

# Assembly from 14/10/22



*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**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

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### Principal's Report

It continues to be a challenging time for our communities and these times bring out the best in our humanity as we work together to support each other as best we can. The slowly impacting floods, excessive rainfall, mosquitos, and bombardment of social media creates a lot of stress and anxiety.

I would like to thank Diesel and Steve who have spent many hours at school looking after the pump which is working hard to keep excess water out of the school ground along the levee bank.

Thanks also goes to Ben and his amazing team of CFA volunteers who have been monitoring the levee bank and the sand bags along the back of the school.

Thanks also to the SES volunteers, Koondrook Development Committee and the many parents and Koondrook Community members who have worked tirelessly to keep our community safe. Please reach out for support if you are impacted by the floods. There is support available and the school will do what we can to help you reach out to agencies that are there help and support you.

#### Welcome

We have a new student, Zofia Giorgio. We welcome her and her family to Koondrook Primary. Zofia has joined the Year 5 class.

#### Year 4/5/6 Camp

Year 4/5/6 students are heading off to a 3-day camp at Anglesea from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This camp is part of the Victorian Government Positive Start camps program and is provided with no cost to the school and students. Last week the children received a permission note and medical form that needs to be completed and returned to school.

### Dates to Remember

#### Term Dates 2022

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

#### School Dates to Remember

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Prep 2023 Transition 11am – 2pm

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Prep 2023 Transition 11am – 2pm

November 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> – Yr. 6 BHS Transition

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Curriculum Day

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Prep 2023 Transition 11am – 2pm

December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 9<sup>th</sup> – 5/6 Camp @ Burnside

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Step-Up Day

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 @ KTHS

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 Graduation

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Picnic on the Green

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day (Staff First Aid Training)

#### Assemblies

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2/3 to present item

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1/2 to present item

## **Condolences**

On the sad news of the passing of Barapa Barapa Elder, Aunty Esther Kirby OAM, Koondrook Primary School wish to extend our condolences to her family. We appreciate all the work Aunty Esther did for the community and we will miss her involvement within our school.

## **Prep 2023 Transition Day**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will welcome children starting school at Koondrook Primary in 2023 to their first transition day from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Children need to bring their morning tea, lunch, water bottle and a hat. Children may wear their school uniform or casual clothes.

## **Swimming Program**

This year our Swimming Program will be held during Week 10 and Week 11. Children in P/1/2/3 will attend 6 lessons and Year 4/5/6 children will attend 3 lessons due to camp. Pool entry will be \$2.50 (unless you have a season ticket for the pool) and bus cost will be \$2.00 per lesson. Lessons will take place from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

We would appreciate any parent helpers to run the program. Parent helpers will need a current Working with Children card. Parents are able to apply online for a free Working with Children card. If you can help with the swimming program please see Amanda. Dates for the swimming program are below:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm

## **Curriculum Days**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is a pupil free day. Teachers will be reviewing the current Annual Implementation Plan and developing our plan for 2023.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December is also a pupil free day. The staff at Koondrook Primary will be joining Murrabit Group School to complete First Aid training.

## **Year 6 Graduation Dinner**

Each year the Year 6 students celebrate the end of their Primary schooling with a dinner with family and staff. The students give a speech recalling their years of education, memories and fun times. The Graduation Dinner will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Tudor Tavern.

A DAY WITHOUT *LAUGHTER*



IS A DAY  
**WASTED!**





### Picnic on the Green

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will hold our Picnic on the Green celebration. For our new families, Picnic on the Green is where we celebrate the end of a school year with items performed by the students and Awards are given to the Grade 6 children for excellence in areas of Sport, Academic, Citizenship and the Trevor Gibson Award. Families can bring a picnic tea and everyone gathers on the grass. Hoping the mosquitoes won't be too bad!

*Amanda Bradford*



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## Check in on kids and teens



Provide support to the children and young people in your life.

- Listen and show empathy to their worries or concerns.
- Encourage them to spend time with friends and family.
- Limit their access to media coverage and join them in enjoyable activities:
  - playing board games
  - cooking
  - colouring in

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