

Netball



Lions Club Junior Public Speaking



Football



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 a very long and busy term and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a break. Term 2 will finish at 1:35pm on Friday. I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3 starting on Monday 11th July.

Prep/Foundation 2023 Information Night

There will be an information session for parents and carers of children wishing to start Prep/Foundation at Koondrook PS in 2023. You will get an insight into the programs and opportunities available at KPS. There will be information on:

- The Pre-school to School Transition Program
- Enrolment process
- The opportunity to meet staff and ask questions
- Buddies Program
- What we offer at KPS

The Information Night will be held on Tuesday 19th July from 6:00pm at Koondrook Primary School. Please call the school if you are unable to attend if this time does not suit.

Reports

Semester 1 Reports are being finalised and will be sent home with your children today. The teachers have spent a significant amount of time preparing these and I would like to thank them for compiling very comprehensive, individual reports. Please ensure that you spend time with your child going through the report, sharing your child's achievements and accomplishments for this semester. Please read the reports and then send back to school after the holidays so that the Semester 2 Reports can be added at the end of the year. If you would like to speak to the classroom teachers you can contact the school to make a time in Term 3.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2022

Term 2 ~ April 26th – June 24th

Term 3 ~ July 11th – September 16th

Term 4 ~ October 3rd – December 20th

Public Holidays

September 24th – AFL Holiday

November 1st – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

June 24th – End of Term 2, Early dismissal @ 1:35pm

July 11th – Start Term 3

July 19th – Prep 2023 Information Night

July 25th – Lions Club Speeches Final

August 2nd – BHS Transition, Yr. 6

August 10th – School Photos

August 24th – Cluster Athletics

August 25th – KTHS Transition, Yr.6

Assemblies

- TBA

Bush Day

Bush Day will now be held on 21st July

Early dismissal this Friday @ 1:35pm

Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday the students in Years 3/4/5/6 presented their speeches to the class and members of the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club. All the students put a lot of work into their presentations and spoke well. It is a big challenge to face your fears and speak in front of so many people and all the students are to be congratulated. I would like to thank the members of the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club for adjudicating the competition; they had a very hard task. The results of the competition were:

Years 5/6 – 1st Place – Lucy Mathers, Runner Up – Arkie A
Year 3/4 – 1st Place – Adeline Martin, Runner Up – Gus R
Lucy and Adeline will now represent the school on Monday 25th July at the finals of the 2022 Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition in Barham. Good luck to both students.

Long Service Leave

Mr Monaghan will be taking long service leave for the first week next term. Mrs Laughlin will be teaching the Year 5/6 class during this time.

Mrs Cummins will also be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 3.

Reading Challenge

Once again, we are conducting the Holiday Reading Challenge over these school holidays. Children who read for 10 nights or more and have the sheet signed will go into a draw to win a book of their choice from the book club catalogue. Reading sheets are attached to this newsletter or handed out at school.

Athletic Sports

The Murray Plains Athletic Sports will be held on Tuesday 23rd August in Cohuna at the Number 2 oval. A bus will be going to the sports from school. More details will be sent home next term. We will hold our own school Athletic Sports on Friday 19th August.

Swan Hill Netball

On Tuesday the 21st of June I went to Swan Hill to play Netball for the Winter Sports. I was in a Netball team with Lila, Layla, Ivy, Jenna, Kerria and Lexi.

We made it through to the grand final but lost by two goals. It was a great experience for me.

By Evie Snowdon

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss





Lightning Premiership

On Tuesday the 21st of June 3 students Dustin Bohn, Hunter Toohey and Charlie Toohey travelled to Swan Hill to compete in the winter sports for footy.

As soon as we got there, we went to find the people we knew and then it turned out that we got to be on the same team as them. After we said "Hi" to our friends we started getting our guernseys.

Then it was time for the first game. In the first game we absolutely thrashed them. Dustin kicked 2 goals, Charlie kicked 2 goals, Hunter did not kick a goal but created some of the goals. Then it was time for the next game, after the first game we were happy about the win.

In the second game we won, Dusty kicked 1 goal, Charlie kicked 4 goals, Hunter kicked none.

In the third game we really needed to win to get into the finals, we ended up winning and Dusty kicked 2 goals, Charlie kicked 3 goals, Hunter did not kick a goal but took an impressive specky!

Then we were in the finals. We were playing against St Marys Cohuna. They had been training for a while and we had not been training together. They ended up kicking 5 goals and we only kicked 2 goals and 2 points; in the last quarter the backline did a terrific job keeping the ball away from the goals.

By Dusty, Charlie and Hunter.



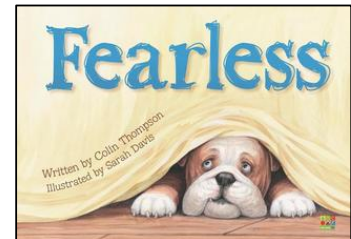
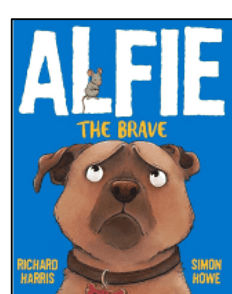
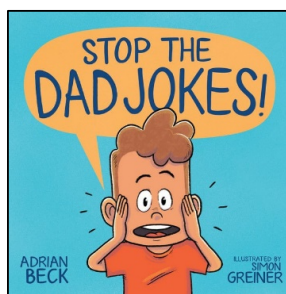
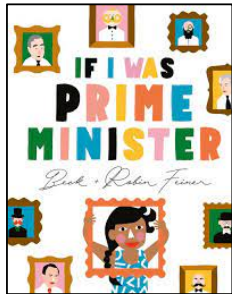
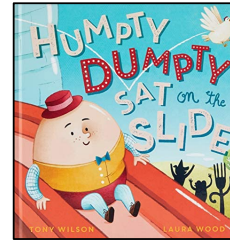
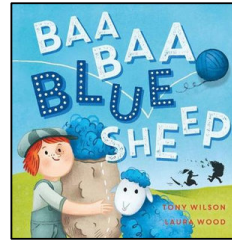
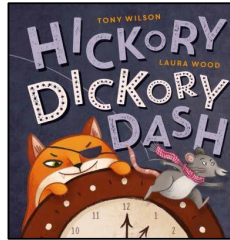
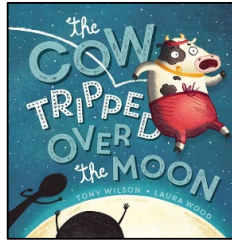
MACC News Semester 1 2022

This half year we have been creating pages for a special memento to keep. Our Map Books are based on the picture story book, "My Map Book" by Sara Fanelli. Students have been exploring and developing art skills and techniques creating different maps about themselves, their environments and from their imagination. Due to various interruptions over the past two terms these books will differ from school to school and between grades or year levels. For some students the completion of these artworks will be continuing into Term 3. When they do bring the completed books home please enjoy sharing the artworks and keep them to look back on in later years. Wishing you all safe and happy holidays.

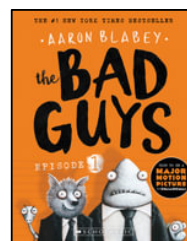
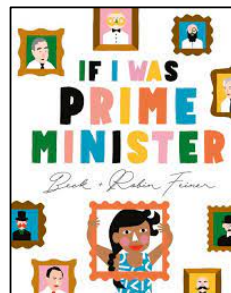
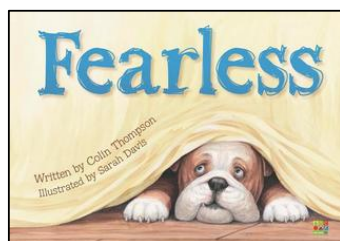
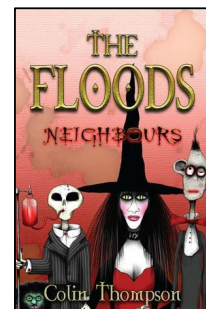
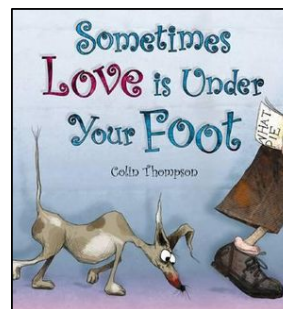
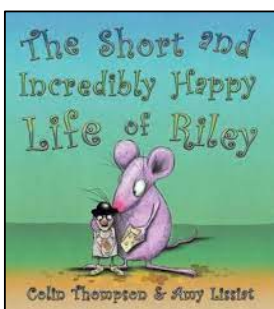
Ms Bentley
MACC Art Teacher

MARC Library News

During this term the Grades Prep, 1 and 2 have continued looking at Tony Wilson books. The students have enjoyed his books such as *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon*, *Hickory Dickory Dash*, *Humpty Dumpty Sat On the Slide* and *Baa Baa Blue Sheep*. We have sung the nursery rhymes and enjoyed the twist put on these rhymes through these great books. We have drawn lots of these characters, put puzzles together and done lots of cut and paste activities. The week of the election we read 'If I Was Prime Minister' by Beck Feiner. The students wrote some great and interesting things they would do if they were Prime Minister. We read some new release books. We learnt about the title of a book, the author and illustrator and what they do. We worked out the call number of a picture story book. We put these call numbers in alphabetical order.



During this term the Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 continued making their movie trailers after watching *The Bad Guys* trailer. During election week we read 'If I Was Prime Minister' by Beck Feiner. They also wrote some interesting things they would do if they were Prime Minister. We have been looking at the author/illustrator Colin Thompson's books. He has a variety of picture story books, picture story books for older children and fiction books. He has a unique way of writing and illustrating his books which makes them so interesting. We have also been working out the call numbers of fiction books and putting them into alphabetical order.



Helen McLaren
(MARC Librarian)



Art Exhibition

River Detectives Program

Throughout July

Gateway to Gannawarra
Visitor Information Centre
90 King George St, Cohuna

Open Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm,
10am - 2pm weekends

View photos and quotes from our Going With The Flow school event in June

See amazing ceramic fish and turtle sculptures created by local River Detectives students

Learn more about the Gunbower Forest watering event

www.nccma.vic.gov.au




FUN THINGS TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Brought to you by  NOCH

Participate in the Gannawarra Library Service Free School Holiday Program:

- Australian Watercolour Workshop
 - Australian Icon Snow globes
 - Australian Biscuit Decorating
- Bookings Essential: Ph (03) 5452 1546



Take the family along to Kerang or Cohuna Parkrun

- Starts 8am every Saturday
- 5km walk, jog or run
- Friendly, fun and free
- Kerang: The event takes place at the southern entrance at Kerang Regional Park, far western end of Wyndham Street.
- Cohuna: The event takes place at Garden Park, near Gateway Information Centre



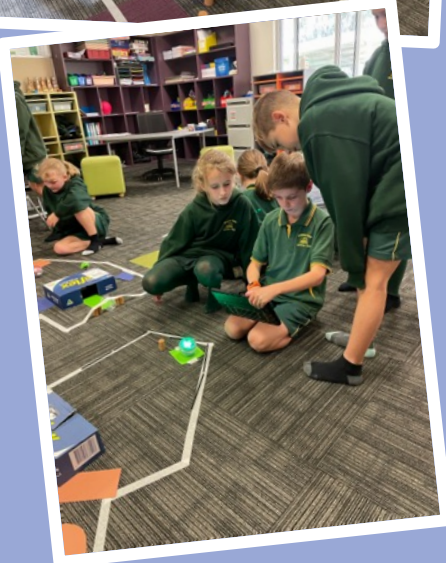
Participate in an outdoor scavenger hunt:

- A scavenger hunt is a fun thing you can do at the park, Gunbower National Park, Pyramid Hill Summit Walk, Lake Boort or even in your own backyard
- Google different scavenger hunt lists online or create your own



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Kids Helpline
If you want to get some things off your chest these holidays and/or would like to talk to a counsellor. Kids Helpline is here 24/7 - call them for free on 1800 55 1800



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would be aware, following advice from the Acting Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government recently announced changes to the pandemic orders.

There will no longer be a mandated vaccination requirement for staff working in mainstream schools. This change will come in from 11.59pm Friday 24 June, so in effect from the start of Term 3 2022.

With almost 100% of school staff now vaccinated across Victoria, this will cause little change to our school.

As part of the changes, from 11.59pm Friday 24 June 2022, parents and carers who have COVID-19 can transport their non-COVID-19 children via private vehicle to their primary or secondary school when an alternative person is not available to assist. This will include school holiday programs held on school grounds.

This means that parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non-COVID-19 child to school or school holiday programs via a private vehicle.

The parent or carer must travel directly to and from the school only. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school safely. They must wear a face mask at all times.

Family members are asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to both the Department of Health and our own testing portal.

You must also let the school know if your child is a close contact. Students who are close contacts and want to attend should still take 5 RATs over 7 days and wear a face mask whilst indoors if they are aged 8 years or over.

Students should continue to stay home if they are unwell, even if they test negative on a RAT.

Thank you for your support as we continue to make these adjustments.

Amanda Bradford

Why read 20mins at home?

Student A

- * 20 minutes of reading a day
- * 3600 minutes per school year
- * 1800000 words per year
- * scores in the top 10% in standardized tests



Student B

- * 5 minutes of reading a day
- * 900 minutes per school year
- * 282000 words per year
- * scores average 50% in standardized tests



Student C

- * 1 minute of reading a day
- * 180 minutes per school year
- * 8000 words per year
- * scores in the bottom 10% in standardized tests



If a child starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of year 8, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? GOOD! START READING!!!

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HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE				NAME:		
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	MONDAY	Tuesday	<i>wednesday</i>	THURSDAY	<i>Friday</i>
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**TO ENCOURAGE READING AT HOME OVER THE HOLIDAYS, KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL HAVE A CHALLENGE.
CAN THEY READ EVERY DAY OR NIGHT DURING THE HOLIDAYS?**

A range of books can be read: readers, library books or books from home. Please ensure that the title of the book is written in the box and an adult has signed in the box to acknowledge that books have been read. Students who read more than 10 nights will go in a raffle draw to win a book of choice from the Book Club catalogues.

This sheet needs to return on the first day back of school.