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## Country

*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

### Grip Leadership Conference

The Gannawarra Shire has organised for the Year 6 School Captains 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6:40am so students need to be at Koondrook School at 6:25am and they will be returning at around 4:45pm.

### Cross Country

We had a great day for the Cross Country on Friday. It was great to see the children showing the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, trying hard and participating to make sure they did their best. Congratulations to Murray for winning the trophy this year. Thank you, Mr Mon, for all the time you put in to organising the Cross Country. "Thank You" to all the parents who helped with the checkpoints along the track and those who came along to support the children as they participated in the Cross Country. Without the support of the teachers and parents, days like the Cross Country would not be able to run. It was wonderful to see parents back at a school event again.

## Dates to remember

### Term Dates 2022

Term 2 ~ April 26<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 ~ July 11<sup>th</sup> – September 16<sup>th</sup>

Term 4 ~ October 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

### Public Holidays

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Birthday

September 24<sup>th</sup> – AFL Holiday

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Melbourne Cup

### School Dates to Remember

May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 13<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN, Yrs. 3 & 5

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Grip Leadership @ Bendigo, Yr. 6 Captains

May 16<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country @ Swan Hill

May 18<sup>th</sup> – KTHS Transition, Yr. 6

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Open Day, 12 ~ 2:20pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lightning Premiership @ Kerang

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Staff Professional Practice Day

June 14<sup>th</sup> – BHS Transition, Yr. 6

### Assemblies

TBA

### School Council

The next meeting of the School Council is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Year 3/4 classroom.

## Swan Hill Cross Country

We have 18 students who have qualified to represent the school at the Mallee Division Cross Country in Swan Hill on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The event is at Riverside Park in Swan Hill - this is the park at the river opposite the swimming pool. Children must be at the event at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. No exception or waiting will be permitted.

### **Timetable - Marshalling for first event -: 10.40am**

**11.00am** - 12/13-year-old girls

**11.20am** - 12/13-year-old boys

**11.40am** - 11-year-old girls

**12.00pm** - 11-year-old boys

**12.30pm** - 10-year-old girls

**12.45pm** - 10-year-old boys

**1.00pm** - 9-year-old girls

**1.20pm** - 9-year-old boys

## Kerang Tech High Transition

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May the Year 6 students will attend the first transition day at KTHS. I expect all the children to attend this day. It is good for the children to see what each of the secondary schools have to offer and see what new opportunities they will be able to take up in the next stage of their education.

## NAPLAN

This week the students in Years 3 and 5 are completing the NAPLAN. Yesterday the Year 3 students did a hardcopy writing task while the Year 5 completed it online. The rest of the test will be online with reading completed today followed by Conventions of Language - Grammar and spelling on Thursday. The Year 5's will complete the numeracy test on Friday and the Year 3's will complete the numeracy test on Monday. Tests like these under exam conditions can be very daunting for even adults at times, so we are very proud of all the children in Year 3 and 5 for the way they have been trying to do their best over the last couple of days, especially as this year it is the first NAPLAN for both Year 3 and 5 due to COVID. Each test is just a snapshot on the day while the teachers know their progress and achievements every day. Keep up the great effort Year 3 and 5 and remember these tests are unable to measure the valued person who you are. They don't measure the way you bring a smile to your friend's face, how you can draw the most amazing pictures, how you care for your family and friends and many other things that makes you all the amazing, caring children that you are.

## Education Support Staff Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

A big shout out to our amazing support staff - Karen, Danielle, Judi, Shane and Di who do so much to support the staff and students at Koondrook Primary. As part of our team here at Koondrook Primary we appreciate and value the input they all contribute to the school community.





### **Congratulations**

Congratulations on your Graduation yesterday Miss Wilson. The Koondrook Primary students, families and school community are very proud of you and your colleagues are so grateful you are part of our team!

### **Curriculum Day**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a Curriculum Day. The staff will be working with Anna from Top Ten Maths, focusing on multiplication and Division. There will be no school for students on this day.

### **Uniforms**

Please be reminded that uniform is compulsory at school. As the weather is getting cooler now, all children must have a jumper at school each day. Please make sure that all jumpers are **named**, it makes it easier to find the owners. We do ask everyone to check your jumper supply at home in case your child has taken home the wrong jumper by mistake. Several children are missing jumpers. We have our new weatherproof coats that are fleecy lined. We may experience a wetter winter than usual this year and you may find them a welcome resource to keep your child warm and dry. If you would like to purchase a jacket please see Mrs Ficken.

### **National Simultaneous Story Time**

This year Pia Frisby from the Gannawarra Library will be joining us at 11:00am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May for the National Simultaneous Story Time. This is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. The book we will be reading this year is 'Family Tree' by Josh Pike and Ronjojoy Ghosh.

### **Launch of the Gannawarra Shire Transition Book**

This year the launch of the Transition Book will take place at Koondrook Primary School at 1:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We will welcome Shire Councillors for the launch.

### **Professional Practice Day**

For Term 2, 2022, the Department of Education and Training has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day. As a result, we have scheduled our professional practice day for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. This will mean students will have a 4-day long weekend as the Queen's Birthday holiday is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Open Day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

We would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends of Koondrook to our Open Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 12:00pm to 2:20pm. You are invited to visit the classrooms from 12:00 - 1:35pm and then join us for a BYO picnic lunch.



Dear Parents and Carers

With borders open and the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

### **What to do if your child gets sick**

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms: \* take a COVID-19 test and follow the current Department of Health isolation requirements if a positive result is shown

- keep your child at home until their symptoms pass
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired
- diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

### **COVID-19 vaccination**

COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

It is important that children and young people have the best possible protection against the flu and COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.

Ensuring your children are protected against serious illness helps to protect everyone in our community, including older family members who may be at higher risk, along with younger children who can't receive vaccinations yet.

You can book COVID-19 vaccinations through the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 or at a participating GP, pharmacy, or community health service.

Some local schools are also holding walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics on school grounds. Vaccination settings can be found at the Vaccine Clinic Finder.

### **Flu vaccination**

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from the flu and are eligible for free vaccination under the National Immunisation Program including:

- anyone aged 65 years and older
- pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged from 6 months and over
- people 6 months or older with:
  - heart disease
  - chronic lung disease (including people with severe asthma who require frequent hospital visits)
  - chronic neurological conditions
  - impaired immunity
  - haemoglobinopathies (blood disorders caused by genetic changes)
  - diabetes
  - kidney disease
- children on long-term aspirin therapy from 6 months to 10 years
- children aged from 6 months to under 5 years.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. If you would like more information about the flu vaccination, visit the Better Health Channel.

Kind regards

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