

## PIONEER SETTLEMENT EXCURSION



*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

#### Canberra Raffle

Skye has done an amazing job going around local businesses in Barham and Koondrook asking for donations to raffle for the upcoming Yr.5/6 Canberra Camp.

Families will soon be receiving a book of 10 tickets to sell at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets are due back on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September with the raffle to be drawn on the last day of term (15<sup>th</sup> September). It would be great if any of the 5/6 parents could help sell tickets down the street. Families who have paid their school fees will receive a free ticket in the raffle.

Prizes in the raffle are from these businesses and more: Mitre 10 Barham, Trend, Barham Pharmacy, Barham Newsagents, Riley Paige, Barham Bakery, Major Look Hairdressing, Skin Essence Koondrook, Koondrook Post Office, Scissors Hairdressing and Tatiar.

#### Unpaid School Contributions

Just a reminder to everyone who as yet have not paid their school fees. These fees cover ALL student consumables (pens, pencils, books etc) – other schools send home a booklist that must be purchased prior to school starting and any other requirements must be purchased throughout the year – Koondrook Primary provide everything at a VERY low cost including access to iPads and MacBook Computers. MARC/MACC fees are charged to cover the cost of all the craft supplies that go into the art projects that children bring home – Koondrook Primary School have to pay this amount to the Cluster to cover this.

Please help our school by paying your fees, so that we can continue to provide the great resources that we do.

**\*\*\*If you would like to arrange a payment plan or a copy of the amount owing, please see Judi in the office on a Tuesday or Thursday.**

### 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>

#### Public Holidays

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Melbourne Cup

#### School Dates to Remember

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Book Parade

September 1<sup>st</sup> – Zone Athletics @ Kerang

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Zone Athletics

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Last Day Term 3, Early Dismissal

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Start Term 4

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Yr.6 Transition @ KTHS

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Cluster Day @ Leitchville PS

November 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> – Yr.6 Transition @ BHS

### School Hats

Next Friday is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, so that means students will need to wear their school hats during recess and lunch. If your child needs a new hat they can be purchased at the office.

## Book Parade

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> the students walked to Riverside Park in Barham. We met up with the students from Barham Public School. Awards for the book writing competition were announced during the parade. Thank you to Miss Flood and Mrs Callow for judging the books this year. The winners in each category were:

Grade	Narrative	Front Cover	Illustrations	Information
Prep	Joey McKinley	Sonny Robertson	Mae Hutchesson Ava Scott	
1	Charlie Fulton	Paige McNeil	Charlie Fulton	
2	Jaymes Gleeson	Jaymes Gleeson	Mahli Millard	Indi Brennan
3	Shanali Porter	Henry Bell	Bianca Dehne	Archie Snowdon
4	Charlie Forster	Brax Woolhouse Taylen Torney	Pippa Dehne Tommie Gleeson	
5	Adeline Martin	Zavier Dean	Ted Hobson	Adeline Martin
6	Arkie Azzopardi	Islah Hall	Lincoln Taylor	Charlie Toohey

## Koondrook PS Athletics

We are holding our Athletics Sports on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. We will be walking down to the Koondrook Cricket Oval with our bags. The students will compete in a couple of events before having lunch. We would appreciate some parent help on the events or taking a group of children around the events please. Scores will be kept by the teacher/adult at the event and will be tallied over the weekend. The winning house will be announced at Monday's assembly. Students can wear their house colour t-shirts. It is forecast to be 20°C on Friday so it would be a good idea to apply some sunscreen. Make sure you have plenty of water to drink and your lunch.

## Zone Athletics Trials

Zone Athletics Trials will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Kerang Tech High School oval. Students who have qualified will receive a permission note to fill out and return to school. Students will travel to Kerang by bus. The cost of the bus will be \$5 per student. They will leave school at 9:00am and return to school at the completion of events. Students need to take their morning tea, lunch and water bottle.

## WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents, caregivers and 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.

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. I will text the link and access number to all families so you can access the survey. Please speak to Amanda if you would like more information.





Champion  
Yr. 6 Boy  
and  
Yr.6 Girl



### **Cluster Athletics Report**

On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Koondrook, Leitchville, Murrabit and Gunbower Primary Schools all went to the Cohuna Oval to participate in the Murray Plains Athletics Carnival. It was an extremely fun day and Koondrook came in a close second to Murrabit.

Tommy and Gypsy were awarded Champion Boy and Girl Athletes. The events were Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shot Put, Sprints, Distance and Hurdles.

Congratulations to the children listed below who have qualified to compete in the Zone Trials in Kerang on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### ***By Grade 6 Journalist - Arkie Azzopardi***

### **Students Qualified for Zone Athletics**

Zander Martin – 100m, Triple Jump, Long Jump, 200m

Jimmy Puddick – Hurdles, 800m, 200m, Long Jump

Archie Snowdon – 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Henry Bell – 100m, 200m, High Jump, Triple Jump

Tommy Robertson – 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Indigo Millard – 100m, Hurdles, Long Jump

Brylee Webb – 100m, 200m, Discus, Triple Jump

Gus Robertson – 100m, 800m, Hurdles, Long Jump

Zavier Dean – Triple Jump, Long Jump, Hurdles, 800m

Taj Fulton – 800m, 100m, Long Jump, Triple Jump

Eddie Puddick – Triple Jump, Hurdles, 100m

Bella Laursen – 100m, 800m, Hurdles, Triple Jump

Adeline Martin – Hurdles, Triple Jump, 200m

Charlie Toohey – Discus

Tommy Bell – Triple Jump, Shot Put, High Jump

Gypsy Curry – 100m, 800m, Hurdles, Long Jump

Breeze Starr – Hurdles, Discus, Triple Jump, High Jump

Skye McNeil – 800m

Arkie Azzopardi - Discus

Abigail Webb – 200m, Long Jump, Triple Jump

### ***Amanda Bradford***



**MARC News**

Next week is Book Week, the 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of August. The theme this year is ‘Read, Grow, Inspire’. In Library this term we have been reading these books and doing activities around them. Below is a list of the shortlisted books.

**Shortlisted Books for the Children’s Book Council of Australia**

**Eve Pownall Award (Information Books)**



**The Book of the Year: Younger Readers**



**The Book of the Year: Early Childhood**



**The Picture Book of the Year**



**Best New Illustrator**



Below are the winning books from the shortlisted books from the CBCA – Children’s Book Council of Australia.

**WINNING Books for the Children’s Book Council of Australia**

WINNER

HONOUR AWARDS

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**Eve Pownall Award (Information Books)**



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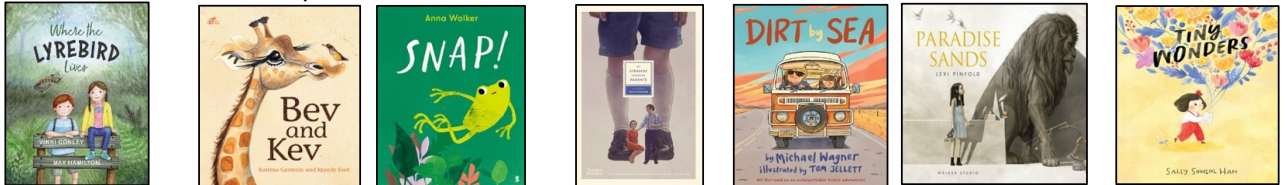
**Book of the Year: Younger Readers**



**The Book of the Year: Early Childhood**

**Picture Book of the Year**

**Best New Illustrator**



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