

# Step-Up

# Day



*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

### Transition

Today we welcomed the 2020 Foundation Class students to school for Step-Up Day. It was terrific to see how well the students settled into school for the day. I would like to thank Miss Altinari and Mrs Lake for all the work they have put into the Transition Program this year; they have done a wonderful job.

### Reports

Teachers are busy finishing off the school reports, which we hope to send home on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure you have returned the green report folder.

### Swimming Helpers

Thank you to all the parents who have helped out with our swimming program. We would not be able to run our swimming program without your help.

### Mates Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have taken a turn this year to sell raffle tickets on a Friday night at Koondrook Royal Mates Hotel. Thank you, Shane and Sue, for your support and the opportunity to be on the roster so we can raise funds for the school. This year we have put our fundraising towards the new sand pit and long jump pit. Over the holidays we also hope to rebuild the old sand pit as well.

### Year 6 Assembly

On Friday at 3:00pm the Year 6 students will present the final Assembly for 2019 (and *their* final as primary school students). Students of the Term will be announced at this assembly.



### **Dates to remember** **Term Dates 2019**

Term 4 ~ October 7<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **School Dates to Remember**

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 12-1pm

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 12-1pm

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 Graduation  
Dinner

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Yrs. 1 & 2 Murray  
Haven Visit

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Picnic on the Green

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day. Early  
Dismissal @ 1:30pm

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Start Term 1 for Yrs. 1 – 6

January 30<sup>th</sup> - Start Term 1 for  
Prep/Foundation Students

#### **Assemblies**

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Yr.6 Hosting their very  
last one!

### **MARC Books**

Could everyone please have a good look at home for any MARC library books and return them to school. Thankyou.

## **School Captains 2020**

Miss Bradford, Mr Monaghan, Mr Ralston, Elektra and Maddie W are looking forward to the Year 5 students presenting their School Captain Speeches on Friday morning.

## **Library Books**

It is now time to start getting all your library books back to school. So, look on your shelves, under your beds and in your cupboards and toy boxes for any Koondrook Library books and return them to school. If any books are lost or damaged there is a \$10 fee to pay for each book lost or damaged. This certainly doesn't cover the cost of the books but goes someway to help. If you still have MARC books at home they can be sent to school too and we will make sure Mrs. McLaren gets them.

## **Old Mac Book Air Computers**

Mrs Ficken sent out accounts to those parents who requested to buy one of the old Mac Book Air computers. It would be great if **payment could be made by this Friday** so banking can be completed for the end of year. Friday this week is the final day we will have someone in the office who can complete finance tasks.

## **Year 1/2 Visit to Murray Haven**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Miss Altimari and Mrs Lake are taking the Year 1 and Year 2 students over to Murray Haven to spread some Christmas Cheer. The children are going to be singing some Christmas Carols to the residents.

## **Walk to School**

There was great excitement and anticipation when Matt, Walk to School Coordinator, and Lorraine, Gannawarra Shire Mayor, attended our Assembly last Friday to announce the winning class for the Golden Shoe Award and the colouring and design competition. Congratulations Year 3/4 students, winners of the Golden Shoe. Congratulations Laura Daniels, the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Shire for the design and colouring of her shoe picture. Laura received a gift pack of prizes for herself and \$500 for the school to spend on sports equipment. Max M received a special certificate for his colouring.

## **Year 6 Graduation**

On Monday night we will be celebrating the Graduation of the Year 6 students at Tudor Tavern. The evening will start at 6pm with the opportunity for families to take photos in the garden. Please remember that it is BYO drinks.

## **End of Term**

The school year ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. All students are expected to attend school until this date.

## **Working Bee**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm we would appreciate some help to shift furniture in order to set up the classrooms for next year.





### **Picnic on the Green**

Each class are also preparing their item for Picnic on the Green. This a family celebration on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The whole school gets together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. This includes the Award Presentations and Formal Announcements of 2019 School and House Captains and we have a visit from the Jolly Red Fellow! All families are invited to attend, bring your picnic tea and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students. Picnic time commences at 6pm with formal presentations starting at 7:00pm.

## **Calendars**

We are going to need some help delivering the calendars to the businesses. If you can help please let Amanda know.



### **Watering Over the Holidays**

Diesel does a great job watering and mowing our oval and school grounds; they always look fantastic. During the holidays we need help watering the pot plants, vegetable garden, the gardens near the BV, the front of the school and the Preschool. It would be a shame if all our hard work wasn't cared for during the summer break.

We are establishing a roster. A form was attached to the newsletter a couple of weeks ago. Only 3 families responded so we are still looking for people to help out; more people mean less times you have to do it. I will add the roster to next week's newsletter.

### **School 2020**

School resumes in 2020 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, for Year 1 - Year 6 students. Foundation (Prep) students will commence school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Teachers commence on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and will be involved in professional learning on this day. Foundation students will not attend school on Wednesdays during February.

*Amanda Bradford*

### **MACC News**

Another year of Art has come to an end. I'd like to wish all the Grade 6 students all the best for a happy and successful time at secondary school. It seems like just yesterday you were all in Grade 1!

This term the theme for our artwork was Birds. Foundation to Grade 2 made imaginary bird sculptures in response to Polish American artist Barbara Kobylnska. You might have seen these on Facebook. They are delightfully quirky and colourful. Grades 3 and 4 researched an Australian bird and made a sculpture of their chosen bird. this was very challenging and they have done a great job. Grades 5 and 6 painted skateboard decks in response to some research and artworks. These have turned out very well and, overall, I have been impressed with the students' ideas and efforts. These boards are for display only and are not designed to be ridden. Students have started taking home their artwork in plastic pockets. Grade 6 students can keep the pocket, however students returning to the school in 2020 need to bring their empty pockets back, preferably before the end of this year. I'm sure that they will be eager to have their work on display around the house.

I'm asking the classroom teachers to send the art smocks home for washing and for caregivers to please check that smocks still fit, or if they need replacing. A number of children seem to be outgrowing the smock they currently have. Smocks can be sent back with students when they start school in 2020.

Lastly, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

***Sally Bentley***



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## Drought Household Financial Support

During the drought and dry conditions it can be difficult for our local farmers to meet household costs.

Financial support for household costs is now available to those living in the Gannawarra and Loddon shires who are drought-affected and rely on farming as their main source of income.



### Payments of up to \$3000 are available to:

- Farming families
- Farm workers
- Contractors

### Payments can be used to assist with household costs such as:

- Residential rates
- Groceries and food
- School expenses
- Household bills – Electricity, gas, water
- Rent
- Telephone expenses
- Urgent dental and medical treatment

Funds are available until June 30 2020 or until all program funds have been used- whichever comes first

Application form and guidelines available at <http://cwaofvic.org.au/about/drought-relief/>

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

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