastic program, run in partnership with VicHealth and the Gannawarra Shire Council. Our schools will be joined by thousands of other active students from across the state.

New for this year, we will be having a colouring competition to promote Walk to School and active living. The three most creative designs will win a prize pack for themselves and their school. Also, on the spot prizes will be awarded to students for walking, riding or scooting. Walking to school has many benefits, including:

- Working towards the recommended 60 minutes of exercise
- Developing Road Safety Skills
- Connecting with friends and family
- Building healthy habits for life

So remember that this October is **Walk to School month**, get out and get walking.

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative. For more information visit the Walk to School website on www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

www.ndch.org.au



Bar-rook Swimming Club Inc
AGM
Wednesday, September 25th
6:30pm
Dinner Meeting
Royal Hotel Barham
All Welcome

Enquiries Sharon McInnes
Secretary Bar-rook Swimming Club Inc
Mob: 0438531366



Barham Koondrook Junior Basketball Summer Competition Starting Soon

**Keep an eye out for registration details
over the next few weeks**



Junior competition for ages 10 - 22

Aussie Hoops program for ages 5 -9



**Checkout our facebook to
keep up to date with
registration and
competition details**

Gunbower Primary School

Town Garage and Car Boot Sale

Date: Sunday 13th of October 2019

Please find expression of interest forms at the:

Gunbower Primary School

Gunbower Road House

Gunbower Post Office

The Workshop Coffee Shop

To locate the stalls maps will for sale from 8:30am
at the school \$2 each.



Option 1 : Hold your own Garage sale at your home.

You will be allocated a coloured balloon to display on your gate or fence to identify your stall.

Option 2 : Car Boot sale at the Gunbower Primary school oval.

Your vehicle will be allocated a pass to enter the school grounds.

The Fee for both options will be \$20 per site

Maps will be for sale at the school from 8:30am on the day this will identify where all the stalls are and an idea of what each stall will be selling.

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