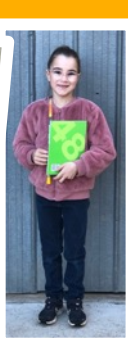


When I Grow Up I Want To Be A....



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 24th, 2023

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Principal's Report

Over the last week we have celebrated Education Week and 'Active Learners, Move, Make, Motivate'. We recognise and applaud the quality of the work done by teachers, support staff and principals in all of our schools every day. Last week was also Careers week as well as ES week. We say a big thank you for our wonderful Educational Support Staff: Judi, Danielle, Karen, Mandy, Di, Sarah and Rianna. We are so lucky to have your support in the classrooms and around the school. It was also great to see the children dressed up as what they would like to be when they grow up. Thank you to Mrs Grainger from Barham High who organised the week and provided resources for the teachers to use with the children during class last week.

Outside School Hours Care

All families have been given a survey for out of school hours care. If there is enough interest in such a service, we can explore if this is something we could offer at Koondrook Primary School. Surveys need to be back by next Monday. If there is enough demand the next step would be to put in an application for funding.

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.

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 30th – Prep 2024 Information Night @ 6pm

June 2nd – Yr. 5/6 Lightning Premiership

June 5th – Regional Cross Country @ St Arnaud

June 5th – School Nurse Visit

June 9th – Curriculum Day

June 13th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition

June 13th – School Nurse Visit

Assemblies

June 16th – Preps to do item



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 24th May to the 5th of June 2023.

Winter Sports

The Year 5/6 students will be participating in a winter sports day (Lightning Premiership) on Friday 2nd June at Riverside Park in Kerang. The sports on offer will be football, netball and T-Ball. They will travel to Kerang by bus leaving school at 9:00am and returning to school by 3:30pm. The cost of the bus will be \$5. Permission notes have been sent home with the students.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Mallee Zone Cross Country last week. You all should be very proud of your achievements.

On Tuesday 5th June, we wish Bella, Taj, Gus, Eddie and Jimmy all the best as they travel to St Arnaud to participate in the Regional Cross Country.

School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on June 5th and 13th this year.

Prep Grade Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before June 9th. **If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse,** please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to June 9th, 2023. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form. Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

Year 5/6 Canberra Trip

The next instalment towards the cost of the Canberra Excursion is due. Please pay \$150 before the end of Term 2. As fundraising is still happening, we don't yet have the total cost, but we will let you know when we do.





Works on Old Preschool and Portable

Over the next couple of weeks, we expect work to commence on the old preschool building. Under the inclusive program work they will change the old toilets in the preschool into a disabled toilet with shower and a change table. They will also build a new decking on the portable with a ramp. Once these works have been completed, we will be having the inside of the preschool painted and carpet laid. The idea is this room will be used as the Prep Classroom.

Careers Dress-Up Day

It was Dress Up as Your Favourite Career Day on Friday. We had a wide range of careers covered with vets, police, teachers, motor cross riders, professional gamers, golfers, farmers, writers, game developers, fisherman, footballers, paramedics, soldiers, netballers, firefighters, a butcher, artists, equestrians, coaches, builders, architects, dog walkers, nurses, doctors/surgeons, zookeepers, a singer, a photographer, a magician, soccer star and even a tooth fairy and a butterfly. The Pre-schoolers came over and joined in the fun too.

Prep bags 2023 survey

Have your say about this year's Prep bags in a short survey, closing Sunday 9th July.

Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a bag full of goodies to celebrate this milestone in their education journey. The information and educational resources in the bags are designed to help Prep students and their families thrive from the start of Term 1.

The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to participate in a short survey about the 2023 Prep bags, by 5 pm on Sunday 9th July 2023.

Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2024. You can have your say at:

[2023 Prep Bags – Evaluation Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023PrepBags-Families) or -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023PrepBags-Families>

The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous. For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to [Prep bags](https://www.vic.gov.au/prep-bags) or - <https://www.vic.gov.au/prep-bags>

Curriculum Day

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

Assembly

The next Assembly will be on Friday, June 16th. The Preps will be doing the item.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On the 10th of May all of the grade 6's went to Bendigo for the GRIP leadership conference. It was a very successful day. It was fun and all of us grade 6's had a very good time. We did a whole heap of activities including Hunted, Thumbs Up Thumbs Down and a lot more activities. We learnt a lot for this year to remember, including thinking of others first and W.H.Y and many more fun things. We learnt a lot about leadership including how to be a good leader and what it takes. Thank you to the Gannawarra Shire for making the day possible for all the local schools by providing the buses and getting us there.

By Skye

Camp Kookaburra

On May 10th the year 3 and 4 students headed off to Camp Kookaburra. Everyone had fun and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. Here are some of their thoughts.

I liked how you felt like you were flying on the flying fox and the low ropes course – Stella

It felt amazing when you dropped on the big swing. I also liked having fun with the teachers – **Amy**

I enjoyed the bouldering – Brylee

The cabins were beautiful – **Hector**

I loved the bouldering, it was exhilarating – Archie

I loved the canoeing, you could go all around the dam – George T

I liked the night walk, we could go around and find things with our torches – Finn

I liked all the dinners and desserts planned for us – Tommy R

I liked the archery, shooting a bow and arrows – Nate

I liked toasting the marshmallows – Braxton M

I liked the flying fox because you went fast down – Shanali

I liked all the games we played like Gaga Ball, Tennis, the big swing, flying fox and having fun in the cabins – Tommie
My favourite things were the big swing and Gaga Ball – Pippa

I loved the big swing, even though it made you feel weird. I didn't expect it to go up when you jumped off – Willow

I liked being in a cabin with my friends – Jimmy

I liked the nice dinners – Emersyn

I liked being in the cabin with my friends too, it was fun – Charlie

I loved staying up late with my friends and hiding when the teachers came – Braxton W

Camp Kookaburra





NDIS Service Provider

Mental health

Psychosocial support, Peer support

Respite care, Assistance to and

from appointments

Cleaning services

Resilience training

Activities day trips and outings

Advocacy

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Stay Well This Winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

[Annual influenza vaccination](#) is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the [National Immunisation Program](#) for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our School Community Well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or [Nurse-on-call](#) as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program](#).

COVID-19 Booster

The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose. You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the [vaccine clinic finder](#) or –

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services?origin=vfc>

Find Out More

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

- [Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet](#) or - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/flu-influenza-immunisation>
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza](#) or - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/getting-vaccinated-against-influenza-resource-collection?language=und#-information-for-consumers>

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