



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

March 30th, 2022

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Principal's Report

Next week is the final week of Term 1. WOW! Where did the time go? It is hard to believe our first term is drawing to a close. School finishes for students at 1:35pm on Friday 8th April. Well done to our amazing Prep students who have had a fantastic start to school! Congratulations to our Year 6 students who have taken on leadership roles with enthusiasm and commitment. We are so fortunate to have such a committed group of staff at KPS who work tirelessly to ensure all students are supported to be the very best they can be. We also have parents who make our job as educators so much easier and who put so much effort into making KPS the best school it can be.

It has been very pleasing to see the students embracing all the opportunities presented to them throughout the term. Well done Koondrook Primary!

Looking ahead towards Term 2 we have many things on the agenda. Some of these include: ANZAC Day Service, Year 6 Grip Leadership, Koondrook Cross Country, Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN, Lion's Club Speeches, Lightning Premiership to name a few activities.

Students return to school on Tuesday 26th April. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday, enjoys the Easter break and returns ready for another great term of learning.

Day Light Savings

This weekend we will get an extra hour of sleep as we turn back the clocks in the early hours of Sunday morning. Daylight saving time ends at 3am on Sunday morning.

Assembly

We will have Assembly this Friday 1st April at 2:30pm on WebEx. The Prep/1 class will be presenting the item.

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

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

School Dates to Remember

March 31st – Yr. 6 KTHS Visitor
April 8th – Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade
April 8th – Last Day Term 1
May 20th – Curriculum Day

Assemblies

April 1st – Prep/1 Item



Missing Cutlery

We are missing many forks in the staffroom. They were replenished not that long ago but now we are down to only 4 when the drawer used to be full. Because of this we are no longer allowing students to get cutlery from the staffroom to eat their food with. If your child has food that requires cutlery to eat with they must bring it from home.



New Preschool Proposal Information Session

Thank you to all the people who joined us on WebEx last night for the community session regarding the proposed new Preschool building. The next step in the proposal will be a visit on Thursday to the school by VSBA to investigate the school grounds to determine a site for the new preschool.

KTHS Visit

Miss Ferrier had to postpone her visit last week and she will now be visiting the school on Thursday 31st March to speak to the Year 5/6 students. This visit will form part of a comprehensive transition program between both KTHS and Barham High School, throughout the year.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated an egg for the Easter Raffle. All raffle books and money need to be returned by next Wednesday 6th April, so we can draw the raffle during our Easter parade on Friday 8th April.

Easter Bonnet Parade/ Dress-Up Fun Day

On the last day of Term, the Grade 6's have organised a fun Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade and Dress-up Day. Children can come to school dressed up in Easter themed clothes. You could wear an Easter bonnet/hat or you could even dress-up as the Easter Bunny! There will be prizes for the best dressed. See the ad in this Newsletter for more information.

Last Day Term 1

Friday 8th April is the last day of Term 1. School will finish **early** on that day at **1:35pm**. School resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April.

ANZAC Day (This is the last day of the school holidays) On Monday 25th April we celebrate and remember the many men and women who have served our country in War. This year the ANZAC ceremony will commence at the Koondrook RSL Hall at 11:00am before the march to the Cenotaph in Barham. I hope that we will have students and their families representing the school by attending the ceremony and participating in the march and wreath laying. Students participating in the march need to be at the Koondrook RSL Hall at 10.45am. Some parents to accompany the students on the march would be appreciated. **School uniform must be worn.**

CENTRAL VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BE THE FIRST!

GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2022

6 WEEK COMPETITION
PLAYED ON SUNDAYS
6 GREAT CLUBS
8-14 YEARS OF AGE

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our club. our community

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CENTRAL VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JOIN UP TODAY

GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2022

REGISTER WITH ONE OF OUR CLUBS FOR THE 2022 SEASON

TYNTYUNDER
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/A78011>

KOONDROOK KANGAROOES
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/F122C5>

SWAN HILL FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB EST 1998
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/FB2AC1>

MOORINGEN TIGERS
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/FD70EA>

SEA LAKE NANDIYALY TIGERS
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/BE61F7>

BIRCHWATHCOMB BULLS
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/F93E22>

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The Get Active Kids Voucher Program

The [Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#) helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

Eligible families may be able to receive up to \$200 each per child, per round.

To be eligible, kids need to be aged 0 to 18, a Victorian resident, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

The program also provides a special consideration stream to support temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students aged 0-18 years at the time of application.

To be eligible under the program, the activity or program must be affiliated to a Sport and Recreation Victoria recognised Victorian State Sporting Association (SSA) or Victorian State Sport and Recreation Body (SSRB).

To apply or for more information visit the [Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#) webpage.

Applications close 31st May 2022.

GET REIMBURSED

If you have paid for your child's registration fees or membership you can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$200. You can be reimbursed for expenses incurred from 1st January 2022.

Applications for reimbursement are open:

[Get Active Kids Voucher Program - HCC Round 4](#)

[Reimbursement - DJPR Grants Portal - Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions \(force.com\)](#)

APPLY FOR A VOUCHER

Apply for a voucher up to \$200 that you can redeem with a registered activity provider.

When you register or pay for your membership you will provide the activity provider your voucher code and they will reduce the cost of the registration and/or membership fee up to the value of \$200.

Applications will open at 2pm on 21 March.

https://service.vic.gov.au/services/apply-for-get-active-kids-voucher?utm_source=agency_getactivekids&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=apply_getactivekids_voucher

Grip Leadership Conference

The Gannawarra Shire has organised for the Year 6 students to join a special trip of students from the schools in the Shire to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Bendigo Stadium on Friday 13th May. The GRIP Leadership Conference combines presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment to assist students to think about themselves and their leadership role within their school community. Students are required to wear school uniform and bring a packed morning tea, lunch, a drink bottle and a snack to eat on the bus on the way home.

Students will attend the conference together on a chartered bus from Lakes Coaches. Gannawarra Shire Council is covering the cost of admission to the conference for all students and staff attending as well as paying for the Lakes Coach. We will be departing Koondrook Primary at 6:15am and returning at around 4.45pm. A permission note will be sent out next term.

Smile Squad Dental Program

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's school dental program. Smile Squad will offer free dental care to all Victorian primary and secondary government school students.

This initiative is led by the Department of Health (DH) and Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV), with input from the Department of Education and Training (DET). Smile Squad services are provided by community dental agencies.

Regular dental checks can prevent or address dental health issues before they become serious. Many students do not see a dentist regularly and have poor dental health.

The children have been given a package today. Permission forms need to be filled in and returned to school if you would like your child to visit the service. We are expecting them to visit our school next term.

Curriculum Day

On Friday 20th May there will be no school for the students. Teachers will be participating in a Professional Learning Day run by Anna from Top10 Maths.

Flood Fundraiser Casual Day

The Student Voice Team at Kerang Technical High School would like to invite you all to join their Casual Clothes Day on Friday 8th April as a fundraiser to support the victims of floods in Lismore NSW. The students would like you to have a casual clothes day and give a gold coin donation on the last day of term 1, with all money collected being forwarded to KTHS as a collective donation from our schools.

The students have decided to donate the money to the Kerang Rotary Club who will forward the money directly to the Lismore Rotary Club for the support of programs/activities on the ground in Lismore. See the ad for more information.

This falls on the same day as our Easter Bonnet/Hat parade. We will still go ahead with the parade and students could just bring a gold coin donation for the flood relief.

School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on May 6th this year.

Prep Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before May 5th 2022. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to May 5th 2022. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

Amanda Bradford

NDCH School Newsletter Gannawarra & North Loddon

Have you recently had COVID-19 and are wondering when you should get your next vaccine dose?

You should get your next dose as soon as you can after you have made a full recovery from the acute illness, and you have finished isolating. This includes children who have previously had COVID-19.

If you were in hospital when you had COVID-19, received specialised treatments during your illness, or are suffering from long-COVID-19 symptoms, speak with your doctor first.

For those eligible, the best protection against COVID-19 is to get your third dose, even if you have had COVID-19 before. And if you haven't started your vaccination program yet, there are still plenty of appointments available.

Book an appointment at a state-run vaccination centre online at coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment or by calling 1800 675 398 - 7 days 8am – 8pm.

Book an appointment at a participating doctor, community health service or local pharmacy: covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking

WWW.NDCH.ORG.AU

Join the Kazoos for Dress Up Box Fun!

A family show, musical comedy, is coming to Kerang on Sunday 10th April. Set around a giant dress up box, children are invited to the stage to select items out of the box.

What they choose directs where the show goes next!

Dress Up Box is a fun way to address some important topics and inspire young audiences to continue to learn through their own play. Event includes a Kazoo workshop following the show (optional).

Suitable for children 1-7 years old and families.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BXXVB

DRESS UP BOX

The perfect first-time theatre experience for ages 1-7yrs

SUNDAY APRIL 10 11am

Kerang Memorial Hall

Tickets:
\$15 Family
\$5 Individual
FREE Children 3yrs and under

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BXXVB

Ticket includes: one Kazoo per child + after show Kazoo workshop entry (optional)

Creative Gannawarra

MARC (Mobile Area Resource Centre) Library News

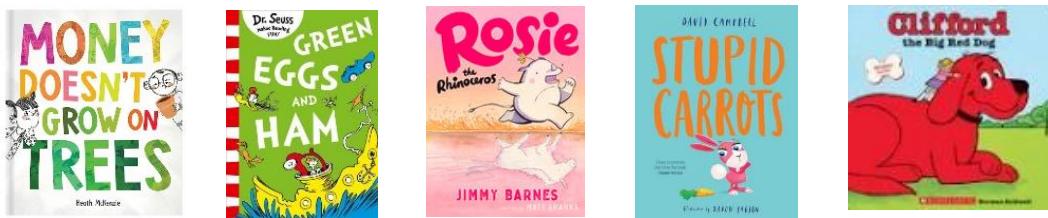
Term 1

This term we have been looking at caring for library books – **keep them away from food and drinks, put your books in a separate compartment to your drink bottle**, put them up high away from younger siblings and pets, have clean hands when reading, carry carefully, **turn pages with care** and use a library bag. So many books have been damaged by water accidentally spilling on the books or drink bottles leaking in bags. The pages all go crinkly, then go mouldy and need to be thrown out. Please can you enforce this rule at home, as I have already had some books returned where the child's water bottle leaked in their bag, damaging the books. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT WATER BOTTLES IN YOUR SCHOOL BAG WITH YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS.** Most school bags have an outside compartment to put drink bottles in. Books are very expensive, please look after them.

Preps, 1 & 2's have been looking at Tony Wilson books.



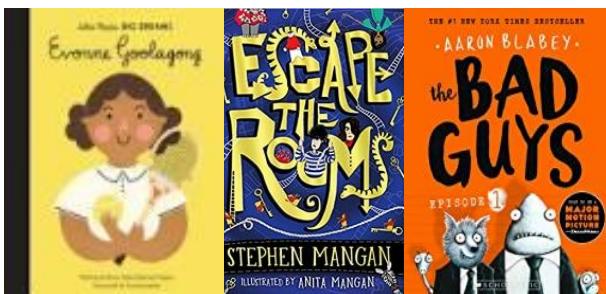
We have also been reading the following books and completing activities.



Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6

We started the year with the Australian Open. Who won the women's singles title? (Ash Barty). Who was her role model? We read the biography of Evonne Goolagong. We then studied the Winter Olympics. Where were they held? What events were there? We looked at past and present Winter Olympians.

We found out information about Dr. Seuss, on his birthday (2nd March) which is celebrated around the world. Who knew the singers Jimmy Barnes and David Campbell could write books. We watched video clips of them singing. We read 'Rosie the Rhinoceros' by Jimmy Barnes, watched video clips of rhinos in the wild and presented information about them. We read some of the book 'Escape the Rooms' and then completed our own Escape Room outside in the yard, working out the cryptic clues. We read 'The Bad Guys' by Aaron Blabey, watched the trailer for the upcoming movie, then made our own movie trailer. We also read 'Money Doesn't Grow on Trees'. A great book for kids who want everything.



Please remember library books are not readers. Your classroom sends home books at your child's reading level. Library books are intended to foster a love of literature. Older children are able to read their own books, whilst younger children need to have the books read to them. Please share and enjoy these books together.

Helen McLaren (MARC Library Teacher)



GET ACTIVE VOUCHERS

Vouchers are available for eligible families and activities.

Applications for vouchers are OPEN. There are two ways to apply:

1. GET REIMBURSED

If you have already paid for your child's registration fees or membership you can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$200. You can be reimbursed for expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 18 March 2022.

2. APPLY FOR A VOUCHER

Apply for a voucher up to \$200 that you can redeem with a registered activity provider. When you register or pay your membership fee to the activity provider you will provide them your voucher code and they will reduce the cost of the registration and/or membership fee up to the value of \$200.

For more information visit: www.getactive.vic.gov.au

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

NEW, MORE ACCESSIBLE ROUND NOW OPEN



Find out more at
getactive.vic.gov.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Easter-themed String Art 8+

Cohuna - 10.30am, Tuesday 12 April
Kerang - 2.30pm, Wednesday 13 April



Diamond Mosaic Sticker Craft School-aged children

Cohuna - 10.30am, Tuesday 19 April
Kerang - 10.30am, Wednesday 20 April



Adults to accompany and, if possible, only attend with participating children.
Bookings essential - 5452 1546



EASTER BONNET PARADE!

On Friday 8th April we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade! Students can make an Easter themed bonnet or costume. On the day students can come to school wearing their creation. The whole school will gather at the B.V. and classes will be judged and a winner will be decided from each class for the best costume/bonnet. There will also be a drawing competition where each class will be given a picture to colour in. Each of the winners will receive a prize.



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