

2022 House Captains



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

It has been just wonderful to see how well our students have settled into our 2022 school year. I have seen so many kind, helpful and cooperative kids out in the yard and lots of learning going on in the classrooms. Even our prep students have settled into their new school routines with ease. Their morning routines are already running like clockwork. They are happy and eager to learn and grow each day.

Foundation/Prep Students

A reminder to all families of Prep students that next week is the **last** Wednesday off for them. From Monday 28th February Prep students will attend school for the full week.

School Councillors

I would like to thank the current members of School Council for their contribution to Koondrook Primary School. Each year half of the School Council need to reapply. This year Dale Laursen, Leah Ryan, Courtney Dean and Chris D'Silva are completing their 2-year terms. I thank them for their contribution to School Council over the last 2 years. We have 4 parent vacancies for a 2-year term. We also have 2 parent vacancies for a 1-year term. We will be looking for current members to renominate or other members of the school community to nominate for School Council.

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. If you would be interested in being part of our School Council, please see Amanda for further information.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 ~ January 31st – April 8th
Term 2 ~ April 26th – June 24th
Term 3 ~ July 11th – September 16th
Term 4 ~ October 3rd – December 20th

Public Holidays

March 14th – Labour Day
June 13th – Queen's Birthday
September 24th – AFL Holiday
November 1st – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

February 21st – Mallee Division Swimming Trials
February 25th – Cluster Swimming Sports
March 22nd – Yr. 6 KTHS Transition
March 29th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition
March 30th – Billy Tea Bush Band
April 8th – Last Day Term 1

Assemblies

March 4th – Year 1/2 Item

School Council

The next School Council Meeting will be on Monday 21st February. This meeting will be on WebEx due to the regulations we are operating under at this stage.

Reading at Home

It's great to see everyone settling back into school life. It is also really important that a routine at home is in place to support the work being done at school, such as nightly home reading and homework. Reading with your child at home is hugely beneficial throughout primary school. But why is it so important? Research has typically found that shared reading experiences are highly valuable for young people. Benefits of shared reading include facilitating enriched language exposure, fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary, and establishing essential literacy skills. They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading.



Those Who Read Succeed!

Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.

Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads:	Child B Reads:	Child C Reads:
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words

Between 15 and 25 books a year!	3 or 4 books a year	Less than one book per year
		

Want to be a better reader? Simply read!



Cluster Swimming Sports

Our Cluster Swimming Sports are on Friday 25th February. The sports start at 9:45am. Due to restrictions, we are doing things a little differently this year. There will be **no parent spectators** at the sports this year. This is disappointing to us all. Also, **there will be no canteen!**

All the schools will be travelling to the Koondrook Pool by bus. We will be leaving school at 9:20am. **All children will need to come to school as normal.** We will then bus down to the pool in time for the sports to commence. **All children will return to school by bus at the conclusion of the sports at approximately 2:30pm.**

We will need a few parents to help at the sports. Please see Amanda if you can help. **We will not however be able to have younger siblings attend with you.** We will be setting up for the sports at 7:30am.

All children will need to bring their lunch, morning tea and snacks. They will need their bathers and a rashie, towel, hat and sunscreen. It is compulsory that **all** students wear a t-shirt/rashie when they are not swimming in a race. The children will **not** be able to use the change rooms to change out of their bathers. We ask the children to come to school in their bathers with their school uniform over the top. At the end of the day the children can change when we get back to school.

Assembly

Our next school assembly will be on Friday 4th March at 2:30pm on WebEx. Year 1/2 will perform the item.

Absences

Attendance at school is crucial to student achievement. If your child is absent it is a Departmental requirement that Parents notify the school on the day of the absence. Please text me on 0429329183 to notify me of your child's absence. Unexplained absences will be followed up each day as per Department Policy.

Save the Date - Billy Tea Bush Band

All going well we are planning on hosting the Billy Tea Bush Band at Koondrook Primary on Wednesday 30th March. During the day they will perform a concert then work with the children and teachers teaching a variety of bush dances. That evening we are hoping to have a family night Bush Dance.

MACC News Term 1 2022

How exciting to be back at school and welcome to all the new students for 2022! I look forward to getting to know you all. Students will need an **art smock** for Art to protect their clothing from paints, glues and other messy materials. I am minimising the amount of materials shared between school by students having their own basic art kits and a small trolley of items to be used at each school as part of my COVIDSafe approach. During the first term we will be working on some basic skills, including some colour theory, as each child creates their own copy of *My Map Book*. This unit is a repeat of one I did in 2015 so some students will have siblings with their own version of this book at home. The book will be something to treasure and look back on in the future.

Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards form part of the Government's response to the recommendations of the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations. The Betrayal of Trust inquiry. The 7 standards and principles of inclusion set out the requirements for Koondrook Primary School and all organisations that work with children. The Child Safe Standards are a set of principles that require organisations working with children to implement strategies to prevent child abuse. Note that child abuse includes Physical child abuse, Child sexual abuse, Grooming, Emotional child abuse, Neglect, and Family violence. The Standards aim to create child safe cultures and environments. Since 1st August 2016, all Victorian schools have been required to comply with the Child Safe Standards. Ministerial Order 870 gives detailed information about how the Standards should apply in schools. Schools must comply with the requirements of the Ministerial Order, and school councils should become familiar with its contents. As such, each year Koondrook Primary School receives training on the Child Safe Standards.

Kerang Football Netball Club



netsetgo!
Junior Netball

An introductory program for boys and girls aged 5-10 years that gives children an opportunity to increase their social and motor skills in a friendly and fun environment.

 Sessions will be held Saturday's at 9:15am
(on home games)

Come along to Registration Night for more information...

Give it a go!

**FEBRUARY 24
FROM 5PM**



Enquires - 0408 509 221
kirstynwaddingham@live.com.au

**Have Fun, Make Friends & Get Active
- PLAY NETBALL!**



COVID - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If your child is **not** experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

We strongly encourage students to complete twice-a-week rapid antigen testing (RAT) on school days. I suggest on a Sunday night and a Wednesday morning. Alternatively, any day for your family that is easy to remember and to get into some sort of routine.

Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended. For information on symptoms visit:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks>

For more information on how to get tested visit:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19>

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19.

- You **must** quarantine your child for seven days
- You **must** advise the school about the positive result
- Your child **must** stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well
- Everyone in your household is a close contact and **must** isolate for 7 days.

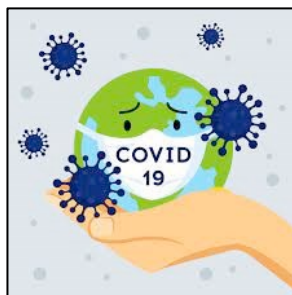
Reporting your child's positive test

If your child was at school when they were infectious you need to let the school know. We are happy with a phone call or email.

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form -

<https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/>

or the call centre on 1800 675 398.



Kerang Zone Swimming Trials

On Monday the 14th of February Eve Snowdon and myself, Lucy Mathers, went to Kerang for the Kerang District Swimming Trials. It was a magnificent experience for the both of us and we pushed harder this year to try and get to Swan Hill. I achieved 3rd place in breaststroke and in freestyle I came in 2nd place in my heat but I did not make it to Swan Hill in freestyle. I am very thrilled to go to Swan Hill next week and compete in breaststroke in the Mallee Division Trials!!!

By Lucy Mathers

On the 14th of February Lucy Mathers and myself, Evie Snowdon, went to the Kerang pool for the Kerang District Zone Swimming Trials. Sadly, Lucy and I didn't make it to Swan Hill in the freestyle but we did make it in breaststroke. So, on the 21st of February we go to Swan Hill to swim in the Mallee Division Swimming Trials.

By Eve Snowdon

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

COVID-19 VACCINE & KIDS INFORMATION SESSION



A 45 minute online presentation for parents of children aged 5-11.

Let's talk about:

- Children's vaccinations
- The importance and benefits
- Any questions you may have

Date & Time:
Thursday 17th Feb
7 PM

Bookings Essential
Register now:
ndch.org.au/events

Staff from NDCH Children's Vaccination Clinic and Guest Speaker **Dr Steven Lu**

There is zero tolerance of any kind of disrespect in this webinar

A project of the Vaccination Ambassador Project in Gannawarra and Loddon



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