

CROSS

COUNTRY



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

May 10th, 2023

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Principal's Report

Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who turned up on Sunday morning for our working bee. The arbour now has a roof which may add a little protection from the weather elements. This was one job completed. Thank you to Diesel, Seamus, Cindy, Danielle, Mike, Bec, Bernie, Steve and Jimmy for coming along to complete a few jobs around the school. They also managed to finish painting the front fence, give the old Preschool fence a lick of paint, cut up some wood and complete some pruning.

Prep 2024 Information Night

There will be an information session for parents and carers of children wishing to start Prep/Foundation in 2024, on Tuesday 30th May at 6pm. 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

We look forward to meeting new and old families and welcoming you to the KPS community. Please call the school if you are unable to attend if this time does not suit.

Assembly

Year 5/6 will perform the Item at Assembly on Friday 19th May at 3:00pm on the BV.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2023

Term 2 ~ April 24th – June 23rd

Term 3 ~ July 10th – September 15th

Term 4 ~ October 2nd – December 20th

Public Holidays

June 12th – King's Birthday

November 7th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

May 10th ~ 12th – Yr. 3/4 Camp Kookaburra

May 16th – Mallee Division Cross Country @ Swan Hill

May 15th – School Council Meeting 7:30pm

May 17th – Yr.6 KTHS Transition

May 24th – Open Day, 12pm-1:35pm

May 30th – Prep 2024 Information Night @ 6pm

June 2nd – Yr. 5/6 Lightning Premiership

June 9th – Curriculum Day

June 13th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition

Assemblies

May 19th – Year 5/6 to do item

School Council

The next School Council meeting is on Monday 15th May at 7:30pm in the 4/5 room.

Cross Country

We had a great day for the Cross Country on Friday. It was great to see the children showing the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, trying hard and participating to make sure they did their best. Congratulations to Murray for winning the trophy this year. Thank you, Mr Mon, for all the time you put in to organising the Cross Country. "Thank You" to all the parents who helped with the checkpoints along the track and those who came along to support the children as they participated in the Cross Country. Without the support of the teachers and parents, days like the Cross Country would not be able to run. The winners in each age group were:

| Cross Country Winners | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Year Level | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Prep | <i>Girls</i> | Savannah | Chikarly | Mae |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Sonny | Mason | Elliott |
| Yr. 1 | <i>Girls</i> | Paige | Hazel | Sienna |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Charlie F | George M | Connor |
| Yr. 2 | <i>Girls</i> | Mahli | Charli | Evelyn |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Freddie | Jaymes | Kai |
| Yr. 3 | <i>Girls</i> | Stella | Indi S | Amy |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Archie | Flynn | Tommy R |
| 10 Yrs. | <i>Girls</i> | Indigo M | Frida | Pippa |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Jimmy | Tommie | Braxton W |
| 11 Yrs. | <i>Girls</i> | Bella L | Indigo C | Tilly T |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Taj | Gus R | Eddie |
| 12 Yrs. | <i>Girls</i> | Gypsy | Skye | Zofia |
| | <i>Boys</i> | Noah | Tommy B | Charlie T |

Mallee Division Cross Country

We have 17 students who have qualified to represent the school at the Mallee Division Cross Country in Swan Hill on Tuesday 16th May. The event is at Riverside Park in Swan Hill - this is the park at the river opposite the swimming pool. The students who qualified are:

Stella, Indi S, Amy, Flynn, Tommy R, Indigo M, Frida, Jimmy, Archie, Tommie, Bella L, Taj, Gus R, Eddie, Zavier, Noah and Tommy B.

Children must be at the event **at least 30 minutes before** the scheduled starting time. We must keep to the time schedules. No exception or waiting will be permitted. Timetable:

| Marshalling for first event - : 10.40am | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 11.00am | 12/13-year-old girls | 11.20am | 12/13-year-old boys |
| 11.40am | 11-year-old girls | 12.00pm | 11-year-old boys |
| 12.30pm | 10-year-old girls | 12.45pm | 10-year-old boys |
| 1.00pm | 9-year-old girls | 1.20pm | 9-year-old boys |

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Friday 9th June. Teachers will be writing reports.





Miss Dean's Wedding

Congratulations Millie and Chester on your wedding last Friday.

Year 3/4 Camp

Grades 3 and 4 headed off to camp this morning until Friday 12th May. They travelled by bus to Camp Kookaburra, Corop.

Camp Kookaburra is an outdoor adventure camp. Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including: Canoeing, Archery, Orienteering, Low ropes course, Initiative course, Bush cooking, Raft building, Walk to Lake Cooper, and a Night reflector walk. The students will also develop their social skills as they interact with students from their own and other schools in the cluster (Gunbower, Koondrook, Leitchville, and Murrabit). We're sure they'll have a great time and arrive back on Friday, tired and with a lot of stories to tell!

Open Day

We will be welcoming families and friends to Koondrook PS on May 24th for our Open Day. Classroom visits will start at 12pm and run through to 1:35pm. After that you can join us with a BYO picnic lunch until 2pm. The students really enjoy showing their families what they do at school so we hope to see you there!

KTHS Transition

On Wednesday 17th May the Year 6 students will attend the first transition day at KTHS. I expect all the children to attend this day. It is good for the children to see what each of the secondary schools have to offer and see what new opportunities they will be able to take up in the next stage of their education. I have asked Zoe Ferrier to send me bus passes for the students.

Uniforms

Please be reminded that uniform is compulsory at school. As the weather is getting cooler now, **all** children must have a jumper at school each day. Please make sure that all jumpers are **named**, it makes it easier to find the owners. We do ask everyone to check your jumper supply at home in case your child has taken home the wrong jumper by mistake. We have our weatherproof coats that are fleecy lined. If you would like to purchase a jacket please see Mrs Ficken on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Wanted

Does anyone have a largish mat/rug/carpet square that they're not using and we could borrow? The floor is very cold for the children to sit on but, more importantly, the noise in the room is terrible! There's nothing to absorb it! The old Preschool will be getting a face lift soon and carpet will be added, but until then we really need a mat if anyone has one.

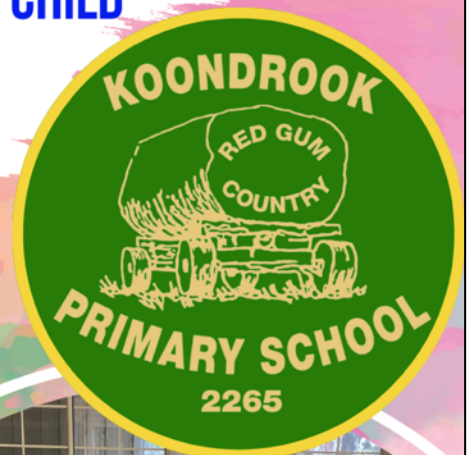


PREP 2024 INFORMATION NIGHT

**TUESDAY
MAY 30TH
6PM**

**SEE WHAT WE CAN
OFFER YOUR CHILD**

- ▶ **Comprehensive curriculum with a strong focus on Literacy and Maths**
- ▶ **Specialist Programs including MACC Art, MARC Library, P.E. and LOTE**
- ▶ **Information on the Preschool to School Transition Program**
- ▶ **Tour of the School**



NURSE



ENGINEER



ATHLETE



DESIGNER



FIRE FIGHTER



ARTIST



DENTIST



TEACHER



VET



ACTOR



POLICE OFFICER



ZOOKEEPER



DETECTIVE



WRITER



**WHEN I GROW UP
I WANT TO BE A**

.....?.....

**DRESS UP
OR
WEAR AN ITEM THAT
RELATES TO YOUR
DREAM CAREER!**

**FRIDAY 19 MAY
2023**



PILOT



JUDGE



DOCTOR



SCIENTIST



MUSICIAN



CHEF



National Careers Week - Dress Up Day

Next week is Careers Week. There are many different careers children can choose to do as they become adults. There are many traditional fields and many new areas of employment as well. By the time the students are young adults there may be even more choices for them to follow. Some people even like to have many different career opportunities in their lives. On Friday 19th May we would like the children to come to school dressed up as 'What I want to be when I grow up!'

COVID reminder

With flu season upon us, here is a timely reminder about current Covid regulations:

Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Please let the school know if this is the case. Please note that schools do not need to notify the relevant classes anymore.

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

RATs are available from the front office if needed. The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for at least 7 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

Attitude to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at our school with grades 4/5 and 6 from 17th May to the 5th June 2023. A note with information regarding this survey will be sent home with the grades 4/5 and 6 children.

Amanda Bradford



Foster Care Information Sessions

Being a foster carer is one of the most significant and impactful contributions you can make to a community.

There are various types of foster care including respite, emergency, long-term and short-term care, all of which play a critical role in supporting vulnerable children and families in need.

For those seeking more information about how to become a foster carer, we invite you to attend one of our information sessions.

Details

Mon 22nd May 5:30pm

Wed 24th May 2pm

Wed 14th June 5:30pm

Fri 23rd June 2pm

Where

Mallee Family Care
299 Beveridge St, Swan Hill VIC 3585

RSVP

Tracey Davis: tdavis@malleefamilycare.com.au

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