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

Mother's Day

This Sunday, 9th May, is Mother's Day. I hope all of our Mothers and Carers have a nice day and get a little bit spoiled by your children; whether it be by a gift, getting served breakfast or even helping around the house. Enjoy!

World Maths Day

Today was World Maths Day, so on Friday, at KPS we will be acknowledging this day with a Whole School Maths Day. Students will be placed in multi-aged groups and will rotate through five maths activities.
The activities will cover a range of mathematical concepts including time, number patterns, addition, measurement and strategy games. The students will be encouraged to work together to share their knowledge and solve mathematical problems.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 11th May to Friday 15th May, students in Grade 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This includes tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Schools use the results from NAPLAN to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers also use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support. Structures have been implemented to support students and help them prepare for this.
The NAPLAN tasks will be taken online, apart from Year 3 writing which is paper based. **All children will need their own set of headphones.**

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2021
Term 2 ~ April 19th – June 25th
Term 3 ~ July 12th – September 17th
Term 4 ~ October 4th – December 17th

Public Holidays
June 14th – Queen's Birthday
November 2nd – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember
May 11th ~ 14th – NAPLAN Testing, Yrs. 3 & 5
May 17th – GRIP Leadership Bendigo, School Captains
May 17th - School Council Meeting
May 18th – Swan Hill Cross Country
May 19th – National Simultaneous Story Time
May 27th – Open Day

Assemblies
May 14th – Assembly, 2/3 Presenting Item

Assembly

Year 2/3 will host the assembly item on Friday 14th May at 3:00pm.

Cupboards in Staff Room and Offices

Next week Nick Sims is going to install some cupboards in the staff room and front offices. We hope that this will provide some much-needed storage for our resources.

Open Day

We would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends of Koondrook to our Open Day on Thursday 27th May at 12:00pm to 2:00pm. You are invited to visit the classrooms from 12:00 - 1:35pm and then join us for a BYO lunch.

School Council

The next meeting of the School Council is on Monday 17th May at 7:30pm in the Year 3/4 classroom.

Groundsman

We welcome Tony Naismith who is joining our staff for 26 weeks for a gardening/handyman placement. One of the jobs Tony will focus on is painting the front fence.

STATE SWIMMING

On the 26th of April I went to the State Swimming Championships at the State Aquatics Centre in Melbourne. I swam in the 11-year-old girls 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay team. My team mates were Lyla Morton, Eadie Power and Sadie Spitty from Murrabit GS. It was a great experience for the team and we tried our best. We came 8th but we swam really well and took 4 seconds off our best time. It was so much fun! Thank you to Mrs Hird for coaching us.

By Eve Snowdon

Grip Leadership Conference

The Gannawarra Shire has organised for the Year 6 School Captains to join a special trip of students from the schools in the Shire to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Bendigo Stadium on Monday 17th May.
The GRIP Leadership Conference combines presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment to assist students to think about themselves and their leadership role within their school community.
Students are required to wear school uniform and bring a packed morning tea, lunch, a drink bottle and a snack to eat on the bus on the way home.
Students will attend the conference together on a chartered bus from Lakes Coaches. Gannawarra Shire Council is covering the cost of admission to the conference for all students and staff attending as well as paying for the Lakes Coach. We will be departing Koondrook Primary at 6:40am so students need to be at Koondrook school at 6:25am and the will be returning at around 4:45pm.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back before Monday 10th May if you wish to make a purchase.

Swan Hill Cross Country

Ethan, Eve, Taj, Zavier, Bella, Gus, Lucy, Tommy Bell, Noah, Dustin, Hunter and Shakira have qualified to represent the school at the Mallee Division Cross Country in Swan Hill on Tuesday May 18th. The event is at Riverside Park in Swan Hill - this is the park at the river opposite the swimming pool. Children **must** be at the event at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. No exception or waiting will be permitted.

Timetable - Marshalling for first event -: **10.40am**	
11.00am - 9-year-old girls	**11.15am** - 9-year-old boys
11.30am 10-year-old girls	**11.45am** -10-year-old boys
12.10pm 11-year-old girls	**12.30pm** - 11-year-old boys
12.50pm 12/13-year-old girls	**1.10pm** - 12/13-year-old boys

National Simultaneous Story Time

The book this year will be read from the International Space Station at 11:00am on Wednesday 19th May.
National Simultaneous Story Time is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. This year we will be joining the astronauts from the International Space Station for the reading of the book 'Give me some Space' by Philip Bunting.

Amanda Bradford

NDCH
Northern District Community Health
Supporting healthy rural communities

HARMONY WEEK POSTER COMPETITION!

This year Northern District Community Health (NDCH) ran a Harmony Week poster competition to celebrate inclusiveness, respect and sense of belonging for all. 125 children entered the competition, entrants came from Kerang, Cohuna, Woorinen, Lake Boga and Beverford.

It was heart-warming to see so many students embrace diversity and advocate for love and acceptance.

The two lucky winners who were selected at random to win a $50 Kerang local gift card were Oakley- St Joseph's P.S and Trinity- Kerang P.S

IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER INSERT!

NDCH is conducting a survey to find out what parents and students would like to see in our school newsletter insert. We will use the survey results to help inform our future school newsletter inserts!

Help us to make the insert engaging and relevant to you and your family ☺

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSYP7D5

The survey will be conducted **online**, it only takes **5 minutes** to complete!

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