



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

Transition

Today we welcomed the 2022 Foundation/Prep students to school for their first transition day. It was terrific to see how well the students settled into school for the morning. We look forward to welcoming them back for Step up Day on Tuesday 7th December.

Teacher Appointments for 2022

I would like to congratulate Mrs Rebecca Meek and Miss Keely Wilson on their successful appointments as classroom teachers in 2022. We are still looking for another classroom teacher for the 2022 school year. Applications for this position close on the 23rd November.

Pioneer Settlement

It is exciting that we all get to go on our excursion to the Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill on Friday.

The buses will be leaving school at **8:00am**. Please make sure you are at school by **7:50am**. We hope to be back at school by 4:30pm.

I will send out a text to confirm the time we are expected back on Friday afternoon. The normal school bus run **will not** be operating on Friday. Children **all** need to wear their school uniform and school hat. Please bring fruit snack, morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. There are no drinking taps at the settlement. The children may bring \$5.00 spending money.

Barham High School Transition Day

On Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th November the Year 6 students may participate in the transition program at Barham High School. Students may catch our school bus to and from Barham High. The bus will leave Koondrook at 8:35 am.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2021

Term 4 ~ October 4th – December 17th

School Dates to Remember

November 19th – Whole School Excursion to – Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement

November 23rd & 24th – Barham High School Transition, Yr. 6

November 29th – Swimming

December 1st – Swimming

December 2nd - Swimming

December 3rd – Curriculum Day

December 6th - Swimming

December 7th – KTHS Transition, Yr.6

December 8th – Swimming

December 9th - Swimming

Assemblies

November 26th

Book Club

Book Club orders have been sent home and need to be returned **before** 2nd December.

As this is the last book Club for the year, if you would like to purchase books as gifts for Christmas, please let us know and we will keep them at school for you to pick up at your convenience.

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for children on Friday 3rd December due to a Curriculum Day.

Swimming

Our swimming program starts on Monday 29th November.

Our swimming dates are:

- Monday 29th November
- Wednesday 1st December
- Thursday 2nd December
- Monday 6th December
- Wednesday 8th December
- Thursday 9th December

We are running our program like how we ran the swimming program at the start of the year.

- 11:00-11:30 Year 3/4
- 11:30-12:00 Year 2/3
- 12:00- 12:30 Year 1/2
- 12:30-1:00 Prep and Year 5/6

The children will travel to the pool by bus, leaving school 15 minutes before their lesson. This year I have been successful in obtaining a grant that will help towards the cost of the bus. As part of our sun smart policy all children will be required to wear a rashie or a t-shirt while swimming in the water. Children will get changed into their bathers at school and then change back at the end of the swimming session at the pool. They will need a bag to put their wet clothing into. Children will need bathers, towel, sun cream and goggles (if they want). Children with long hair will need to make sure their hair is tied up to help with their swimming.

If you don't want to purchase a season ticket for the pool, the cost of the swimming program will be \$2.50 per session or \$15 for our 6 swimming lessons. Please complete the pink permission notes that were sent home with the children yesterday.

Working with Children Checks

In a normal year there are often activities and excursions where we rely on parent help. As you are aware, in order to help out with any activities, all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. It is free to get one and you can apply online or go to the Post Office and apply there. They do take several weeks to process, so now is the perfect time to get one if you would like to help out next year. Thank you. (There is also information in this newsletter regarding vaccination status and coming into the school.)

Welcome

This week we have welcomed Miss Haylea Hazlett to Koondrook Primary School. Haylea is completing a 3-week teaching placement with Mrs Meek in the Year 3/4 class.

Walk to School

Remember that this month we are participating in Walk to School. It is wonderful to see many children walking and riding their bikes and scooters to school.





Asthma Puffers

Students who get asthma are reminded that you either need to have your asthma puffer in your school bag every day or bring one to school to keep in the first aid cupboard. It is important that we have your asthma puffers and spacers at school for when you need it.

Watering over the Holidays

During the holidays we need help watering the pot plants, vegetable garden, the gardens near the BV, the front of the school and the Preschool. It would be a shame if all our hard work wasn't cared for during the summer break. We are establishing a roster for the Summer holidays. If you can help out please send Amanda a text so we can establish a roster.

Assembly on the Green

This year we are excited that we are able to hold our normal Picnic on the Green. You are all welcome to bring along a picnic tea from 6:00pm. Formal presentations and class items will commence at 7:00pm. Each person will need to QR code in when you enter the school grounds. We will need to practice social distancing and be Covid safe. Unfortunately, our Jolly Red Friend will be unable to attend this year.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 graduation will be held at Tudor Tavern in Barham on Monday 13th December. The evening will start at 6:00pm with the opportunity for families to take photos in the garden. More information will be sent home to the Year 6 families.

Vaccination Requirements for Parents, Carers and Other Visitors Not Performing Work

Parents, carers and other adults who enter school buildings must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by Monday 29 November 2021 or a valid medical exception.

The following limited exceptions apply:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer
- when attending for a short time that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

This vaccination requirement applies to all school activities inside school buildings, including but not limited to, kindergarten transition activities, tours, graduations, fetes and school theatre and music production.

Any adults attending these events, regardless of whether they are held indoors or outdoors, must be vaccinated, in line with community requirements.

Collecting Vaccine Information from Visitors and Volunteers Working at Schools

Under the updated policy, schools are no longer obligated to collect and hold copies of vaccination certificates, provided they record details of the sighted vaccination information using a register that records:

- the name of the worker or individual accessing the site
- their vaccination status
- the name of the staff member who sighted the evidence
- the date the evidence was sighted
- the nature of that evidence (for example, COVID-19 vaccine digital certificate, immunisation history statement, or medical exception letter or certificate).

Grocery Grab 2021



Help save our Local Pool Fundraiser

Winner will get one minute to **Grab Groceries**

(Some limits apply)

\$5 a ticket



Drawn 13th December winner will be contacted & announced on Pool Facebook Page

Barham



Pool Raffle

The Koondrook Pool Committee are raising money to help get the pool up and running for another season. The Committee have been hard at work behind the scenes, but we need the help of the community to raise some much-needed funds. A small book of raffle tickets will be going home to each family. The tickets are **\$5 each** and the winner will get to participate in a 1-minute Grocery Grab at Barham IGA. Please return the tickets and money to Miss Dean by **no later than the 6th of December**. If you are unable to sell the tickets, please return the book ASAP. The winner will be drawn on the 13th of December. Thanks for your support!

MARC Library News

Next week will be the last week for MARC library borrowing. Overdue notices have been sent home, so please have a good look. All books will need to be returned so a stocktake can be done. Congratulations to all the wonderful borrowers all year for your fantastic borrowing and reading.

Thanks,

Helen McLaren MARC Librarian



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Did you know Gannawarra Shire offers supported playgroups, with a facilitator qualified in *smalltalk*? ***smalltalk* is a set of evidence-based parenting strategies that you can use to enhance the home learning environment for your children from birth to school age, including babies.**

smalltalk aims to increase your confidence to do the things we know can have a positive impact on your child's learning. It is about using everyday opportunities and the activities that many of you already do in the home, to enhance your child's learning and development. These include the way you talk, listen and play with your children, read together and how you engage them in interesting and stimulating activities. *smalltalk* also includes ideas on how you can look after yourselves and helps build links with your community and local services.

smalltalk playgroups are held at various locations within the Gannawarra Shire. For some playgroup families additional support is available through In-home coaching.

Ring me for a chat on 0428 352 902 to find out more.

Koondrook Tennis Club



Junior **'Hot Shot'** Tennis Training
will be starting on

Wednesday 10th November

5:30pm – 6:15pm

If you are able to bring your own
racket please do so



Any enquiries please
contact Helen Guerra
– 0448 147 299

smalltalk SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

WHERE?

Playgroups are held at various locations within the Gannawarra Shire. Some families are also eligible for In-Home Coaching to support using the *smalltalk* strategies in their homes.

WHEN?

Playgroups run for 2 hours, on a weekly basis, for 10 weeks over the school terms.

COST:

Free!
Morning tea will be provided.
smalltalk has been funded by the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

JOINING:

Families can join via another service, by contacting **Ros** at the Gannawarra Children's Centre on **03 5452 1357** or directly on **0428 352 902**.



GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL

Gannawarra Shire Council believes in the inherent strength of a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community where the backgrounds, perspectives and life experiences of our people help us to forge strong, respectful connections.

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smalltalk SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

WHAT IS IT?

Supported Playgroup is a number of families (mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents or carers and children) and a facilitator, interacting and playing in a stimulating environment.

The playgroup incorporates the elements of *smalltalk* and models everyday opportunities and activities with coaching and support to have a go at home.

ABOUT *smalltalk*

smalltalk is about child development and how parents can support it. The early experiences children have lay the foundation for their brain development. Parents have an important part in this process through their interactions with their children.

Interactions include;

- Warm and Gentle
- Tuning in
- Following the child's lead
- Listening and talking
- Teachable moments
- Reading

smalltalk also links families with community and local services, helps build confidence, and ideas on how parents can look after themselves.

WHO IS IT FOR?

smalltalk is available to families from a range of circumstances with children under school age, and are eligible if a family member in the household holds one of:

- Health Care Card or equivalent
- Identified as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander
- Looking after children in out of home care
- Referred from Child FIRST or Child Protection
- Referred from or participating in Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Services.





FOOTBALL PROGRAM

GIRLS 8-12 YEARS OF AGE
AND WANT TO TRY FOOTBALL

SWAN HILL

SWAN HILL REC
MONDAY 6TH DEC
6.00 - 7.00

REGISTER

USING THE LINK OR QR CODE

[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/827DF0](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/827DF0)



ANY ENQUIRES CONTACT
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FOOTBALL PROGRAM

MONDAY 6TH DEC 5.00 -6.00
SWAN HILL REC

BOYS AGES 8-12 WHO ARE NEW AND INTERESTED IN PLAYING
COMMUNITY FOOTBALL IN 2022

REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE

[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/D3F3F1](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/D3F3F1)



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GANNAWARRA GOES ORANGE

16 Days of Activism Campaign

25 Nov-10 Dec

Each year Gannawarra Goes Orange for the 16 days of Activism campaign to raise awareness and sat 'NO' to family violence. This campaign runs from 25 Nov to 10 Dec.

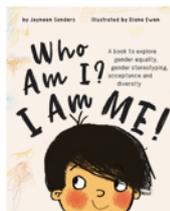
To prevent violence against women, we must focus our efforts on addressing the drivers of violence against women. Rigid gender roles and stereotypes are one of four key drivers.

This year we are raising awareness about rigid gender roles and stereotypes. Help us by talking with your children about:

- What do boys and girls often like to do? Are these the same for every one? What things are the same/different?
- What do individual children like to do? Do they like these things because they are a girl/boy?
- Do all mums and dads go to work? What kinds of work do they do?
- Can you be a girl and play with trucks/wear trousers?
- Can you be a boy and wear a dress/play with dolls?

Books that can help support these conversations:

- > *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
- > *No Difference Between Us* by Jayneen Saunders
- > *Who Am I? I Am Me!* by Jayneen Sanders
- > *Hunting for Dragons* by Bruce Whatley
- > *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers
- > *I Could Be, You Could Be* by Karen Owen
- > *Jacob's New Dress* by Sarah and Ian Hoffman
- > *Made by Raffi* by Craig Pomranz
- > *Introducing Teddy* by Jessica Walton
- > *My Princess Boy* by Cheryl Kilodav
- > *Pearl Fairweather Pirate Captain* by Jayneen Sanders
- > *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch



Visit the Gannawarra Library service to borrow books that promote boys and girls as equals.

#16dayscampaign
#respectis #callitout



Gannawarra: 16 Days of Activism Calendar

<p>THURS 25 NOV</p> <p>ONLINE WORKSHOP</p> <p>10am-11.30am</p> <p>Bystander Action: Real World Responses to Gender Inequality with WHLM</p>	<p>FRI 26 NOV</p> <p>COUNCIL CHAMBERS</p> <p>Turn orange to mark the start of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign</p>	<p>SAT 27 NOV</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN</p> <p>We encourage individuals and organisations to share what Respect means to them</p>	<p>SUN 28 NOV</p> <p>WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE</p> <p>We encourage you to go for a walk with a family member or friend, and wear orange to raise awareness of family violence</p>
<p>MON 29 NOV</p> <p>MORNING TEA</p> <p>We encourage organisations and individuals to have an orange morning tea to raise awareness of gender-based violence.</p>	<p>TUE 30 NOV</p> <p>STORY TIME- COHUNA</p> <p>10.30am:</p> <p>A special Story Time that challenges gender stereotypes</p>	<p>WED 1 DEC</p> <p>ONLINE WORKSHOP</p> <p>10am-11.00am</p> <p>Introduction to Gender Equality + Respect with WHLM</p>	<p>THURS 2 DEC</p> <p>STORY TIME- KERANG</p> <p>10.30am:</p> <p>A special Story Time that challenges gender stereotypes</p>
<p>FRI 3 DEC</p> <p>ONLINE WORKSHOP</p> <p>10am-11.00am</p> <p>Introduction to Gender Equality + Respect with WHLM</p>	<p>SAT 4 DEC</p> <p>READ BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILDREN</p> <p>We will share a list of books that challenge gender stereotypes</p>	<p>SUN 5 DEC</p> <p>DADS DO HAIR</p> <p>We encourage all Dad's to take a picture doing their child hair. We'll post tips on how to brush, plait and do a bun!</p>	<p>MON 6 DEC</p> <p>KNOW THE SUPPORT SERVICES</p> <p>Local businesses & community groups will be provided with information on support services.</p>
<p>TUE 7 DEC</p> <p>TRIVIA</p> <p>Participate in trivia to find out how much you know about being a helpful bystander</p>	<p>WED 8 DEC</p> <p>SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION</p> <p>Look out for posters designed by students that break down gender stereotypes</p>	<p>THURS 9 DEC</p> <p>ONLINE WORKSHOP</p> <p>10am-11.00am</p> <p>Introduction to Bystander Action with WHLM</p>	<p>FRI 10 DEC</p> <p>LISTEN TO PODCASTS, WATCH MOVIES OR TV SHOWS</p> <p>We will share a list of podcasts, movies and TV shows that will help expand understanding</p>

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For all event details: [@gannawarrashirecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/gannawarrashirecouncil)
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