

## Mallee



## Zone



## Cross



## 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**

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## Principal's Report

### Education Week

This week we celebrate 150 years of public education in Victorian Schools. The Education Act of 1872 was the first in the Australian Colonies and of its kind in the world. Schools today certainly look very different to what they did 150 years ago.

### Open Day

We are excited to have parents, grandparents and friends of Koondrook visit us on Friday. The classrooms will be open for visitors from 12:00 - 1:35pm. You are then welcome to bring a picnic lunch to have with the children. There will be an Assembly at 2:20pm- parents are welcome to attend. We won't be WebExing assembly this week.

We do still need to be careful with Covid 19 around and the increase of sickness and flu. We ask **all** visitors to please wear a mask on Friday when you are visiting the classrooms. Please also use the hand sanitiser. We want to keep everyone as safe as we can. All visitors are asked to sign in at the front office when you arrive at school.

### Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Mallee Zone Cross Country last week. You all should be very proud of your achievements.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, we wish Lucy, Zavier, Taj and Jimmy all the best as they travel to St Arnaud to participate in the Regional Cross Country.

### Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Teachers will be using this day to write reports.

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

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Regional Cross Country @ St Arnaud

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

Kerang Riverside Oval

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Qwestacon Science Show

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 4 River Detectives @

Treetops

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

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

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Prep 2023 Information Evening

### Assemblies

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5/6 Item

## End of Day Pick ups

We have a few concerns around safety during the end of day pick up. Home time is very busy with children, parents, bikes and vehicles all in one area. Children are crossing the road at all different locations, they sometimes go to other cars to see friends and then you add in the bikes riding up the path and it is hectic. We are going to make a few changes and we need your help. Some of these changes are:

- All children must wait inside the school grounds until their parents arrive.
- If you park across the road we are asking you to come across to pick up your child/ren.
- Children walking home, who need to cross the road, we are asking them to walk down the school driveway and cross near Teague Street.
- Bike riders heading along the river towards Barham will walk their bikes down the path to the front gate and not get on their bike until they are past all pedestrians.
- There will be two staff members on at home time, Karen at the bus and another at the gate.

Thank you for your cooperation with this and we hope it will help to make home time a bit more manageable.

## Covid, Flu and Gastro

Over the last week we have still had reports of Covid cases, as well as a number of children with gastro or flu/colds.

Thank you to parents for ensuring you keep your child at home when they are unwell. Please remember to keep your children home until 48hours after they have **last** vomited to prevent the spread as some staff have already been infected with the gastro bug. Schools will continue to be provided with the same weekly quantity of RATs. However, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, it is recommended RATs are used by students and staff only when symptomatic. RATs are also required to be used for 5 days if a student or staff member is a close contact of a confirmed case and they are attending or working at a school. Close contacts also need to wear a mask when they are inside the classroom.

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, it will therefore no longer be recommended that non-symptomatic students or staff conduct RATs twice a week in mainstream schools and 5 days a week in specialist schools. Students and staff must continue to notify the Department of Health and their school if they return a positive RAT result.

## Winter Sports

The Year 5/6 students will be participating in a winter sports day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Riverside Park in Kerang. The sports on offer will be football, netball and T-Ball. They will travel to Kerang by bus leaving school at 9:00am and returning to school by 3:30pm. The cost of the bus will be \$5. Permission notes have been sent home with the students.

## Questacon

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June the Questacon Science Show will be visiting Koondrook. Each class will participate in a variety of exciting science experiments.



## GRIP Leadership



### Year 4 River Detectives

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June the Year 4 class will be participating in a variety of environmental activities at Treetops. The children will be travelling to Treetops by bus leaving school at 9:00am and returning by the end of the school day. Permission notes have been sent home for this excursion.

### Year 5/6 Cluster Camp 15 Mile Creek

Year 5 and 6 students have their Cluster Camp to 15 Mile Creek from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. This is an outdoor adventure camp with activities such as archery, bike riding, cubby building, raft making and orienteering. The cost of the camp will be around \$240 (the final total will be confirmed nearer the time). The paperwork for the camp is attached to the newsletter. **Please return all paperwork along with a \$50 deposit by the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.** Full payment will need to be made 2 weeks before going on camp. Thank you.

### Prep 2023 Information Night

We are holding an Information Evening for families of children who will be in Prep/Foundation in 2023. You will gain information about what we can offer your child at KPS, tour the facilities and find out how the transition program from Preschool to School works. You will meet current staff and have the opportunity to ask questions. The Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.

### GRIP Leadership Conference

On 13<sup>th</sup> of May (two weeks ago) the year six students and Miss Bradford went to the Grip Leadership Conference in Bendigo. It was an early start and a long day but it was fun.

They spoke to us about how to be a good leader in our school. During the first session we had to go and communicate with other kids from different schools. Overall Grip Leadership was a great experience and at the end of the day everybody had a great time.

*By Evie & Emily*



KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



# 2023 ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW DUE



KTHS Office is open 8:30am - 4:00pm .

If you require another enrolment pack  
or  
require additional information  
please email:

Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au  
54521062

Tuesday,  
19th July  
6pm

KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# PREP 2023 INFORMATION EVENING



Discover what Koondrook Primary School can offer you and your child. The session will include:

- an insight into the opportunities at Koondrook PS
- information about the Pre-school to School Transition Process
- a tour of the facilities
- an opportunity to meet current staff and ask questions

Call the school if you are unable to attend or would like a private tour.



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## NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH!

Read more in May 2022!

Recommended books to read for Reconciliation Week:



### BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022  
27 MAY - 3 JUNE #NREW2022



- **Tell Me Why** by Robyn Templeton & Sarah Jackson
- **Finding Our Heart** by Thomas Mayor
- **Our Home, Our Heartbeat** by Adam Briggs
- **Somebody's Land: WELCOME TO OUR COUNTRY** by Adam Goodes
- **Freedom Day** by Thomas Mayor, Rosie Smiler & Samantha Campbell
- **Day Break** by Amy McQuire
- **Found** by Bruce Pascoe
- **Kimberley Warrior: The Story of Jandamarra** by John Nicholson

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# LET'S GO SKATE WEEKEND

SKATE SESSIONS WITH PRO SKATER RENTON MILLAR

FREE



## SATURDAY 28TH MAY

INGLEWOOD SKATE PARK  
1PM - 4PM

## SUNDAY 29TH MAY

COHUNA SKATE PARK  
10AM - 1PM



This is an alcohol, drug and smoke free, safe and supervised event for all ages



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