

Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking Competition



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Koondrook Primary School

KPS: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

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Principal's Report

End of Term

Although this term we have only had 9 weeks instead of the usual 10-week term it has been a very busy term and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a break. This term, as well as our classroom learning we have participated in the Cross Country at a local, district and regional level, Year 3/4 students attended Camp Kookaburra, Year 5/6 Winter Sports - Netball and football, Lions Club Speeches, Year 6 Grip Leadership, visits to KTHS and Barham High for Year 6 transition, Crazy Hair Dress Up Day, ANZAC Day March, Teacher Buddy lunch activities and we held our Open Day.

Term 2 will finish at 1:35pm on Friday. I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3 starting on Monday 10th July.

Wood Auction

Thank you, Tim and Lorraine, for the generous donation of wood for us to auction to raise funds for the 5/6 Canberra Camp. The successful bid was made by Dean Lake at \$1950. Thank you to all who bid on our Facebook page.

Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking Competition

We enjoyed an enthralling morning of speeches, turning into giants and sharing various Guinness World Records. We thank Geoff, Graeme and Ruth from the Lion's Club for judging and sharing their years of experience with public speaking. We congratulate Emersyn as the Winner and Emma as Runner up from Grade 4, and Adeline as the Winner and Arkie as the Runner up from Year 5/6 for getting through to the next level which will be held at the Koondrook Barham Lion's Club dinner on Monday 24th July. Well done to all students for preparing great speeches and learning public speaking skills with confidence.

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

November 7th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

June 23rd – Bush Day

June 23rd – Last Day Term 2, Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm

July 10th – First Day Term 3

July 13th – Second Hand Uniform Sale

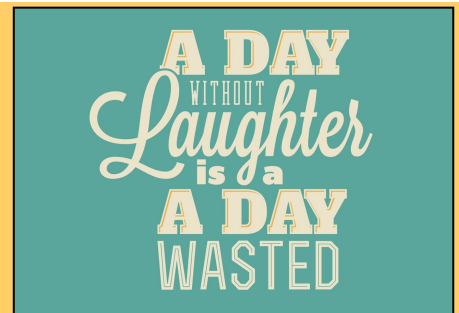
July 24th – Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking

August 9th – School Photos

August 15th – Murray Plains Cluster Athletics @ Cohuna

August 16th – P/1/2 Pioneer Settlement Excursion @ Swan Hill

August 18th – Koondrook PS Athletics



Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports have been sent home this week. The teachers have spent a significant amount of time preparing these and I would like to thank them for compiling very comprehensive, individual reports. Please ensure that you spend time with your child going through the report, sharing your child's achievements and accomplishments for this semester. Please read the reports and then **send back to school** after the holidays so that the Semester 2 Reports can be added at the end of the year.

Monday Lunch Orders

There is a new lunch order menu attached to the newsletter to start next term. Large pies and sausage rolls have been added as well as a couple of specials, hash browns and BBQ chicken pizzas.

Reading Challenge

Once again, we are conducting the Holiday Reading Challenge over these school holidays. Children who read for 10 nights or more and have the sheet signed will go into a draw to win a book of their choice from the book club catalogue. Reading sheets have been sent home today.

Uniforms

Just a reminder that leggings are not part of the school uniform. We have three different types of track pants for the students to choose from as well as skorts, shorts, dresses and tights. The uniforms we sell at school we sell at cost.

Uniform Sale

We have a number of second-hand uniforms available. We will have a uniform sale on Thursday 13th July.

School Photos

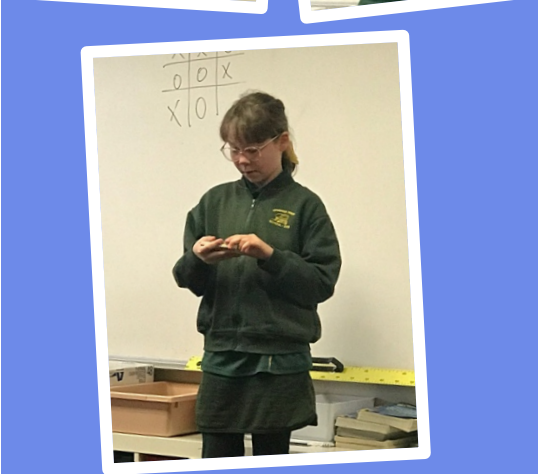
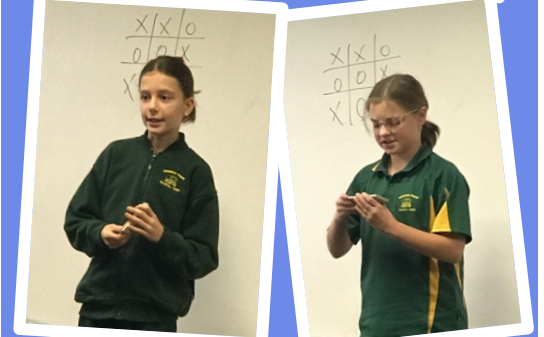
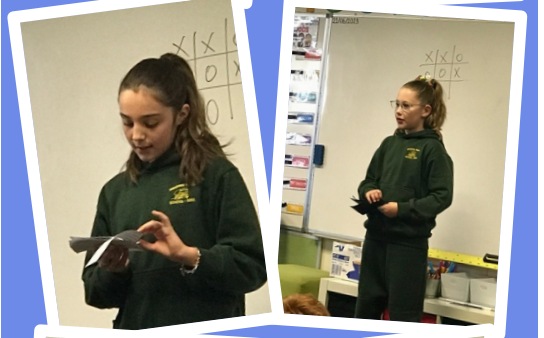
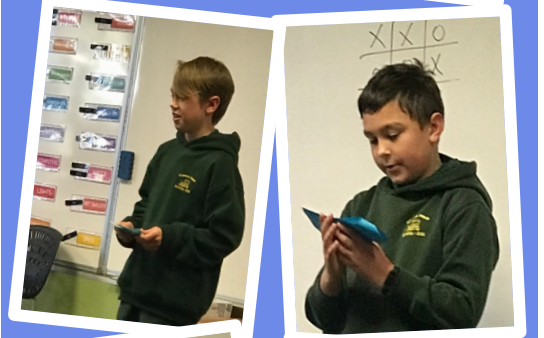
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 9th August. Order forms will be sent out next term.

Prep/1/2 Excursion to Pioneer Settlement

On Wednesday 16th August we are heading to the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement for the Prep/1/2 excursion. We will be leaving school at 8:00am and will return to Koondrook by 4:30pm. We are travelling to Swan Hill by Lakes Coaches. The cost of the excursion will be \$45 per student. If you have CSEF money you may use this to cover the cost of the excursion. The children will need to bring fruit snack, morning tea, lunch and a bottle of water. The children will participate in a rotation of a variety of activities such as rope making, lamington, peg dolls, Black Smith, butter churning, toys and games, Aboriginal Culture, horse and cart rides. The children may bring \$5 to spend at the General Store. Permission notes will be sent home with the children next term.

Evacuation Drills

Each term we are required to practise one evacuation drill. Last Friday we practised our Evacuation drill. The Preschool children also joined us as we practiced the drill. All the students did a great job by responding in a very calm and orderly manner.



Students of the Term



MACC News Term 2

Wow! We are already halfway through the year! We have been very busy in Art, exploring ways to present some ideas about the Murray River - Dhungala.

The unit was introduced with a quick look at the history of river through books that included some indigenous stories about the river's origins. We have been focusing on paddle steamers with the 100th year celebration of Koondrook's Alexander Arbuthnot coming up later this year. Students drew paddle steamers and Prep - Grade 4 finished them inspired by Queensland artist Jet James. Grade 5/6 viewed an image of a painting by Brian Williams that was recently exhibited in Cohuna and used water colour paints to complete the process of making these artworks. Other activities included making a steampunk inspired paddle wheel or paddle steamer, or a diorama based on black and white photos. If students completed this they have had the opportunity to use some beautiful Australian colours to paint landscape responses to Mallee Sky (a picture book), or responses to NSW artist Kirsten Chambers or the renowned Australian artist John Olsen.

Ms Sally Bentley
Murray Plains MACC
Art Teacher

Long Service Leave

Mr Monaghan will be taking long service leave for the first 2 weeks next term. Mrs Bartels will be teaching the Year 5/6 class during this time.

Cluster Athletic Sports

The Murray Plains Cluster Athletic Sports will be held on Tuesday 15th August at the Cohuna Number 2 Football Oval.

Koondrook PS Athletics

Our own Koondrook PS Athletics will be held on Friday 18th August. More information next term.

Visiting Work Experience

This week we welcome Summer from St Joseph's College to Koondrook PS for Work Experience. She has settled in seamlessly and is interacting well with all the students.

Book Week

During week 7 next term we will be celebrating Children's Book Week. The students will be writing, illustrating and publishing their own books. We will have an Author visit on Wednesday 23rd August and plans are to hold a Book Parade on Thursday 24th August with Barham Primary. More details will be sent home next term.

Good Guys Grant - Breakfast Club

We have been accepted back into the Breakfast Club program. We will be able to order fruit and a variety of other items to support the children here at Koondrook Primary. Over the last week we have had a number of deliveries of various electrical kitchen appliances. Thank you to the Food Bank Breakfast Program and Good Guys for their \$2000 grant. We will put a variety of appliances to excellent use at school for breakfasts, cooking and class activities.

Nit and Head Lice Checks

Please continue to check for nits and head lice as we have had several reported cases. Keep up the follow up checks, combing and treatment as necessary.

Amanda Bradford



Family FUN DAY

FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT



ROCK CLIMBING WALL - MINI GOLF -
DISC GOLF - TABLE TENNIS

KERANG

KERANG COMMUNITY MARKET
SAT 24TH JUNE
9.30AM - 1.30PM
ATKINSON PARK KERANG

COHUNA

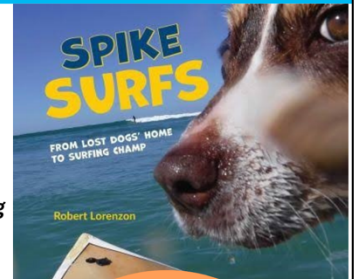
COHUNA FARMERS &
MAKERS MARKET
SUN 25TH JUNE
9.00AM - 1.00PM
GARDEN PARK COHUNA

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SPECIAL EVENT Children's Author Talk



"When Rob first chose me (Spike the dog) at the Lost Dogs' Home, he didn't know I was going to become a surfing champion. Find out how I did it."



Meet Spike and his owner and share this story of friendship and devotion.

Suitable for the whole family.

Light refreshments provided.

Kerang Library
2.00pm
Monday, 3 July

Bookings essential
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FREE

NETSTARS NETBALL CLINICS



KERANG

DATE: Wednesday 5th July 2023
TIME: 9am - 3pm
AGES: 7 - 14 years old
VENUE: Kerang Stadium,
Maxwell Street, Kerang
COST: \$85 per participant



Every participant receives a Netstars T-shirt



Bookings essential and only a limited number of spaces available - book now to avoid missing out

Book Online: www.netstarsnetball.com.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Watercolour and Collage
5+
Kerang - 10.30am
Wednesday, 28 June



Mechanical Toys
5+

Cohuna - 10.30am
Thursday, 29 June
Kerang - 10.30am
Tuesday, 4 July



Children's Author Visit
Suitable for whole family

Kerang - 2.00pm
Monday, 3 July



Phone to book.
Adults to accompany children.

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