

MACC

Art



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

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for children this Friday, 4th December due to a Curriculum Day.

Thank You Miss Jennings

This week is Abby's final week of her teaching placement. The Prep children have enjoyed working with Miss Jennings over the last 4 weeks. We wish Abby good luck with her course over the next two years.

Staff for 2021

Miss Amanda Bradford - Principal
Mr Bernie Monaghan - Years 5/6
Mrs Rebecca Meek - Years 3/4
Miss Millie Dean - Years 2/3
Miss Chloe Reither - Years 1/2
Mrs Kate Bartels - Foundation/Prep
Mrs Sophie Lake - Instructional Leader - 3 days
Miss Janine Fletcher - Well-Being - 2 Days
Ms Sally Bentley - MARC Art - Monday
Mrs Helen McLaren - MARC Library - Tuesday
Mr Leigh McLaren - PE
Mrs Karen Naismith - Teacher/student support, Library, Newsletter
Mr Shane Guerra - Teacher/student Support - Wednesday - Friday
Mrs Judi Ficken - Business Manager - Tuesday and Thursday.
Terry Gallagher - Computer Tech - Thursday

We are still working on placement classes for the Year 1/2/3/4 students. Parents will be notified once they are finalised.

I would like to formally welcome Millie Dean to Koondrook Primary School. Millie will be teaching the Year 2/3 class in 2021. Millie will be with us for the Step-Up Day on Tuesday 8th December.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2020

Term 4 ~ October 5th - December 18th

School Dates to Remember

December 2nd - Swimming
December 3rd - Swimming
December 4th - Curriculum Day
December 8th - Step-Up Day
December 8th - Yr. 6 Transition, KTHS
December 9th - Swimming
December 10th - Swimming
December 16th - Swimming
December 17th - Swimming
December 18th - Last Day, Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Assemblies

December 11th - Yr. 6 Hosting

Can you help with Holiday Watering?

We need more helpers
Please let Amanda know if you can



Assembly

Our next Assembly will be on Friday 11th December. This will be led by the Year 6 students as it is their last.

Step-Up Day

On Tuesday 8th December we are conducting a Step-Up Day. The 2021 Preps will attend their first full day at school. All students will step up and work with their 2021 class. This is a transition process in readiness for next year.

Students attending Kerang Tech High in 2021 will be attending their final transition activity on this day too. All students will need to wear a face mask travelling to and from Kerang on the bus and at school.

School Captains 2021

Miss Bradford, Mr Monaghan, Ella W, Max and Harri are looking forward to the Year 5 students presenting their School Captain Speeches next Wednesday morning.

Year 6 Graduation

On Monday 14th December we will be celebrating the Graduation of the Year 6 students at Tudor Tavern. We are excited that we are able to celebrate graduation this year. This year it will be a little different due to Covid restrictions. We have to limit numbers so we can only have parents, Year 6 students and teachers. There will be no extended family members or siblings. The evening will start at 6pm with the opportunity for families to take photos in the garden. Please remember that it is BYO drinks. Please remember to send back your RSVP note.

Assembly on the Green – Thursday 17th December 6:30pm

This year we need to make some changes to Picnic on the Green. Firstly, there will be **no** picnic. We ask families to have a quick tea at home before arriving at school. Also, we are unable to sing due to Covid restrictions but the classes will perform an item and we will present our awards. Again, we have to limit numbers so we are asking that only immediate family members attend. This means students, their parents and siblings only. The night will start at 6:30pm. Please bring your own chair. All people attending will need to **sign in**. *We will need to practice social distancing and be Covid safe.* **If you are unable to social distance all people over the age of 12 will need to wear a mask.** Unfortunately, our Jolly Red Friend will be **unable** to attend this year.

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 some way 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.

End of School Banking

As of the start of 2021, the government has announced that schools will no longer be able to offer school banking.

End of Term

The school year ends on Friday 18th December at 1:30pm. All students are expected to attend school until this date.

Amanda Bradford





Jye McNeil Visit



Jye McNeil, the winning 2020 Melbourne Cup Jockey, visited us this morning at school. He brought his smaller version of the Melbourne Cup for us to see and spoke to the children about his journey so far.

Jye gets up at around 3:30am most mornings to work the horses so they are ready for the days racing. He has to work out at least twice a week; with boxing being one of his preferred exercises. Jye estimates he has ridden in around 9000 races since he started in 2011. He has won about 720 races. One of his first wins was at Kerang. Jye still has ambitions to win the other Cups like the Cox Plate and Caulfield Cup. Being a winning Melbourne Cup jockey will make him sought after by trainers and owners alike.

Jye attended Koondrook PS and remembers his time here, although it looks much different from when he was here. He wanted to let the students know that even if you come from a small school like Koondrook, if you have a dream, you can achieve it with hard work and determination.

The students asked Jye all manner of questions, which he answered as best he could. He was a very polite and humble speaker. Well done Jye, all of us at KPS are proud of your achievements and thank you for the visit.



MACC End of 2020

It has been great to get back to teaching Visual Arts again in the schools and getting messy with paints! At the start of the term each child was given a personal painting kit in case we had to go back into remote learning. This was due to the fact that the MACC service shares equipment that would need intense cleaning between classes and schools each day. Fortunately, we have managed to get through a term without doing that. Yippee! **Grade 6 students** will be able to take their kits home at the end of this year.

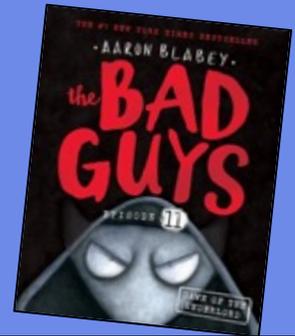
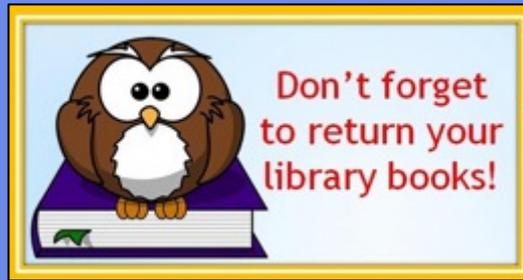
This week is the last week of MACC classes for 2020. I will be sad to say goodbye to the Grade 6 students as they are the first group that I have taught all the way through since Prep. It has been wonderful to observe how each individual has developed their artistic skills during that time. I wish them all well with the next chapter in their lives.

All students will bring home a reusable plastic folio with their artwork in it. **Can parents/carers please sign the blue slip on the front and send the clear plastic folio back to school (Prep-Grade 5 only) before the end of term.** This will assist with costs in 2021 as we won't need to replace your child's folio, thank you. Please enjoy the pieces of work and display them in your homes as the children have worked hard to create their artwork. Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season and see you in 2021.

Ms Bentley

Where are our Books?

Since remote learning from home and the mixed-up year we have had, a few of our library books have gone missing or are very overdue. Could families please check at home for any Koondrook PS library books and MARC library books. Not all books have gone through the system to be borrowed so I don't know who has them but some were brand new.



Thanks School Communities

As 2020 draws to an end we wanted to give a big SHOUT OUT to our amazing school communities.

2020 has thrown challenges at us and we have had to do things differently. We have heard many stories of students' successfully managing new ways of learning and we have been amazed at their resilience and creativity! Whilst it hasn't been for everyone, we reckon you have all done a fantastic job!! You are stars!!! Our school communities' have tackled remote learning and teachers have turned themselves inside out to make sure our children get a great education. Well done to you all. Finally to parents and carers who have balanced and juggled many demands to support our young people with learning and their wellbeing. Congratulations on your huge efforts!

We are so proud of our community and our response to COVID. It has been such a pleasure to work closely with schools, Kerang, Cohuna and Boort Hospitals, Gannawarra and Loddon shires, Mallee District Aboriginal Services and Neighbourhood houses. Together our staff and partner organisations have worked really hard to keep the community informed and safe.

As COVID restrictions ease, please prioritise your own health and wellbeing as number 1. At NDCH we have a range of mental health and alcohol and other drug supports to assist you, along with our medical clinic, nursing and allied health teams. So give us a call on 5451 0200 or check us out on Facebook or our website, and reach out- we would love to support you. Many people have used a support service for the first time this year- and we are thrilled that so many in our community are taking care of themselves and seeing it as okay to say 'I'm not okay & need some help'.

Cherish the challenges we have overcome, and be proud of your achievements. We are proud of you all.

The team at NDCH wish you all a peaceful holiday period, and hope there is laughter and love.

Take good care, stay safe and be kind.

Mandy Hutchinson and the team at NDCH

CEO

Grade 1/2 Excursion

On Tuesday 15th December (*please note this change of date*) the grade 1/2 children will be dressing up in 'olden days' clothing and walking down to the centre of town. They will be visiting Arbutnot Sawmills and looking at some historical things around the centre of town since they have been learning about Australian History this term. They have had displays in their classrooms of olden day artefacts to look at and learn from.

**Kate Bartels &
Chloe Reither**

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