

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**

#### August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **Principal's Report**

#### **Computers**

We have a number of Mac Book Air computers for sale for \$300. Please see Amanda if you are interested.

#### Tea Towel Fundraiser

We are running a tea towel fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with students to purchase either one tea towel for \$20 or three for \$50.

The tea towels are a great keepsake as they have a hand drawn image by each student who was here at the time. If you are interested in purchasing, orders and money are due back by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Prep/1/2 Excursion to Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August (next week), P/1/2 students will be heading to the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement.

The bus will be leaving Koondrook Primary School at 8:45am and we ask the students to be at school by **8:30am**. They will return to Koondrook Primary School between 3:30pm and 4pm.

Students need to wear their school uniform, take their morning tea, fruit snack, lunch and water bottle. They may take five dollars spending money.

Please make sure your yellow permission note and payment has been returned by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Assembly

We will have an Assembly this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, on the BV at 3pm. The grade 1/2 students will be presenting the item.

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### **Dates to Remember**

Term Dates 2023 Term 3 ~ July 10<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup> Term 4 ~ October 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

<u>Public Holidays</u> November 7<sup>th</sup> – Melbourne Cup

#### **School Dates to Remember**

August  $15^{th}$  – Murray Plains Cluster Athletics @ Cohuna August  $16^{th}$  – P/1/2 Pioneer Settlement Excursion @ Swan Hill August  $18^{th}$  – Koondrook PS Athletics August  $22^{nd}$  – Yr.6 Transition @ KTHS August  $24^{th}$  – Book Parade September  $1^{st}$  – Zone Athletics September  $11^{th}$  – Zone Athletics October  $19^{th}$  – Yr.6 Transition @ KTHS October  $25^{th}$  – Cluster Day @ Leitchville PS November  $21^{st} \sim 22^{nd}$  – Yr.6 Transition @ BHS

Assemblies August 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1/2 to do item

#### Book Parade

It is nearly book week. We will be holding the book parade on Thursday  $24^{th}$  August.

This year we are joining Barham Public School. We will be walking to Riverside Park in Barham leaving school at 9:00am. We will be presenting our book awards while at the Park.

Students are asked to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

Parents are welcome to join us along the walk to Barham or come along to the Park. We will return to school in time for recess.

#### Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking Competition

Last Sunday Adeline represented Koondrook Primary and the Barham/Koondrook Lion's Club by delivering a speech at the Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking Competition District Final held at Cohuna.

After the rehearsed speeches the competitors had to make up a 1minute speech from the topic supplied. Adeline's hard work and practising paid off as she came first! Well done!! Adeline now gets to compete at the next level of the competition.

#### Murray Plains Cluster Athletics Sports

Next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August the students will travel to Cohuna to participate in the Murray Plains Athletic Sports. They will travel to Cohuna by bus leaving school at **9am**. The sports start at 9:45 at the Number 2 oval.

Students need to wear their school uniform (suitable for athletic sports), take their lunch, morning tea, fruit snack and water bottle.

The sports will conclude by about 2pm and we will travel back to school. Any parents wishing to take their children home from the sports need to make sure they sign their children out with their class teacher.

In order to run a successful school sports day, we rely on the help of parents. If you can help please see Amanda.

Please make sure all permission forms and any money are back no later than Friday  $11^{\text{th}}$  August.

#### Koondrook Primary School Athletics Sports

We will hold our own school athletics sports on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August at the Koondrook Cricket Ground.

We will walk to the cricket ground, have an early lunch and then start the sports at around 12pm.

Parents/carers are welcome to come and watch. If parents wish to take their children home from the sports, they must make sure they sign them out with their class teacher.

## Grades 1, 2 & 3 Athletics Training





















#### New Classroom

Two weeks ago, I received a phone call telling me that we were going to get a new classroom. Yesterday the team installing the new classroom visited the school to look at the site.

We will be receiving a mod 2 portable classroom which is a single classroom with a deck and shade cover. We expect delivery in the coming weeks and the classroom will be ready to use by the start of the 2024 school year.

The classroom will be installed beside the existing portable. We will need to relocate the original sandpit.

#### Parent Opinion Survey

We want our parents/caregivers/guardians to tell us what they think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/ caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. A link to the survey and unique sign in code will soon be sent to each family.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to Amanda if you would like more information.

#### MACC Art News

Pictured below is a photo of some artworks of self-portraits by the year 4, 5 and 6 students.

The artist focus was W.A. artist Kerrie Blades who creates mixed media artworks with messages written in them to inspire joy in other people. They sure make a colourful display in our school!

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