

# Farewell and Good Luck Year 6!



*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

As the end of Term 4 is nearing (and this is the last newsletter for 2022) it gives me time to reflect on the year. We have had a busy year with learning, excursions, sporting days and incursions; the year has flown by, I hope the holidays don't go as fast! It has been great that most activities have been able to take place this year.

Thank you to everyone in our community for your support and the interest that you take in our school. Your involvement with our school and students certainly helps to make KPS a special time and place for all our children.

Thank you to the School Council for their outstanding work and support of our school again this year. Their willingness to give their time, effort and care are vital in helping to make our school an exciting place to be. The School Council play a fundamental role in the running of our school, and their time and input is very much appreciated. It is fantastic to have such strong, vibrant people as part of our school community.

Our children continue to grow and thrive; academically, in the Arts and on the sporting field but also as really good young people – and that is a wonderful thing to be able to say.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped out this year whether it be in the classroom, on excursions, helping with swimming or sports; your help is very much appreciated. The school year ends on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December is a Pupil Free Day as staff are completing their First Aid Update with staff from Murrabit GS. I wish all families a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing all your bright smiling faces in 2023. School resumes in 2023 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January for all students. Teachers and Education Support Staff commence on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January and will be involved in professional learning on this day. The Prep students will have Wednesdays off for the first 4 weeks of term.

### Dates to Remember

#### Term Dates 2022

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

#### Public Holidays

#### School Dates to Remember

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

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

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

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day 2022. Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

January 27<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes for Staff

January 30<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes for Students



## Graduation

Tonight, the Year 6 students will celebrate completing their Primary School education at Koondrook Primary with family and teachers- past and present, with a dinner at Tudor Tavern. We hope they have a lovely night as they reflect on their Primary School Years.

## Goodbye

It is the end of the road at KPS for Eve, Emily, Lucy, Hazel, Caleb, Thomas, Dustin, Jakson and Hunter who are leaving us to head off to either Kerang Tech High School, Barham High School or Ballarat Grammar for their Secondary Education. We say goodbye to some of the families who are leaving us altogether after many years at Koondrook PS. Goodbye to the Walle, Lynch, Bohn and Pringle families. The Walle and Shepard family has had an amazing 20-year relationship with Koondrook PS. With Jayden starting way back in about 2000 and now Thomas graduating in 2022 it has been a long journey for them. Thank you to the many ways you have supported your children and the school over the years. Our best wishes go with you all.

## Picnic on the Green

This is a family celebration on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The whole school and the Preschool will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students. This will include the Award Presentations and Formal Announcements of 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 all of our students. Picnic time commences at 6:00pm, Presentations and performances at 7:00pm.

## Watering Roster

Attached to this newsletter is the watering roster for the holidays. **Thank you so much** to the families who volunteered to help out over the holidays. The tap key may be collected at the Post Office.

## Working with Children Checks

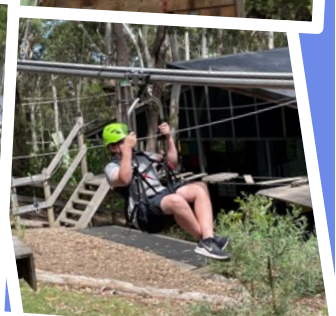
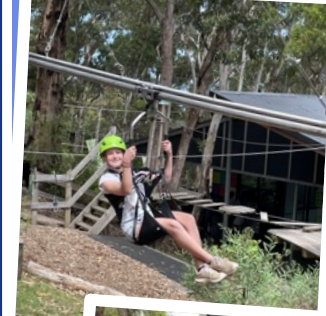
There are often activities and excursions where we rely on parent help. As you are aware, in order to help out with any activities, all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. It is free to get one and you can apply online or go to the Post Office and apply there. They do take several weeks to process, so now is the perfect time to get one if you would like to help out next year. We will be asking for parents to help with our reading and swimming programs, which will continue in Term 1.

## Reports

Teachers are busy finishing off the school reports, which will be sent home on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.







**Save the Date**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February the Billy Tea Bush Band will be spending the day at Koondrook Primary School teaching the children several Bush Dances. That night we hope that all families will join us for a picnic tea and Bush Dance.

**Dates for 2023**

Here are some dates that you might want to pencil into your calendars for next year:

- Cluster Swimming Sports - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Zone Swimming - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Swan Hill
- Zone Swimming Trials - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February (to be confirmed).
- NAPLAN commences Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Stomp Dance 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> March

*Amanda Bradford*

**4/5/6 Burnside Camp**

On the morning of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we left for Anglesea at 7:30am. We stopped a few times for lunch and recess, it was a long drive.

When we reached the Live Wire Park and put on our harnesses for safety, we one by one, went on the crazy, tree hitting, wobbly, high zip line, it was exhilarating! After that we went on four different courses in the trees. We had a snack and left for the camp.

We got to camp and put our stuff away. Then we had free time before dinner. Dinner was pasta bake, yum! We watched Wall-e the movie that night and then went to bed. It was a cold night. Morning was get up, have brekky then we went mini golfing. I got a hole in one!

After that the 5/6's went rock climbing. I made it to the top twice blind folded. Unfortunately, Jakson hit me on the head! We had archery after that, and Caleb hit the bullseye. The last thing was ziplining. It was fast and fun. Sadly, we left after that. The drive home was sleepy and tiring. We all went home exhausted.

*By Lucy*







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