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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

Next week is the final week of Term. WOW! Where did the time go? It is hard to believe our term is drawing to a close. School finishes for students at 1:35pm on Thursday 6th April. Well done to our amazing Prep students who have had a fantastic start to school!

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who have taken on leadership roles with enthusiasm and commitment. We are so fortunate to have such a committed group of staff at KPS who work tirelessly to ensure all students are supported to be the very best they can be. We also have parents who make our job as educators so much easier and who put so much effort into making KPS the best school.

Looking back over the previous 9 weeks, students have achieved many things this term. Some notable achievements have included: The Preps settling into the daily routine of school life, Swimming Sports, Stomp Dance, Billy Tea Bush Band and Year 3 and 5 completing the NAPLAN.

It has been very pleasing to see the students embracing all of the opportunities presented to them throughout the term. Well done Koondrook Primary! Looking ahead towards Term 2, we have many things on the agenda. Some of these include: ANZAC Day Service, Koondrook PS Cross Country, Grade 3 and 4 Cluster Camp to Camp Kookaburra, Lion's Club Speeches, Lightning Premiership, Year 6 Grip Leadership in Bendigo, Careers Week Activity and maybe even a Bush Day to name a few activities. Students return to school on Monday 24th April. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday, enjoys the Easter break and returns ready for a great term of learning.

Curriculum Day

There will be **no** school for students on Wednesday 5th April. Teachers and Support Staff will be participating in a maths day on place value and fractions run by Ana from Top Ten Maths.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 ~ January 30th – April 6th
Term 2 ~ April 24th – June 23rd
Term 3 ~ July 10th – September 15th
Term 4 ~ October 2nd – December 20th

Public Holidays

April 25th – ANZAC Day
June 12th – King's Birthday
November 7th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

April 3rd – Yrs.5/6 Bendigo Art Gallery Excursion
April 5th – Curriculum Day
April 6th – Easter Bonnet Parade
April 6th – Easter Raffle Drawn
April 6th – Last Day Term 1. Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm
April 24th – First Day Term 2
May 7th – Working Bee
May 10th – Yr.6 GRIP Leadership @ Bendigo
May 17th – Yr.6 Transition @ KTHS

Assemblies

March 31st – Yr. 2/3 providing the Item

Assembly

We have Assembly this week on Friday at 3:00pm on the BV. Year 2/3 are presenting the item.

Daylight Savings

This weekend we will get an extra hour of sleep as we turn **back** the clocks in the early hours of Sunday morning. Daylight saving time ends at 3am on Sunday morning.

Last Day Term 1

Thursday 6th April is the last day of Term 1. School will finish early on that day at 1:35pm. School resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April.

Year 5/6 Murray Plains Art Excursion

On Monday 3rd April Grades 5 and 6 from the five schools in the Murray Plains MACC program group will attend a day excursion to the Bendigo Art Gallery. This opportunity will enable students to experience an art museum and participate in workshops as part of the gallery's education program. Whilst at the gallery students will be exploring the way artists have captured what was uniquely Australian during different time periods and participating in an activity related to some of the artworks viewed and discussed as part of the Australiana: Designing a Nation exhibition. Students from Murrabit and Koondrook will be travelling by Swan Hill Bus Lines departing Koondrook at 9:10am and on to Bendigo to arrive for an 11am session at the art gallery. The bus will depart from Bendigo after a lunch break at 1pm arriving at Koondrook at 2:45pm. Students must bring along packed snacks, lunch and a water bottle in a small bag to consume during the day.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Easter eggs for our raffle and to those who have sold tickets. Thanks Mandy, for selling tickets in front of the supermarket yesterday. **All donations and raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Monday.** The raffle will be drawn after the Easter parade on Thursday.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle Draw

On Thursday 6th April (last day of term 1) at 9:00am we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade. Students can make a decorated bonnet or hat and wear to school. After the Parade we will draw the Easter raffle.

Year 3/4 Murray Plains Cluster Camp

The Year 3/4 students have received an initial note regarding the Year 3/4 Cluster Camp to Camp Kookaburra. **Notes need to be sent back by Tuesday next week.**

Working Bee

Please put Sunday 7th May in your Diary. We are holding a working bee at school and we need your help. There is painting to do, garden beds to tidy up, the old Preschool yard to get ready for the Prep class. Remember many hands make light work. We hope that many families can come along and lend a hand.

Year 6 Transition

Both Kerang Tech/High and Barham High Schools Year Level Coordinators have been out to speak to the year 6 students about Transition. Today, Year 6 students have been to Barham High for their first Transition Day. On Wednesday 17th May the Year 6 students will visit Kerang Tech High School.



SPECIAL LUNCH!!

ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO THE
GRADE 5/6
CANBERRA
EXCURSION

Thursday
April 6th
12:30pm



Sausage in Bread
and a Prima!
\$5.00



EXPLORE OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND JOIN IN THE FUN!



KERANG EASTER FESTIVAL

EASTER THURSDAY

Join us for
Live Music by Elias Lanyon,
CJ and His Puppets Show, Mini Golf by NDCHS,
Children's Easter craft activities by Kerang Neighbourhood House,
Children's Easter Bunny Hunt, roaming Easter Bunny,
Face Painting by Jenelle, Bake sale by Kerang Girl Guides,
Charlotte Piper and Mac's Shortbread Pop Up Shops,
and so much more!



EASTER SATURDAY

Come along to see
Live music by the 'Known Official'
featuring Deaken & Jeffrey Fawcett and Paul McNeish,
the roaming Easter Bunny, Children's Easter Bunny Hunt activities,
Charlotte Piper and Mac's Shortbread Pop Up Shops,
and all the fun of Easter!



Scan the QR code
for more information!

Easter Thursday & Easter Saturday



KERANG TRADERS INC.



Silly Sock Day



World Down Syndrome Day

It was wonderful to see so many children and staff wearing silly socks last Tuesday in support of Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

ANZAC Day

On Wednesday 25th April, we celebrate and remember the many men and women who have served our country in War. This year the ANZAC ceremony will commence at the Cenotaph in Barham at 11:00am before the march to the Koondrook RSL Hall. I hope that we will have students and their families representing the school by attending the ceremony and participating in the march and wreath laying. Students participating in the march need to be at the Cenotaph in Barham at 10.45am. Some parents to accompany the students on the march would be appreciated. School uniform must be worn.

Holiday Reading Challenge

During the holidays we will be running the reading challenge to encourage kids to keep reading. The Challenge Sheet will be sent home with students to be filled in when they read over the holidays. The sheet will then need to be returned to school on the first day back for Term 2 (it would be a good idea to keep it in the green reader bag). Students who read 10 nights or more will go in a draw to win a book of choice from the Scholastic Book Club catalogues.

Stomp Dance

Wow! What a week we had last week with Kira and Lizzie from Stomp. It was wonderful to see the way the students joined in the dances each day. Thank you, Club Barham for donating the funds to bring the program to our district schools. Thank you to Michelle Howard who put in the work to write the application for the funding and then coordinating the week. The students really enjoyed the dancing and the performances at CCS were fantastic!

Winter Uniform

Now is a good time to order winter uniform if you need to. We don't have a lot in stock at school due to storage space, so if you need to order items you can download an order form from our website or get one from the office. We do have available on our uniform list a waterproof, polar fleece lined jacket for anyone interested.

Grip Leadership Conference

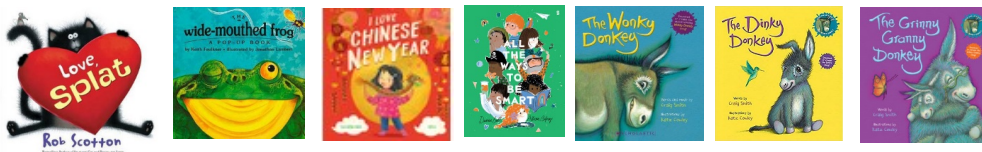
The Gannawarra Shire has organised for the Year 6 students to join a special trip of students from the schools in the Shire to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Bendigo Stadium on Wednesday 10th May. The GRIP Leadership Conference combines presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment to assist students to think about themselves and their leadership role within their school community. Students are required to wear school uniform and bring a packed morning tea, lunch, a drink bottle and a snack to eat on the bus on the way home. Students will attend the conference together on a chartered bus from Lakes Coaches. Gannawarra Shire Council is covering the cost of admission to the conference for all students and staff attending as well as paying for the Lakes Coach. We will be departing Koondrook Primary at 6:15am and returning at around 4.45pm. A permission note will be sent out next term.

MARC (Mobile Area Resource Centre) Library News

Term 1

This term we have been looking at caring for library books – **keep them away from food and drinks, put your books in a separate compartment to your drink bottle**, put them up high away from younger siblings and pets, have clean hands when reading, carry carefully and turn pages with care and use a library bag. So many books have been damaged by water accidentally spilling on the books or drink bottles leaking in bags. The pages all go crinkly, then go mouldy and need to be thrown out. Please can you enforce this rule at home, as I have already had books returned where a drink bottle leaked in a student's bag. Books are very expensive, please look after them.

Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students have also been looking at the author Craig Smith, who writes the Wonky Donkey series. We have listened to the songs sung by Craig Smith and watched video clips of the songs. We read the book 'Love, Splat' on Valentines Day. We read 'The Wide Mouthed Frog' as well as reading the book 'All the Ways To be Smart' and talked about this at the beginning of the year. We looked at Chinese New Year – The Year of the Rabbit and have completed activities.



The Grade 3,4,5 & 6's looked at the 40th Anniversary of Ash Wednesday. We read some of the following books 'Burnt Out' (about Ash Wednesday) and 'Bushfire' (about Black Saturday). We talked about the differences between the two devastating fires. We looked at Chinese New Year and made lanterns. We made book marks that the students can use throughout the year. We discussed the Barefoot Investor – Scott Pape's new book for children. We have been looking at David Walliams books. They learnt that he is not only an author, but an actor, comedian and judge on Britain's Got Talent and Australia's Got Talent.



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