

Welcome to Our 2020 Prep Class



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

February 5th, 2020

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.

Swimming Notes

We are swimming on Thursday 6th February and Thursday 13th February at 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Students need to have brought back a signed green permission envelope including payment or Pool Membership number to be able to participate. Students who still needed permission were given envelopes yesterday. Year 1/2/5/6 will leave for the pool at 11:40am and the Prep/3/4 will leave for the pool at 12:10pm. Students need to bring their bathers, t-shirt or rashie, towel, and sunscreen in a sturdy bag; plastic shopping bags break too easily so are not recommended. Thank you to the parents who offered to help.

Storm Damage

Things got a bit messy on Saturday afternoon with the severe storm passing through. Thankfully it was when there were no kids at school or Preschool as quite a few branches and trees came down. A panel of the front fence was damaged and the fence and fort in the Preschool as well. Thanks Diesel for cleaning up some of the mess, I'm not sure who came and sorted out the Preschool but the fort was removed and the fence fixed.

Issue no: 2

MATES ROYAL HOTEL RAFFLE

DATE:

March 13th ... FAMILIES: Azzopardi/Robertson/

Puddick/Fulton/McInerney/
Webb (J)/Webb (T)/Moseley

May 1st ...

Cain/Martin/Hall/
Murray/Millard/Trewin/
Turvey/Dehne

Dates to remember

Term Dates 2020

Term 1 ~ January 29th – March 27th

Term 2 ~ April 14th – June 26th

Term 3 ~ July 13th – September 18th

Term 4 ~ October 5th – December 18th

Public Holidays

March 9th – Labour Day

June 8th – Queen's Birthday

November 3rd – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

February 6th – Swimming 12-1pm

February 13th – Swimming 12-1pm

February 13th – Welcome BBQ

February 17th – Kerang Swimming Trials

February 17th – School Council Meeting

February 21st – Curriculum Day

February 28th – Cluster Swimming Sports

March 19th – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Assemblies

February 14th – 5/6 Hosting

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on February 21st as staff will be attending a spelling PD in Melbourne.

Assembly

For our new families our assemblies are run a number of times a term, usually with each class taking a turn to host. The Welcome to Country and Australian National Anthem are acknowledged and sung before student awards are handed out. Any teacher announcements are made, and students may be chosen to show their work. The host class perform a small item before thanking everyone for attending. Next Friday 14th February at 3:00pm the Year 5/6 students will be hosting Assembly on the BV. The Year 1/2B class will be performing the class item.

Parent Payments 2020

Information regarding the 2020 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 2020 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 or on our website.

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 17th February at 7:30pm 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.

School Council Elections

Each year half the members of the School Council finish their two- year tenure and their positions are up for election. I would like to thank Diesel, Tim and Steve for their term on school council and I hope they will renominate. We have 4 parent vacancies for a 2-year term and 4 vacancies for a 1-year term. A detailed information sheet and call for nominations for the 2020 vacancies is attached. Please take the time to read the information sheet carefully and seriously consider nominating for School Council. Nomination forms are attached to the newsletter and are also available at the office. You have until 4.00pm on Friday the 14th February to get your nomination into the school. School Council meets about 8 times per year. **The first meeting will be on Monday the 17th February**. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.



Book Club

Book Club orders are due back before Thursday 13th February.

Asthma and Emergency Action Plans

Families with children with Asthma and Emergency Action Plans are reminded that we need current and updated plans each year. Could these please be sent to school a.s.a.p. so we can update our emergency folders.

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.

Welcome BBQ and Classroom Information Session

On 13th 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.

5:30pm – Foundation

5:45pm - Years 3/4

6:00pm - Years 1/2 B

6:15pm - Years 1/2 R and Years 5/6

6:00pm sausage sizzle – the school will provide a sausage in bread.

Thanks to all who have returned the catering note. There is still time to return yours so we can work out how many sausages we need to order. Thank you to those people who have offered to help cook the BBQ.



Year 5/6 Camp

The Year 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend the Cluster Camp to Melbourne from Monday 16th March until Wednesday 18th March. We need to confirm numbers so please return the note Mr Monaghan sent out this week by Friday 6th February.

Kerang Swimming Trials

The Kerang and District Primary Schools Swimming Trials are to be held on Monday 17th 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 12th 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 24th February.

Emergency Contact Forms

Students from Years 1-6 had their emergency contact detail forms sent home last week. 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.



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

5 SUNSMART Tips for your Family



SunSmart starts with parents

Be a role model and make sure you are putting sunscreen also. Children are 16 times more likely to put sunscreen on after seeing their parents do so.



Use UV reminders

Check the sun protection times each day by using the FREE [SunSmart app](#).



Buy SunSmart clothing

Broad brimmed hats are best. Long sleeve tops, high necklines, longer skirts and pants can protect your children from the sun. Look for lightweight and breathable fabrics.



Sunscreen: Choose it and use it

Apply 30 SPF (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen each morning. Reapply before going outside and after swimming.



Keep SunSmart clothing, hats and sunscreen in plain sight

Keep hats and sunscreen next to the door so that is easy to see when going outside.

Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK & SLIDE

Slip

Slop

Slap

Seek

Slide



For more information visit: <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/about/media-campaigns/current-campaigns/belindas-story/sun-protection-tips-for-families>

www.ndch.org.au

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>



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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.

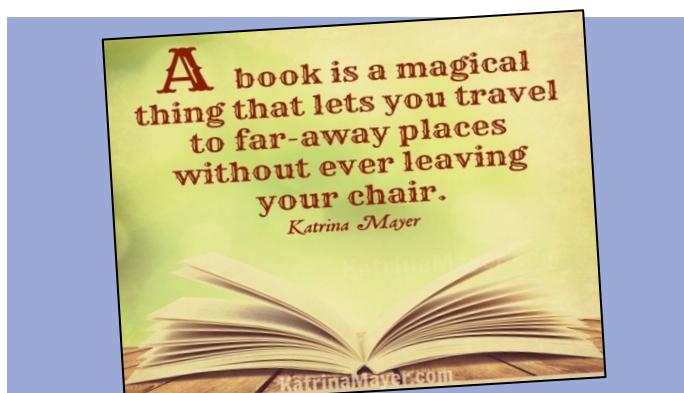
Introducing, modelling and reinforcing positive social behaviour is an important component of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioural expectations and rewarding or recognising students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehaviour to occur before responding.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

Mates Hotel Raffle

Each month the school is rostered on to sell raffle tickets at Koondrook Mates Royal Hotel. Most families are rostered on once per year. A roster has been made up and is attached to this newsletter. We need to sell tickets from 5:00pm-8:00pm. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school and we appreciate the support of the parents and Mates Hotel. KPS staff were rostered on last Friday and we raised \$186 and had some lovely meals after!

MACC Art

There are still a number of students who need to bring back their plastic portfolio pocket from last year. Please return these to your class teacher so they can be used this year. Also, thank you to the families who made sure their children were ready for Art this year with art smocks, those students who do not have an art smock at school need to bring one for next week please. Art smocks can just be an old shirt from home, enough to protect their uniform from paints and glues.



The logo for the 27th annual Cohuna Bridge to Bridge. It features a large yellow circle with a blue gradient border. Inside the circle, the word "COHUNA" is written in a stylized blue font, with "BRIDGE to BRIDGE" in a smaller blue font below it. Above the circle, the text "27th annual" is written in a blue arc. To the right of the circle, there is a small illustration of a bridge and some trees.

- Mawson's Mini Miler
- Gannawarra Shire Council 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- 6.5km Junior Cycle
- Gannawarra Times 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle

The logo for AWMA Water Control Solutions, featuring the letters "awma" in a stylized font with "Water Control Solutions" underneath.

The logo for Cohuna District Hospital, featuring a circular emblem with the words "COHUNA DISTRICT HOSPITAL" around the top and "1912" at the bottom.

A major fundraiser for the Cohuna District Hospital with proceeds going towards an endoscopy camera.

Organised by the Bridge to Bridge Committee and the Cohuna Auto Electrical Progress Association INC.

Sunday, March 1 Ride/Run/Walk

AWMA Water Control Solutions
Cohuna Bridge to Bridge
Apex Park, Cohuna

Register online:
www.bridgetobridge.org.au

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