

We're Glad To Be Back!



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

Yay! We're back...again! Thankfully lockdown 5.0 wasn't too long and we can all get back to school for face to face learning. Thank you to all our families for your patience with remote and home learning, we understand it can be tricky but you do the best you can under difficult circumstances. As you would already know, we have to abide by some rules. At this stage no parents are permitted on site, if your children are unwell please keep them home and we will keep up the handwashing and sanitising reminders at school. A list of COVID arrangements is included in this newsletter.

Condolences

Sincere condolences to Di and Millie Dean and family on the loss of their husband and father yesterday. Our thoughts are with them at this very sad time. Thank you to Mrs Tieppo for filling in and teaching Millie's class. If there are any enquiries from the 2/3 class can they please be directed to Amanda Bradford.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

With restrictions meaning parents can't be at school it is going to be difficult to conduct parent meetings. Teachers really want to have a face-to-face chat with everyone, if possible, which would mean waiting until restrictions lift. The other options will be a phone call or to organise a WebEx meeting. We will see what develops in the next week. Until then, forms were sent home before lockdown for the Parent/Teacher Interview times. Please still fill these in and send back to school if the time you choose is relevant for most days.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Robertson family on the birth of another little boy, Jack Valentine. A little brother for Gus, Tommy and Sonny.

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

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 – Via WebEx with the Prep class to perform the item

Assembly

Assembly will be held this Friday
at 2:30pm via WebEx

The Preps will perform the item
(Code will be sent out prior)

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

Muddy Grounds

Our grounds are **very** wet and muddy due to all the rain we've been having. The farmers will be happy, but some of the parents might not appreciate the state some kids are going home in!



If you would prefer your children's feet to stay dry they can wear gumboots to school. They will have to bring some runners though for when we start athletics practise.

Prep 2022 Enrolments

We would like all Enrolment Forms for children starting Prep in 2022 to be returned by this **Friday, 30th July** so we have the information ready for census predictions at the start of August. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Grades 3/4 Wood Raffle

Due to the lockdown we will give more time for the sale and return of the wood raffle tickets. The new draw date is Monday 16th August.

School Photos

Forms have been sent home today for school photos. The photos will be taken on Wednesday, August 11th. There is no obligation to buy. All payments are dealt with by the company, not the school.

Year 6 Transition

Unfortunately, with the latest government announcement we have had to postpone the scheduled School Tours for Monday 26th July and Tuesday 27th July.

Next week, we will advise families whether or not the tour scheduled for Thursday 29th July can proceed. Please continue to read our social media posts for further updates.

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.

Monday 26th July 4pm	Tuesday 27th July 2:00pm
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-2721-160188446957	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-27721-200pm-tickets-160189297501

Thursday 29th July
4:00pm

TO BE ADVISED

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kt-hs-school-tours-2721-160188446957>
tickets-160189546245

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

Book Club orders are due back tomorrow, 29th July

New COVID-19 Arrangements

The Victorian Government has announced new arrangements for schools in Victoria from and including Wednesday 28th July 2021. Students and staff who live in and are enrolled in or work in a school in a cross-border community area will be able to attend on-site. From 11.59pm on Tuesday 27th July, the City of Wagga Wagga, Hay Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council and Murrumbidgee Council will no longer be included in the cross-border bubble.

To keep our school safe, we have introduced some important operational changes. This includes:

- Children encouraged to wash hands regularly and use hand sanitiser.
- Covid safe routine cleaning will continue during Term 3 and Kath will be coming in during the day to clean high touch points
- School camps and overnight stays can take place across Victoria with no travel restrictions. Bookings must be limited to single schools. Multiple schools can attend camps providing school groups remain separated and do not share common facilities at the same time. Mixing of staff and students between different schools is not permitted. This means we will have to wait and see if our Year 3/4 camp will be able to go ahead. We will continue to plan and information regarding the camp will be sent home to parents with the newsletter.
- Playgrounds remain open for school use and can be made available for community use out of school hours.
- Drinking fountains can remain open however we encourage the children to bring their own drink bottles.
- Non-essential visitors should be excluded from school sites for this period.
- Essential visitors include for example: Preservice teacher placements, Health and wellbeing staff
- Parents are not allowed onsite- please call me if there is anything you need. We hope this restriction will lift soon.
- Community groups are not permitted to use school facilities during school hours (indoor or outdoor). When used outside of school hours, a density limit of 1 person per 4 square meters must be applied to the spaces used.
- **School tours should not** be conducted on-site for prospective students and their families at this time.
- Incursions are not permitted at this time.
- Excursions are permitted with students from a single school only.
- Non-essential meetings, and all school events, gatherings and assemblies should be deferred or held remotely.

Stay home when unwell!

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.

Students and staff with underlying conditions (such as hay fever or asthma):

- If a student or staff member has persistent symptoms due to an underlying condition such as hay fever or asthma, the student should still be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms.
- Parents/carers and staff should also consider getting a medical certificate from their treating GP to confirm that it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Young children with persistent mild symptoms:

- Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.
- Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat COVID-19 testing, if considered appropriate by the doctor.

Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

Interschool sport:

Is not permitted at this time. We have the Cluster Athletic Sports planned for Tuesday 24th August. We will keep an eye on regulations as to whether the sports will go ahead.

Thank you for your continued support during this time. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any feedback or queries.



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

Supporting healthy rural communities

STEP UP TO BREAST CANCER



What is Step Up to Breast Cancer?

This August, we are asking you to Step Up to Breast Cancer. Walk or run 10,000 steps a day throughout the month. Raise money for breast cancer research and improve your overall health and wellbeing at the same time.

Who can register?

Anyone! If you're under 16, you'll just have to get parental consent first.

Join the NDCH + community team:

It is free to register, and you can raise as little or much as you like! You can join as an individual, a team or as a workplace. We would love you to join our team. Register here:

<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/join/ndch>



By joining our team we hope to inspire you to increase your activity levels!

www.ndch.org.au

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