

Step-Up

Day

For

2021



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

Yesterday we welcomed the 2021 Foundation Class students to school for Step-Up Day. It was terrific to see how well the students settled in to school for the day. I would like to thank Mrs Bartels for all the work she has put into the Transition Program this year; she has done a wonderful job within the restrictions of Covid. It was also terrific that Miss Dean could be with us for the day so she could meet her class and get to know the children.

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, although 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 6:30pm 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.

Reports

Teachers are busy finishing off the school reports, which we hope to send home on the 16th December.

School Assembly

Our next school assembly will be on Friday 11th December at 2:20pm on WebEx. A link will be sent out on Friday morning. The Year 6 students will be presenting the final 2020 school assembly. The **Year 6** parents may attend the assembly. Year 6 parents will need to sign in at the front office.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2020

Term 4 ~ October 5th – December 18th

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 ~ January 28th – April 1st

Term 2 ~ April 19th – June 25th

Term 3 ~ July 12th – September 17th

Term 4 ~ October 4th – December 17th

School Dates to Remember

December 10th – Swimming

December 14th – Year 6 Graduation Dinner

December 16th – Swimming

December 17th – Swimming

December 17th – Assembly on the Green

December 18th – Last Day, Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Assemblies

December 11th – Year 6 Hosting their final Assembly @ 2:20pm



Swimming

Next week we will be swimming on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th.

Year 5/6 will be attending the pool on Tuesday 15th December.

End of Term

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

Tuesday 15th December

On Tuesday we have a number of excursions taking place. Year 5/6 students are going to the pool for a pool party. Information has been sent home with the students.

Year 1/2/3/4 students will be walking down to the new Koondrook Glamping Tents for the official opening. They will join in the celebrations; Uncle Ron will be conducting a storytelling session with the children and they will get to have a look through the new tents. The children in Year 3/4 will leave school at 10:00am. Year 1/2 students, as part of their history studies, are also visiting the Koondrook Saw Mills before venturing down to the wharf area.

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. Each class are also preparing their item for Assembly on the Green. This has been rather difficult as the restrictions keep changing! We *are* now able to sing - classes will perform an item and we will present our awards.

Please remember we are under restrictions this year and we have to limit numbers, so we are asking that only immediate family members attend. This means students, their parents and siblings only. Please bring your own chair.

All people attending will need to sign in. We will have school council members on the gates so that you can scan the QR code and sign in using your phone. If you do not have a smart phone there will be sign in sheets available.

We will need to practice social distancing and be Covid safe. At least we are not required to wear masks now! Unfortunately, our Jolly Red Friend will be unable to attend this year.

Child Safe

Koondrook Primary School is committed to Child Safety. The safety and wellbeing of our students is a primary concern. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. To ensure the safety and best interests of all students, we take into account the needs of those with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.



Tutor Learning Initiative: Information for Parents, Carers and Families

The 2020 school year has been an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community. Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 this year learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities have made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time.

During Term 4, schools across Victoria have been focused on supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, in addition to assisting students to readjust to on-site learning. Teachers have also been focusing on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments.

We know that the remote learning experience was different for every student. While some students thrived, some students may not have engaged as fully with remote learning. For most of our students, regular high-quality teaching in 2021 will be enough to help them progress to the expected level of learning. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support in 2021.

As you may be aware, in response to this, the Victorian Government is investing \$250 million in the Tutor Learning Initiative to enable schools across Victoria to engage around 4,100 teachers as tutors in 2021 to support students who need extra assistance with their learning. Schools will determine how this initiative is best implemented for their students and will ensure that students will get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning or school activities.

By engaging additional teachers to support children with intensive learning, classroom teachers will have greater capacity to ensure that all other students' achievement, engagement and wellbeing needs are met, so that all students receive the support they need in 2021.

Further information about the Tutor Learning Initiative, and how it will be implemented for students who need individual learning support in our school, will be issued before students begin tutoring in 2021.

Amanda Bradford





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Retreat Opening



Join us

**Tuesday 15
December 2020**

Tramway Place, Koondrook VIC

10.30am to 11.30am:
Tent viewings and entertainment

**11.30am: Official opening ceremony
followed by a free BBQ lunch**

Koondrook Retreat Opening is delivered under
a COVID Safe Plan. Please follow COVID safe signage
and directions. Thank you.

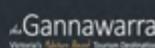
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supporting young people: transition from primary to secondary school

headspace National in partnership with the Department of Education and Training Victoria, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers with young people who are transitioning from primary to secondary school.

The presentation will include:

- Information to assist your understanding about transition and changes for young people and how this may impact their mental health and wellbeing.
- Information about supporting a young person who is about to start secondary school.
- Information about mental health and wellbeing in adolescence.
- Skills and strategies to enhance your connection and communication with young people about mental health.

- Strategies for you to support your young person.
- Where to access professional support and what supports are available during the holidays.

This webinar is for adults.

When

Tuesday 15th December 2020
7.00 – 8.15pm AEDT

How do I register?

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite.

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar on the evening.

Contact

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