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Sports

Afternoon



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

Welcome back to Term Three, I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break. This is the term that we start to see the days lengthen and the weather improve. I'd also like to welcome Maddie McCarthy, Ebony and Ava Schneider to Koondrook Primary.

Thank you, Diesel, for always having the grounds looking fantastic and to Kathy for making sure the school is nice and clean for the students and staff.

During the holidays work commenced on the ramp and decking in front of the portable. Although not complete, we are able to use it to access the classrooms and it looks fantastic. Work is also continuing on the old preschool. The painter was there today painting the toilet ready for the fit out. Once all the works are completed the whole building will be painted and carpet will be installed.

A busy term of learning and activities will take place with school photos, Athletic Sports, Prep/1/2 Excursion to Pioneer Settlement, Lions Club Public Speaking Competition, Year 6 Transition days and Book Parade. We are also hoping to have a Bush Day on the 4th August but that will now depend on the river which is rising again. The Murray Plains Cluster Athletic Sports are on Tuesday 15th August and our KPS Athletics will be held on the 18th August. The Book Parade celebrating Book Week is on Thursday 24th August. Adeline, Arkie, Willow and Emersyn will compete in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition on Monday 24th July. We wish them all good luck.

Report Folders

Just a reminder to please return report folders as soon as possible so that we can add the second semester reports later in the year.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2023

Term 3 ~ July 10th – September 15th

Term 4 ~ October 2nd – December 20th

Public Holidays

November 7th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

July 13th – Second Hand Uniform Sale

July 24th – Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking

August 4th – Bush Day

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

August 24th – Book Parade

Assemblies

July 21st – Year 2/3 to do item

you don't have
to be perfect
to be amazing.

School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 17th July at 6:30pm.

Holiday Reading Challenge

Many of our students participated in the reading challenge over the holidays. Our winners will be announced next week, but I think everyone who read over the holidays is a winner for keeping up their own reading skills.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 21st July at 3:00pm on the BV. Year 2/3 will be presenting the item. Parents are welcome to attend.

Prep 2024 Enrolment

Enrolment packs are now available for collection from the office. Enrolment forms are due by Friday 28th July.

Upcoming Changes to NAPLAN Reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17th July 2023 for students in Year 3 and 5, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Head Lice

We have had cases of head lice. Could parents please regularly check your children's hair and treat if necessary.





Stay Well This Winter

In Victoria, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection numbers are high among children aged 5 to 11 years, particularly in those in their first few years of school. The Victorian Department of Health expects more respiratory infections over Term 3.

Most children with flu or RSV have a mild fever, runny nose or cough. Some children, particularly babies and children with underlying medical conditions, may have more severe illness.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to:

- wash and sanitise their hands regularly
- avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- stay at home if unwell and consult a general practitioner (GP) or NURSE-ON-CALL as needed
- stay up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school has masks for staff, students and visitors if they want to wear them.

Flu vaccinations

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting the flu. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. As part of the National Immunisation Program, it is free for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- people aged 6 months or older with underlying medical conditions.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs, pharmacies or your local council immunisation service.

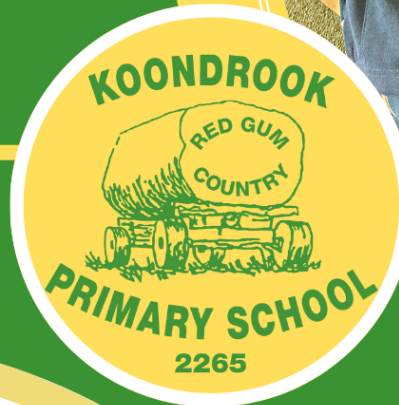
Find out more

For more information about staying safe this winter, refer to:

- Stay well this winter on the Better Health Channel, translated into 16 languages
- Influenza and immunisation on the Better Health Channel
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) on the Better Health Channel
- Getting vaccinated against influenza.

Amanda Bradford

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



THURSDAY
13
JULY

We are having a sale of good quality, second-hand uniforms. If you are after some uniform pieces, come in on Thursday 13th July and see what is on offer.

- ✓ **Good Quality**
- ✓ **Pants and Jumpers**
- ✓ **Shorts & Polo Shirts**

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