

Assembly 25-11-22



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

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Principal's Report

Parent Contributions 2023

School Council have decided to keep parent contributions at \$160 per student for the 2023 school year.

It has been many years since we have raised our parent contributions for students' curriculum needs. The contributions pay for student stationary and books, subscriptions to computer programs such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Essential Assessment and Literacy Pro. They also pay our contributions to the MARC and MACC programs. Many schools ask parents to provide school books and stationary as well as one-to-one devices such as iPads and computers. They also charge a parent payment as well. A copy of the 2023 parent payment policy can be found on our webpage.

Step-Up Day

On Tuesday 13th December we are conducting a Step-Up Day. The 2023 Preps will attend their first full day at school. All students will step up and work with their 2023 class. This is a transition process in readiness for next year. Students attending Kerang Tech High in 2023 will be attending their final transition activity on this day too. This year MARC and PE will be still taking place on Transition Day.

Foundation/Prep Transition Program

On Tuesday 6th we will welcome the 2023 Prep students for their 3rd transition day from 11:00am-2:00pm.

School Council Dinner

The School Council will meet at Mates Hotel on Thursday night at 7:00pm for the School Council dinner.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2022

Term 4 ~ October 3rd – December 20th

School Dates to Remember

December 1st – Yr.3 Bendigo Discovery Centre Excursion
December 6th – Prep 2023 Transition 11am – 2pm
December 7th ~ 9th – 5/6 Camp @ Burnside
December 7th – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm
December 8th – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm
December 9th – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm
December 13th – Step-Up Day
December 13th – Yr. 6 KTHS Transition
December 14th – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm
December 14th – Yr. 6 Graduation
December 15th – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm
December 15th – Picnic on the Green
December 16th – Swimming 11:00am-1:00pm
December 19th – Curriculum Day (Staff First Aid Training)
December 20th – Last Day 2022. Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

End of Term

Our final day for 2022 will be on Tuesday 20th December. School will finish early at 1:30pm.

Staff for 2023

We are continuing to work on staffing for 2023. At this stage we are hoping to run 5 classrooms next year. I would like to congratulate Mrs Judith Warren on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher in 2023. We are still working on filling Education Support positions for the 2023 school year. Applications for this position closed yesterday. We will also be advertising for a person to fill a mental health/wellbeing role. On Monday 12th December we will let the children know what class they will be in for Step-up day. Hopefully this will be mostly settled however, classroom placements may change over the holidays. Mrs Warren will be joining us for Step-up Day on Tuesday. Staffing for 2023 at this point is as follows:

Amanda Bradford - Principal
Sophie Lake – Instructional Leader
Bernie Monaghan - Years 5/6
Keely Wilson - Years 4/5
Jude Warren – Years 2/3
Frith Selleck - Years 1/2
Rebecca Meek – Foundation/Prep
Leigh McLaren – PE
Millie Dean – LOTE - Auslan
Sally Bentley - MARC Art - Monday
Helen McLaren - MARC Library – Tuesday
Karen Naismith – ES - Teacher/Student Support, Library, Newsletter
Danielle Tuck – ES - Teacher/Student Support
Di Shier – ES - Teacher/Student Support
To be announced – ES - Teacher/Student Support
To be announced – ES - Teacher/Student Support - Mental Health and Wellbeing
Judi Ficken - Business Manager - Tuesday and Thursday
Anthony and Shane - Computer Technicians – Monday

Mrs Bartels is taking some long deserved long service leave during 2023 but has said she may be available for some CRT work.

Mrs Cummins is planning a couple of travelling holidays which we hope she enjoys. Hopefully between travels she may be available for CRT work as well.

So hopefully we will see both Kate and Kylie around the school next year.

COVID

Please be aware there is a rise in cases again in the area. Please make sure you continue to test your children if they have COVID symptoms.

The Education Department recommend that students who test positive isolate for 5 days and do **not** attend school until their symptoms have resolved. You need to notify the school as we still need to report cases on the portal.





1 December - 31 January

If you are aged 0 - 18, join the BIG Summer Read for your chance to WIN! All you need to do is read and log ten books using the Beanstack app, selecting your local library service. Scan the QR code above to register.



JOIN.

BORROW.

READ.

WIN!

@ your local library



Scan the QR code above for more information.



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5th Dec 4-5.30pm

12th Dec 4-5.30pm

14th Dec Pet session 5.30-6.30pm

17th Dec 10am-12pm*

18th Dec 2-4pm*

21st Dec Pet session 5.30-6.30pm

* both pet and/or children

@ The Little Blue Book Shop
Wellington St, Kerang

cost \$10

6x8in. (per photo)

extra copies \$5ea

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Photos taken by Tracy Roberts

NO BOOKINGS NECESSARY



Community RAT program

Thanks to the Victorian Government, free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are now available for priority and high-risk community members to collect at the following Gannawarra Shire Council-managed locations:

Cohuna Customer Service Centre
Kerang Customer Service Centre
Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang

You are eligible to collect RATs if you are 70 years or older, a Concession Card holder or person with a disability, immunocompromised or their carer.

Please show your concession, Seniors or disability card to staff to collect your free RATs or let them know you are 70 years or older or immunocompromised.

If you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please do not collect RATs until you are well. If you can't get to a location, a guardian or carer can collect your free RATs for you.



Free Rapid Antigen Tests

- Residents aged 70+ years
- Concession Card Holders
- Person with a disability, immunocompromised or their carer



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Value of the Week

Term Four Week Nine & Ten

Responsibility

For the next 2 weeks we are looking at **Responsibility**. The new fencing has been put up at the front of the school where the new kindergarten is going to be built. To show that we are responsible we can stay well away from the site. Make sure sports equipment doesn't end up in the fenced area and please avoid touching the fencing.



Swimming Program

This year our Swimming Program will be held over the next 2 weeks. Please make sure you have returned permission notes and payments. 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 7th December - 11:30am - 1:00pm

Thursday 8th December - 11:30am - 1:00pm

Friday 9th December - 11:30am - 1:00pm

Wednesday 14th December - 11:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 15th December - 11:00am - 1:00pm

Friday 16th December 11:00am - 1:00pm

- 11:00-11:30 Year 4
- 11:30-12:00 Year 2/3
- 12:00- 12:30 Year 1/2
- 12:30-1:00 Prep and Year 5/6

The children will travel to the pool by bus, leaving school 15 minutes before their lesson. As part of our sun smart policy all children will be required to wear a rashie or a t-shirt while swimming in the water. Children will get changed into their bathers at school and then change back at the end of the swimming session at the pool. They will need a bag to put their wet clothing into. Children will need bathers, towel, sun cream and goggles (if they want). Children with long hair will need to make sure their hair is tied up to help with their swimming.

Year 4/5/6 Anglesea Camp

On Wednesday 7th December the Year 4/5/6 students with Mr Monaghan, Miss Wilson and Mrs Lake are heading off to camp at Anglesea. We hope they have a wonderful 3 days at the beach. The bus is leaving school at 7:30am. Children need to be at school by 7:20am. Remember you need to bring morning tea, fruit, lunch and a water bottle.

Stay and Play

On Thursday 8th December the children in Years Prep/1/2 and 3 will be having a 'Stay and Play at school. After some afternoon tea the students will be involved in some planned activities and have a BBQ dinner, before being picked up at 6:30pm.

Smile Squad

The Smile Squad van will be back on 12th December to finish up the last few appointments.

Curriculum Day

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

Watering over the Holidays

During the holidays we need help watering the pot plants, vegetable garden, the gardens near the BV, the front of the school and the Preschool. It would be a shame if all our hard work wasn't cared for during the summer break. We are establishing a roster for the Summer holidays. If you can help out please send Amanda a text so we can establish a roster. At this stage I have **no helpers**.

School Captains 2023

The Year 5 students have been busy preparing their school captain speeches. On Monday 12th December the Year 5 students will present their school captain speeches to the students in Years 3-6. Miss Bradford, Mr Monaghan, Eve and Thomas will then hold short interviews with the students.

Working with Children Checks

There are often activities and excursions where we rely on parent help. As you are aware, in order to help out with any activities, all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. It is free to get one and you can apply online or go to the Post Office and apply there. They do take several weeks to process, so now is the perfect time to get one if you would like to help out next year. Thank you.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Each year the Year 6 students celebrate the end of their Primary schooling with a dinner joined by family and staff. This year's Graduation Dinner will be on Wednesday 14th December at Tudor Tavern.

Picnic on the Green

This is a family celebration on Thursday 15th December. The whole school will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. The Preschool students, staff and families will also be joining us this year. This will include the Award Presentations and Formal Announcements of the 2023 School Captains. Each class will perform an item. All families are invited to attend; bring your picnic meal and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by our students. Picnic time commences at 6:00pm, presentations and performances at 7:00pm. Please bring along plenty of repellent because the mossies are out in force this year.



KPS Library Books

If any students have borrowed books from the School Library can they please be returned. This is especially important for the year 6 students who won't be here next year. I would really appreciate you having a good look at home and return any books. Thank you. *Karen Naismith*

Amanda Bradford

MARC Library Books

It is that time of year again when it's time to return all the library books, so the books can be cleaned and a stock take done.

We have now finished borrowing. Please have a good look under beds and around the house for any MARC books. You might even find a book from a previous year, please bring that back too.

Below is a poster with the 2022 YABBA (Young Australians Best Book Awards) winners, chosen by young people. Are any your favourites? Thanks.

Helen McLaren (MARC Librarian)



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Adult Ticket \$90.0 (Early Bird \$80)	1 Adult	
Ticket/Student Pensioner \$60.00 (Early Bird \$50)	Full time student (Primary, High School or Uni)- student card to be presented for Uni, Aged Pensioner (Senior card not valid)	
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Please note: All pool rules are there for the safety of all pool patrons and to ensure that all swimmers can enjoy their time at the pool. Any suggestions or complaints should be sent in writing to The Koondrook Swimming Pool INC.