



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

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready for another busy term. As the term progresses, we should see the weather start to get warmer as we head into Spring. This term there are a number of activities planned with Cluster Athletics Sports, Year 3/4 Cluster Camp at the Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill, Prep Information Night for 2022, Year 6 Transition Programs, Book Writing for the Book Week Competition, School Photos, Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition and there will be lots of learning experiences in class for the students.

We had two new students start at KPS this week. I would like to welcome Kai in Prep and Levi in Year 3, and their parents, Jodie and Matt Tieppo, to Koondrook Primary. Mrs Tieppo is a teacher and has already answered my early morning call to come and teach a class this week!

Thank you to Diesel and Peter for improving the Staff car park.

Shane is cutting back his time at Koondrook due to his other commitments. Shane will be working with us on Wednesday and Thursday each week. We will be welcoming Di Dean to our support staff on Fridays.

Parent Teacher Interviews

At Koondrook Primary, Parent Teacher Interviews are conducted twice a year. Our second Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 28th July from 2:00pm - 6:00pm. During the afternoon, the students will participate in Athletics Training run by Mr McLaren and the Year 5 students. A preference form for you to complete and return to school will be sent home today. We will try to allocate your preferred time as best we can.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2021

Term 3 ~ July 12th – September 17th

Term 4 ~ October 4th – December 17th

Public Holidays

November 2nd – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

July 15th – Cyber Safety Talk, Yrs. 3/4/5/6

July 16th – Lion's Club Junior Public Speeches

July 19th – Prep 2020 Information Night @ 6pm

July 28th – Parent/Teacher Interviews

July 28th – Barham High School Transition, Yr. 6

August 11th – School Photos

August 23rd~27th – Book Week

August 24th – Cluster Athletics @ Cohuna

August 25th – Kerang Tech High Transition, Yr. 6

September 6th~7th – Year 3/4 Camp

September 8th – Barham HS Transition, Yr. 6

September 10th – KPS Athletics

September 13th – Zone Athletics

Assemblies

July 23rd – Prep class to perform the item

School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19th July at 7:30pm in the Year3/4 classroom.

**** Please remember to send your children's report folders back to school****

Prep/Foundation 2022 Information Night

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2022.

There will be an information session for parents and carers of children wishing to start Prep/Foundation at Koondrook PS in 2022.

You will get an insight into the programs and opportunities available at KPS. There will be information on:

- The Pre-school to School Transition Program
- Enrolment process
- The opportunity to meet staff and ask questions
- Buddies Program
- What we offer at KPS

The Information Night will be held on Monday 19th July from 6:00pm at Koondrook Primary School. Please call the school if you are unable to attend if this time does not suit and you would like to arrange another time.

We would like enrolment forms in by **Friday 30th July** so we have the information ready for census predictions at the start of August.

Barham High School Transition (subject to Covid restrictions)

Monday 19th July - Parent Information night/tour and BBQ tea.

Wednesday 28th July Year 6 transition day - We expect all Year 6 students to attend this day. Students may catch our school bus over to Barham at 8:35am. More information will be sent home regarding the day.

Kerang Tech High School

Over the next couple of weeks KTHS are running school tours for the Year 6 students and their parents. You will need to book in as numbers are capped at 12 people per tour. More information is included in the attached poster.

Lions Club Public Speaking

On Friday morning the students in Years 3/4/5 & 6 will present their speeches to the class and members of the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club. All the students have put a lot of work into their presentations and I wish all the students good luck. It is a big challenge to face your fears and speak in front of so many people. I would like to thank the members of the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club for giving up their time to adjudicate the competition.

The winners will participate in the finals of the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition in Barham on Monday 26th July.

Athletics Sports

The Cluster Athletics Sports will be held in Cohuna on Tuesday 24th August with a backup day on Friday 27th August in case of bad weather. We will be running training sessions as part of our P.E. program on Wednesdays and we will factor in a couple of whole school training afternoons as well. Children need to make sure they wear suitable shoes for training.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 11th August.

Information envelopes will be sent out closer to the date.



Book Club

Book Club orders are due back before Thursday 29th July.

Camps & Excursions Funds

The application deadline for Camps & Excursion Funds has been extended.

If your circumstances have changed since Term 1 and you are now the holder of a current Centrelink card, and you haven't already applied, you may be eligible for this funding.

Application forms are available from the office and need to be returned by **12th August**.



Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

Please note the next instalment of \$126 for the 5/6 Canberra Camp is due for payment this week.

Year 3/4 Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Camp

The Year 3/4 students are off to camp on Monday 6th September and Tuesday 7th September. This is a cluster camp and I hope information will be sent out over the next week.

To help reduce the cost of the camp School Council have decided the Year 3/4's will run a wood raffle. Students will receive a raffle book.

Uniform

It is important for building school pride, which falls under our school value of Respect, that all students are in the correct uniform. It is also important that you name every piece of your child's uniform so that it can make its way back to the owner. School Council have decided to include a green waterproof jacket to our uniform list. These jackets will sell for \$47 and can be ordered from Judi Ficken on Tuesdays or Thursdays. A new and updated uniform price list will be available on our school website soon.

Cyber Safety

On Thursday 15th July we will welcome Andrew Downs from the Swan Hill Police to Koondrook. Andrew will be running a Cyber Safety session for the students in Years 3-6. We have asked Andrew to talk to the students as of the result of student's responses on the Student Attitude to School survey conducted last term. We were concerned that many students reported they sometimes feel unsafe when using the internet. It is important that parents know what your children are doing while using the internet and social media.

Cross Country

Zavier, Lucy and Ethan travelled to St Arnaud on Tuesday for the Regional Cross Country. See their thoughts below.

When I went to St Arnaud, I had lots of fun. I was nervous before my race, it was at 1:30. There were 50 kids and I came 30th. It was really cold and hilly but I had fun! - **Zavier**

Yesterday I went to St Arnaud for regional cross country. I came 38th with a time of 14.00 minutes. I did not qualify for state but I did my best. The course was like 'mountain goat country' with some very steep hills! - **Ethan Woolhouse**

On Tuesday 13th of July 2021, I went to St Arnaud for cross country. I ran 2km and it was very hilly. I came 29th out of 60 girls. The weather was freezing and everyone was wearing a jacket. When the man honked the horn to go, I was in the front but, as we went to the hills I got pretty tired. I had a great day and it was a lot of fun. - **Lucy Mathers**

**MONDAY,
19TH JULY
6PM**

Koondrook Primary School

Prep 2022 Information Evening



Discover what Koondrook Primary School can offer you and your child.

The session will include:

- an insight into the opportunities at Koondrook PS
- information about the Pre-school to School Transition Process
- a tour of the facilities
- an opportunity to meet current staff and ask questions

Call the school if you are unable to attend or would like a private tour.

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We are a Child Safe School

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes them feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in their family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse. If they suspect abuse of any child or young person, staff have a responsibility to report it, even if they are not sure.

COVID Guidelines

Please be vigilant when entering the school grounds and follow the COVID guidelines that are in place. Sanitise upon entry, wear a mask and remember to use the QR Code to sign in as per State Guidelines and social distance.

Stay Home When Unwell!

The following is a quote from the Department of Education Covid Operations Guide:

“The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.”

Please ensure if your child is unwell, they stay at home, for the wellbeing of all students and staff. If they are experiencing COVID type symptoms then they must get tested. People with coronavirus may experience symptoms such as: fever, respiratory symptoms, coughing, sore throat or shortness of breath.

Other symptoms can include runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pains, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of sense of smell, altered sense of taste, loss of appetite and fatigue.

Kerang Vaccination Clinics (Media Release)

The Kerang Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic is led by Kerang District Health and staffed by both hospital and Northern District Community Health staff, and supported by Swan Hill District Health and the Bendigo Health Public Health Unit.

Kerang District Health CEO Robert Jarman said supply of the COVID-19 vaccine nationally means a week by week approach must be taken. “We will have to assess each week if there’s enough vaccine supply available to us,” Mr. Jarman said. “So, we ask people to be patient. We are doing everything we can to get our local communities vaccinated against Covid-19 with both Astra Zeneca and Pfizer.” Mr. Jarman said the supply issues being experienced across the country may mean people go on a wait list or alternatively are provided information on other regional sites offering Pfizer vaccines. People can visit the Department’s Covid-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker: www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-checker

Bookings are essential for the Kerang Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics and drop-ins are not accepted. People can book an appointment for their Covid-19 vaccine by ringing the Kerang District Health vaccination line on 5450 8099. The vaccine line operates from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

The continued increase in local demand for vaccinations comes despite the distribution around Kerang of flyers developed by Clive Palmer. The flyers have been widely condemned as dangerous and misleading. “Get information on the vaccines, absolutely,” Mr. Jarman said, “but get it from a reputable source. Talk to your doctor.” Get the facts here: <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true>

Amanda Bradford

RESCHEDULED EVENT:



KTHS SCHOOL TOURS

Families are encouraged to book one of the below sessions.
Tours will begin from the KTHS Library and go for approximately 1 hour.

Tuesday 13th July 4:00pm https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tour-tickets-160184142081	Thursday 15th July 4:00pm https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-15721-tickets-160186300537
Monday 26th July 4pm https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-26721-tickets-160187764917	Tuesday 27th July 9:00am https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-27721-900am-tickets-160188446957
Monday 27th July 2:00pm https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-27721-200pm-tickets-160189297501	Thursday 29th July 4:00pm https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-29721-400pm-tickets-160189546245

Please contact Junior School Leader - Miss Zoe Ferrier if your are experiencing difficulty registering or if the above sessions do not suit

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Does your child love sport and being active?

Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

Special consideration also applies for children named on their own Australian Government Health Care Card or residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round two of the program close at 5pm Friday 30th July.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the Get Active Victoria website. <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>



NAIDOC WEEK 2021

During the last week of the school holidays we celebrated NAIDOC week.



What does NAIDOC stand for?
NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

What is NAIDOC Week?
NAIDOC week invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

What is the theme for 2021?
The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

How can we continue to honour the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples beyond NAIDOC week?

- ♥ Learn more about the Country on which you live, go to school and/or work on using the AIATSIS Map of Indigenous Australia
- ♥ Find a book to read, written and published by Indigenous authors and illustrators. Why not start with 'Hello and Welcome' by Gregg Dreise?
- ♥ Learn how to deliver an Acknowledgement of Country at Assembly
- ♥ Try colouring in the NAIDOC Week poster (pop into the NDCH office in Kerang or Cohuna to get a copy of the poster)
- ♥ Find more ideas to celebrate and honour NAIDOC week by visiting naidoc.org.au

www.ndch.org.au

Mental Health

First Aid



Become a Mental Health

First Aider to support friends, family members, colleagues and others.

About 1 in 5 Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support someone with a mental health problem. Make a difference to people in your community.

LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

- Recognise common mental health problems
- Provide initial help using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan
- Seek appropriate professional help, and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is a 12-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.

DATES: September 9th & 13th

TIMES: 9am – 4pm

COST: FREE

VENUE: Murray Connect, 27 Thule St, Barham (former Catholic School)

FACILITATOR/S: Faith Rogers
Rural Adversity Mental Health Programme (RAMHP)

For more information visit:

mhfa.com.au/courses

*Bookings can be made at the hospital office.

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