



*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

We are so pleased to welcome you all back to school this week. Can you believe we are in our final term of 2023! Where has the year gone? I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. I enjoyed my trip to Ireland and the chance to reconnect with many friends from my Teacher Exchange Year in 2000. Thank you to Mrs Lake and the team here for their work while I was on leave. Term 4 promises to be an exciting term as there is a lot on with camps, sporting events, tree planting, transition programs, swimming and End of Year celebrations in between quality classroom learning.

### Bush Fire

As the weather is warming up there is an extended risk of Bush Fires. Koondrook Primary School is classified as a Category 3 on the BARR School Register. Schools, kindergartens and childcare facilities at high risk of bushfire are placed on the Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Inclusion on this register is a trigger for the school, kindergarten or childcare facility to pre-emptively close on days declared Code Red in the Mallee district. We will advise the school community as soon as possible after the Department contacts us. Notification of these days will be sent out by text message and a notice will be placed on our Facebook page. Please remember if I send out a text asking you to reply it is important that you respond a.s.a.p.

### School Fees

Just a reminder we have quite a few families with school fees still outstanding. We try and keep our fees of \$160 to a minimum - fees cover all the student work books and resources, computer subscriptions and Marc and MACC fees. You can ask Judi for an invoice.

## Dates to Remember

### Term Dates 2023

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

October 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup> – Somers Camp

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Tree Planting

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

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Soccer Clinic

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

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Prep 2024 Transition – 2 – 3:30pm

November 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 17<sup>th</sup> – Canberra Camp Yr.5/6

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Prep 2024 Transition – 2 – 3:30pm

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

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Prep 2024 Transition – 9 – 11:30am

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Step-Up Day

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Picnic on the Green

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 Graduation

### Assemblies

TBA

## **Canberra Camp**

Invoices for the Canberra camp were sent home last term. Final payment for camp is due next week on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## **School Council**

The next School Council Meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm in the Year 4/5 classroom.

## **Tree Planting**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October the students will be participating in tree planting at the site of the old cattle yards over Condidorio's Bridge. Parks Victoria have funded this activity. A bus will pick up the students from school and return them to school afterwards.

## **BUS SCHEDULE for pick up FROM SCHOOL and departure from PLANTING SITE**

**GROUP 1** - Preps plus all the grade 5-6 students

Pick up from school at 11.00 am - arrive at site at 11.15 am

Collected from site at 12.15 pm - arrive back at school at 12.30pm

**GROUP 2** - Grade 1/2 plus Grade 4

Pick up from school at 12 midday – arrive at site at 12.15pm

Collected from site at 1.15pm - arrive back at school at 1.30pm

**GROUP 3** – Grade 2/3

Pick up from school at 1.00pm - arrive at 1.15pm

Collected from site at 2.15pm - arrive back at school by 2.30pm

Students may like to wear old boots for this activity.

If any parents are able to help out on this day, you would be most welcome to join us.

## **Regional Athletics**

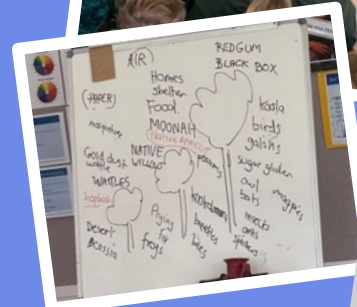
These students qualified to compete in the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics in Bendigo on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Breeze Starr – Hurdles and Discus, Tommy Bell - Triple Jump, Gypsy Curry – Relay, Zavier Dean – Hurdles and Relay, Taj Fulton – Relay, Gus Robertson – Relay, Indigo Millard - Long Jump, Zander Martin - Long Jump, Jimmy Puddick – Hurdles and Archie Snowdon – Relay. Due to Somers Camp, some students are unable to attend. We wish those who can go well in their events.

## **Old Preschool**

Finally, we are nearly ready to move our Prep Class. Over the holidays the new disabled toilet was completed, the Preschool has been freshly painted and the carpet will be installed tomorrow (Thursday). So hopefully we will start to move things on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## **New Portable**

Next Wednesday we will be getting our new Mod 2 classroom building which is very exciting. Once installed the building will be fitted out ready for the 2024 school year. The new building will go next to the existing portable where the sand pit is.



# Koondrook Pool NEEDS YOU!



For the pool to open and operate we need to form a committee.

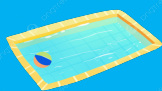
This hasn't happened.

The next meeting is on October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at Willow Park.

If no committee is formed, the pool will not operate.

Simple.

So, if you and your family enjoy the use of the pool, please consider being a part of the committee.



## Are you having a baby?



**Cohuna District Hospital continues to care for women and their families .**

We listened to our community and designed a maternity service based on your needs.

We have now launched the Cohuna District Hospital's Midwifery Group Practice.

A sustainable and accessible public maternity service free for all women in the Gannawarra shire & surrounds.

Our midwives can care for all women

- During pregnancy
- In labour at Echuca Regional Health Services
- After birth at home, or as an inpatient at Cohuna District Hospital.

To find out more visit our website:

[www.cd.h.vic.gov.au/maternity](http://www.cd.h.vic.gov.au/maternity)

Or call 0417 598 491



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## Somers Camp

Yesterday 9 students from Years 5/6 headed off to Somers Camp for 9 days. We hope they have a fantastic time, and we look forward to hearing all their stories when they return.

## Melbourne Cup Long Weekend Holiday

There will be no school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November as it is Melbourne Cup Day and the Gannawarra Shire has proclaimed it as a Public Holiday. Also, School Council has agreed that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November be a Curriculum Day with the teachers' writing reports. There will be no school for students, so it makes for a nice long weekend!

## Former SoccerRoo Paul Wade Visit

We are very fortunate to have Paul Wade, an ex-Soccer Roo player, visiting Koondrook Primary on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October to present a life skills and soccer skills workshop with the students.

## Transition to School Program

This term, we look forward to beginning our Transition to School Program. The program prepares the incoming students with the new environment, familiarisation with staff, socialisation with other children that will be in their classroom and knowledge of the expectations of attending school. We kick off in Week 3. If you have any questions about the program, please contact the school. Below are the days and times:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 2pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 2pm to 3.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 9am to 11:30am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 9am to 2:20pm

## Kerang Tech High School Transition

On Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> the Year 6 students who are enrolled to attend Kerang Tech High School in 2024 will participate in a transition day. Students can catch the bus into Kerang from the Old Koondrook Post Office. The bus departs at 7:50am and returns at 4:15pm.

## Cluster Day

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October we will be travelling to Leitchville Primary School for a Cluster Day. Play Ground Craze will be presenting a performance for the students on this day. This day has been paid for by a Gannawarra Shire Grant which I was successful in obtaining. We will be travelling by bus leaving school at 9:00am and returning to Koondrook by 3:30pm.

## Kerang Christian College

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November the Year 6 students who are enrolled to attend Kerang Christian College in 2024 will participate in an Orientation Day. Please note this date has been changed.

*Amanda Bradford*

# AGEING PERSONS INFORMATION DAY

Thursday 19th October -10AM  
Barham School of Arts hall

15 Murray Street Barham

## FREE ENTRY



*As you age there are so many things  
you need to know.*



Hear from Services Australia (Centrelink)  
Aged Care Specialist Officer - Amara McCready

Access information for the following Services / Providers.

Community Services	by	Murray River Council
Palliative Care	by	Barham Hospital
Residential Aged Care	by	Murray Haven Homes
A-CAT (Health) Assessments	by	Murrumbidgee Health
Support & Advice	by	L-HAC
Ageing	by	Murrumbidgee Health
Supportive Equipment	by	Country Care
Medication	by	Barham Pharmacy
Wills	by	Glowreys
Hearing Specialists	by	Bloom Barham
Podiatrist	by	Rivergum Podiatrist

*Come, listen, learn, ask questions &  
enjoy a cuppa & light refreshments*

For more information phone Marion Barker 0418 686 409

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