

Book

Week

Celebrations

Book

Parade



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

Melbourne Cup Winner

Congratulations Jye, dreams do come true! Just goes to show what a lot of hard work and dedication can achieve. The photo below is from 2010 when the former Melbourne Cup Winner 'Subzero' visited Koondrook Primary. Pictured is Jye with his two brothers Sam and Logan with Subzero.

School Calendar Reminder

Each year one of our major fundraising activities is producing a Community Calendar. It is one of the easiest fundraisers for families as Mrs Ficken does most of the work. Businesses buy advertising space, the school families can support the calendar by paying \$1.50 to put in any important dates like your children's birthday, anniversaries, meetings etc. Just a reminder that **all dates need to be in by 11th November. No late entries can be accepted.**

Parent Survey

A reminder to parents that a survey link was sent out with the newsletter a couple of weeks ago to provide access to the parent survey for this year. This is a simple online and confidential survey that allows you to give feedback to us and also the Education Department. They have included questions this year around remote learning. It is important to us to get your views so please take the time to complete the survey. If you haven't completed the survey and need a copy of the link please let me know and I will send you the link.

Book Week

There were some amazing costumes last Friday. Thank you to the parents for the effort you all put in to dressing up your children for the Book Parade, they all looked great!

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2020

Term 4 ~ October 5th – December 18th

Public Holidays

School Dates to Remember

November 18th – Prep 2021 Transition, Group 1 ~ 9am – 2pm

November 20th – School Photos

December 2nd – Prep 2021 Transition, Group 2 ~ 9am – 2pm

December 4th – Curriculum Day

Assemblies

6th November – @ 2:20pm via WebEx



School Assembly

Our next school assembly will be on Friday 6th November at 2:20pm on WebEx. A link will be sent out on Friday morning.

School Council

As our school is reaching capacity, we are struggling for classroom space. School Council have written and spoken to our local member Peter Walsh about our situation. The stand from the Education Department is that we should not be accepting children from outside our zone. As a school council we do not want to turn anybody away. We believe that we are a twin town and people should have choice. We have accepted all Prep enrolments for 2021.

We have spoken with and have the full support of Luke Wilson the Cross-Border Commissioner. He is contacting the Minister for Education to discuss our situation. We are working on getting an exemption from the Departments new Placement Policy given our border location.

We are also requesting the Department of Education provide additional classroom space as required by our 2021 enrolments, regardless of the enrolled students' state of residence.

We are also trying to get the land inside our boundary reclassified to Education Department land so that we can proceed with the application to build a new Preschool.

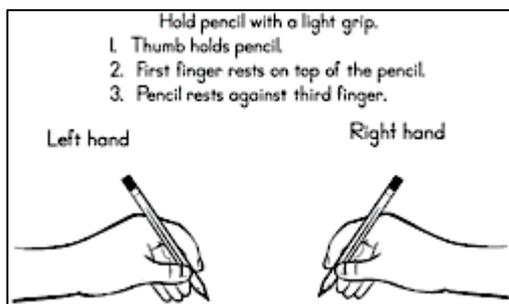
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Home Reading

We know during remote learning some of our routines may have slipped. We are all guilty of it! Now is the time to encourage the routine of reading **every** day. Try to find a time of day that suits your family routine to sit with your child and listen to them read. If your child is having trouble finding something to read, please encourage them to have a chat to their teacher! There are a lot of engaging and interesting books in our school!

Hand Writing

When you catch your child writing at home, after you give them a high five, please take a quick look at their pencil grip! Bad habits can be hard to break! At school we encourage a pencil grip as shown.



School Photos

The forms to purchase school photos were sent home last week. You do not have to purchase photos if you don't wish to. If you are purchasing, all monies and forms need to be at school by the 20th November, the day of the photos. The school does not handle the money, it is all up to the company. There was also the option of ordering and paying online.





Working with Children Checks

As we return to a more normal way of life and look forward to welcoming parents and volunteers back to school, it is a good time to check if you have a current Working with Children Check [WWCC]. These are free for volunteers and are required for any activity related to working with children. This includes sporting associations and especially schools. If you are unsure how to apply, please contact Judi in our office. Once you obtain the card, bring it in to school and we will place you on our register, this will eliminate the need to keep showing us each time you are volunteering.

Amanda Bradford



KOONDRUCK BARHAM CRICKET CLUB

Woolworths Cricket Blast



Starts 5pm Friday 6th November 2020
Barham Recreation Reserve

- Recommended for kids aged 5 - 8
- All equipment supplied
- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- All kids get their own Blasters Pack and wear the colours of their favourite Big Bash heroes
- It's safe - we use plastic bats and a rubber ball

\$75

REGISTER ONLINE PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU





NDCH

Northern District Community Health

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

Things to say to your child to build confidence and resilience

While we all show our children in many ways how much we love and value them, it can be so beneficial and lovely to tell them how we feel too! Here are some statements to say to your child to build confidence and resilience-no matter how old!

It is ok to be different

There is a lot of pressure to fit in but it is our differences that make us special. It can be hard during youth to be different though. Let you child know that you support them being themselves.

I am so proud of you

We may often think of how proud we are of our children or tell others but it is important that we make an effort to tell them this as well. It is often our acknowledgment that means the most to them.

Your voice matters

When your child has something to say, give them the time, space and support to say what they need to say. Showing that you value what they have to say now will help them come to you when they are older with opinions, ideas and concerns.

I love you

It seems so simple but you can never tell your child that you love them too much!

For more information see: <https://www.mamapsychologists.ca/>

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