

Sand Castles

And

Library

Activities



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

I hope you managed to have a wonderful Father's Day and spend some time together as a family. COVID has certainly reminded us of the importance of family and the support they provide, and Father's Day was a great chance to say thanks to the dads who do an amazing job supporting their children in so many different ways.

The decision made by the Premier and Chief Health Officer last week was to take Remote and Flexible Learning until the end of term. But as from the briefing this morning, the Prep, 1 and 2 students are back at school on Friday, while the 3-6 students have to continue on with remote learning. This is frustrating for everybody but as we complete another week of lockdowns and remote and flexible learning, I would first like to thank and congratulate all our families for your diligence, hard work, patience and perseverance in juggling the many challenges of working from home and supporting your children with their remote learning. It is most certainly exhausting, but it is one of the many sacrifices we need to make to keep our community safe.

It has been wonderful this week to hear about many more children online joining their grade's WebEx sessions to enhance their learning and keep connected. A fabulous effort from staff and their students and again a huge thank you for the behind the scenes support of our parents and carers to make this possible. Hang in there everyone and stay strong – we will get through this together.

To our teaching and ES staff who are again converting their homes into classrooms and are now delivering teaching and learning through virtual classrooms, thank you. In schools we work so closely with each other that being away from students is strangely isolating.

This Friday we have a Wellbeing Day. The children have a note in their learning packs with a variety of activities that they may like to try on Friday. It would be wonderful if you can send some photos to me or upload on class dojo or Showbie.

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

September 9th – R U OK? Day
September 10th – Wellbeing Day
September 16th – Footy Colours Day
September 17th – Last Day Term 3

Assemblies

September 17th – Via WebEx @ 11:40am

Assembly

We will have our final assembly for the Term on Friday 17th September at **11:40am** on Webex.

NAPLAN

The school received individual NAPLAN results this week and are available for collection from the office.

NAPLAN provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just **one aspect** of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like to discuss your child's results.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. If you would like to discuss the results with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

RUOK Day

Thursday 9th September is R U OK? Day. See the attached flyer for details on how kids can ask the question – “R U OK?” Staying connected is more important than ever at the moment. COVID-19 restrictions of varying levels remain in place across Australia and that will likely be the case for the foreseeable future. **R U OK?** is calling on Australians to check in on their friends, family, colleagues and neighbours because it's important that we stay connected especially in challenging times. Here is a link to a video for kids to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09qk0lXTfi4>

Footy Colours Day

On Thursday 16th September we would like everyone to dress up in their favourite footy colours for the day. I wonder who will win the Grand Final this year? See the attached flyer for some activities the kids can do.

End of Term

Friday 17th September is the final day for Term 3. Onsite learning will only be available until 1:30pm. We hope that everyone is able to enjoy a little down time to rejuvenate after another very unusual term.

Online Safety

Just a reminder to parents and carers, that as your children are online more often at the moment it is a good time to remember to be vigilant and keep an eye on what they are doing or watching and sites they are viewing. Talk to your kids about what they do online and how they can be safe. It is safer for children to be in a common area of the house while online and not alone in bedrooms. The internet is a great place, but it has some downfalls too.

New Family Addition

There has been a new addition to the Gleeson family. Congratulations to Tommie, Jaymes and their little sister Savannah who now have a new baby sister called Jasmine to love.

Yr. 1/2 had a 'Crazy Hat' WebEx



really
Are they OK?

**Ask them
today**

**Have a conversation
using these 4 steps**



1. Ask R U OK?

How are you
travelling?

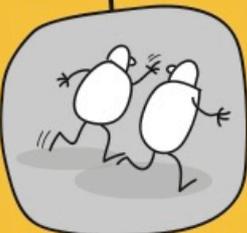
You don't
seem yourself
lately – want to
talk about it?



**2. Listen with
an open mind**

I'm here to listen
if you want to
talk more.

Have you been
feeling this way
for a while?



**3. Encourage
action**

Have you spoken
to your doctor
about this?

What do you think
is a first step that
would help you
through this?



4. Check in

Just wanted to
check in and see
how you're doing?

Have things
improved for you
since we last spoke?

Learn how to ask
at ruok.org.au

RUOK?TM

A conversation could change a life.

SHOW YOUR TRUE

COLOURS

FOOTY

COLOURS

DAY!



THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Dress up in your favourite FOOTBALL COLOURS!

Fun and Exciting Kahoot Activities

Prizes will be given out for Top 3 in Kahoot and Best Dressed!

Download the Kahoot APP on a device

Click the Webex Link! Join and have some Fun!

GRADES 2-4

TIME: 10 AM

LINK:

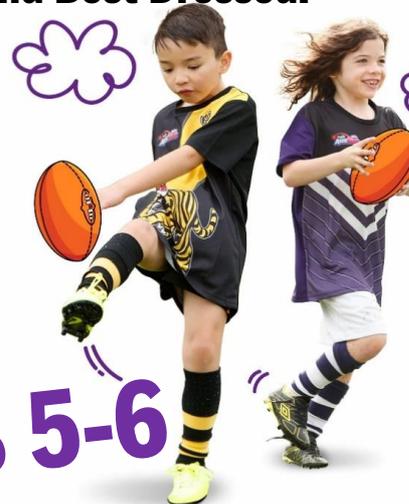
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GRADES 5-6

TIME: 11 AM

LINK:

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