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Koondrook Primary School

KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and a chance to recharge the batteries ready for a great term. This term we have a number of extra-curricular activities spread out across the term - Bush Day, Athletic Sports - School level, Cluster, District and Mallee Zone, Book Week celebrations, Year 5/6 camp and hopefully Prep/1/2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo, Transition Activities for Year 6 and Prep 2023.

Prep 2023 Transition

Enrolment packs are now available for collection from the office. Enrolment forms are due by Friday 29th July.

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.

Transition dates for Prep 2023 are:

Tuesday 8th November – 11am ~ 2pm

Tuesday 22nd November – 11am ~ 2pm

Tuesday 6th December – 11am ~ 2pm

Tuesday 13th December – Step-Up-Day 9am ~ 2:20pm

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2022

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

July 19th – Prep 2023 Information Night

July 21st – Bush Day

July 25th – Lions Club Speeches Final

August 2nd – BHS Transition, Yr. 6

August 10th – School Photos

August 19th – KPS Athletics Carnival

August 23rd – Cluster Athletics @ Cohuna

August 25th – KTHS Transition, Yr.6

September 2nd – District Zone Aths Trials

September 12th – Mallee Zone Athletics

Assemblies

July 22nd – Year 4 presenting the Item

August 5th – Year 2/3 presenting the Item

August 26th – Year 1/2 presenting Item

Bush Day

Next Thursday 21st July we will be holding a bush day. Children may wear casual clothes suitable for the bush on Thursday. Prep/1 and Year 4/5 and 6 students will spend time in the bush from 9:00am -11:00am and Years 1/2 and 2/3 will spend time from 11:35am -1:35pm.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held at 3:00pm on the BV on Friday 22nd July. Year 4 will be presenting the item. Parents are welcome to attend.

LOTE- Language Other Than English

This term we are welcoming Millie Dean back to our teaching staff. Millie is going to take LOTE with all the students. We are going to introduce AUSLAN sign language to the students.

Athletics Dates

Koondrook Primary School Carnival – Friday 19th August
Mallee Plains Cluster Sport in Cohuna - Tuesday 23rd August
District Zone Trials in Kerang - Friday 2nd September
Mallee Zone in Kerang - Monday 12th September

Prep/1/2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

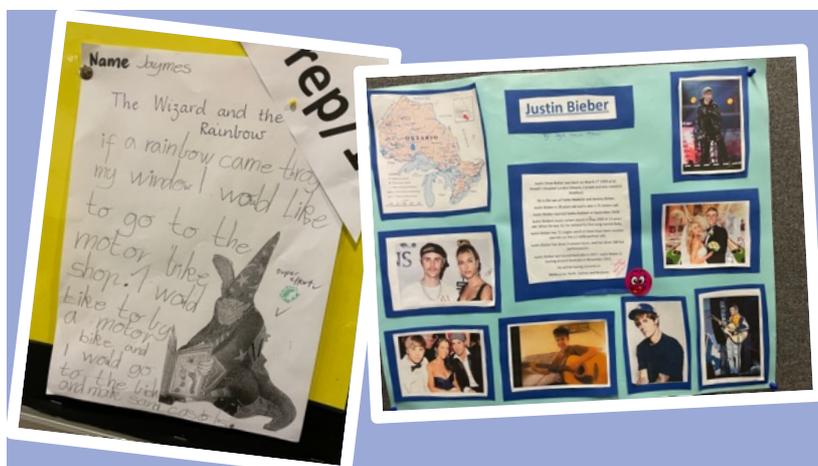
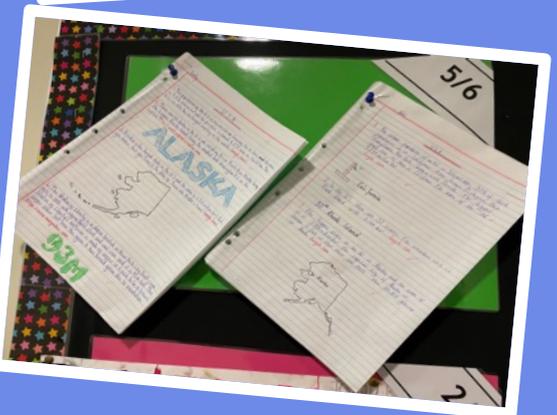
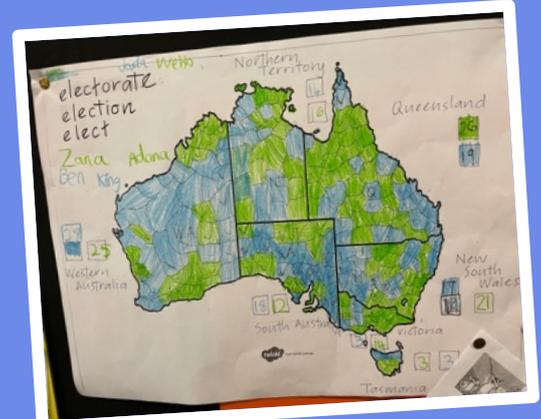
We are in the process of arranging an excursion for Prep/1/2 students to the Melbourne Zoo. We are just waiting for the zoo to get back to us with confirmation of dates. More information will be sent out as soon as possible.

Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

Last term 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. 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.



Child Safety and Wellbeing

Child safety and wellbeing at Koondrook Primary School information for families and the school community
The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

We have reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. All the policies to be updated have passed through the last School Council Meeting. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be uploading them to our school webpage. We are working on converting them to PDFs and checking the links.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the school on 54 532428.

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 to no 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 means that parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non- COVID-19 child to school 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.

Face Masks

Wearing a face mask can help protect you, your child/ren and those around you. Face masks stop droplets spreading when people talk, cough, sneeze and laugh, which lowers the chance of spreading or catching the virus. This information is especially important for those who are medically at risk.

The Victorian government's advice recommends people over 8 years of age wear a face mask in indoor settings, except for close contacts, who **must** wear a mask indoors unless an exception applies. If you wish your child to wear a mask at school, and/or they themselves wish to wear a mask, we will ensure they are supported to do that.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will continue to be available in our school in Terms 3 and 4.

RATs continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (5 negative tests over a 7-day period) or who have symptoms. The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms. Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

Vaccinations

Thank you also to all families who have got their child vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is easy and bookings can be done via the coronavirus website. If you have any questions about the vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your GP or a health practitioner. The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has updated its recommendations around fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccination. From Monday 11 July 2022, people over 30 years will be eligible for a fourth dose. ATAGI recommends that people aged 50 to 64 years should have their fourth dose, while those aged 30 to 49 years may choose to have a fourth dose.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support during this time.

Amanda Bradford

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- parenting
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Horses and bushfire – what do we know?

- 7:30 AEST Wednesday 20 July
- Kirilly Thompson, University of Newcastle
 - Andrew McLean, Equitation Science International
 - Chris Heslars, Veterinarian

Your vegetation – what you need to know

- 7:30pm AEST 10 August
- Kevin Tohurst AM, University of Melbourne
 - Justin Leonard, CSIRO
 - Peter Ashton, DELWP
 - Nick Guyett, Surf Coast Shire

Your last resort options

- 7:30pm AEST 24 August
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
 - Jim McLennan, La Trobe University
 - Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist

Why get kids involved in the family bushfire plan

- 7:30 AEST Wednesday 7 September
- Michelle Roberts, Australian National University
 - Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist
 - Brony Towers, Co-director, LEADRRR
 - Jane Hayward, Principal Strathewen Primary School

Understand your bushfire risk

- 7:30pm AEST 21 September
- Kevin Tohurst AM, University of Melbourne
 - Justin Leonard, CSIRO
 - Ian Bennetts, Bushfire Building Council of Australia

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