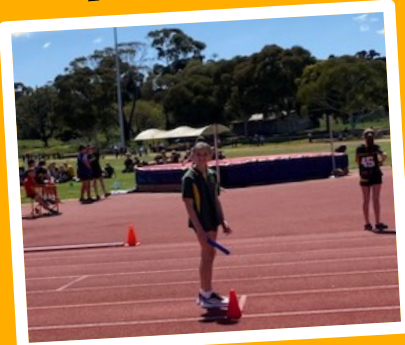


Regional



Athletics



Bendigo



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

Paul Wade Soccer Clinic

Tomorrow, Thursday 19th October, we will be welcoming Paul Wade to Koondrook primary. Paul is an Australian retired soccer player, who is best known for his long-term role as captain of the Socceroos, Australia's national soccer team. Paul will be talking to the students and running a soccer clinic.

Cluster Day at Leitchville PS

On Wednesday 25th 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. Please make sure you return your pink permission notes. See the flyer in this newsletter.

T20 Cricket

On Friday we are taking 24 students to Swan Hill to play cricket in the T20 competition. Students will be leaving school at 8:30am and will return to school by 3:30pm. We are expecting a hot day on Friday so students will need to make sure they are wearing sun cream, their hats and have plenty of water with them. They also need to take their morning tea and lunch. Thank you to Mr Monaghan, Tim Millard and David Laidlaw for accompanying the teams and acting as umpires and scorers.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2023

Term 4 ~ October 2nd – December 20th

Public Holidays

November 7th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

October 19th – Yr.6 Transition @ KTHS

October 19th – Soccer Clinic, Paul Wade

October 20th – T20 Cricket @ Swan Hill

October 25th – Cluster Day @ Leitchville PS

November 1st – Prep 2024 Transition –
2 - 3:30pm

November 13th~17th – Canberra Camp Yrs.
5 & 6

November 15th – Prep 2024 Transition –
2 – 3:30pm

November 21st ~ 22nd – Yr.6 Transition @
BHS

December 5th – Prep 2024 Transition –
9 – 11:30am

December 12th – Step-Up Day

December 13th – Picnic on the Green

December 14th – Yr.6 Graduation

December 19th – Curriculum Day

Assemblies

November 3rd – Prep doing the item

November 24th – Grade 4/5 doing the item

December 15th – Year 6's doing the item



Community Recovery
Gannawarra



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Tree Planting in Gunbower Forest

Last week the Koondrook Primary School students went to the Gunbower Forest and planted trees. We planted trees like, Black Box, Gold Dust and Native Apricot. Parks Victoria helped us dig and plant the trees.

We were in small groups, each with a ranger. We travelled by bus over Condidorio's Bridge. My ranger's name was Leeza, she was really helpful.

There were steps to do it:

Number 1 – We plant the tree

Number 2 – We water the plant

Number 3 – We put an orange juice carton (guard) around the plant

Number 4 – We water the plant again

It was really hot and I needed a lot of water. But we all had a great day!

By Amy T



MACC News Term 4

Last term we looked at the 100 Ice-creams artwork of Victorian artist Kenny Pittock. This was a big hit with students designing their own ice-cream creations and making ice-cream booklets /menus (junior years) and Magiclay sculptures (middle/upper years).

This term our unit is Tucking In – Yummy Art. Prep-Grade 2 will be looking at and experimenting with painting techniques to create four artworks on paper and then they will choose one style to create their own masterpiece on a canvas board. The grade 3-6 students will be doing some research about a food artist and designing and painting a mini-surfboard (3/4s) or a skateboard deck (5/6s). These are special 'keep forever' pieces of artwork that students really look forward to doing and I'm always amazed by the ideas they come up with and the work created. Students who have already started this unit are very excited.

Sally Bentley
MACC Teacher

SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP!

On Tuesday the 3rd of October, 9 Grade 5/6 students from Koondrook Primary School went on the bus to Somers School Camp for 9 days. We left at 8:30am. It took 6 and a half hours to get there, but eventually we made it! We figured out our hut groups and got to work. I was in a cabin with 19 other people: Breeze, Ellie, Charlotte W, Charlotte K, Tomeka, Lochie, Audrey, Tillie, Jaynee, Amelie, Jordi, Isabella, Mackenzie, Shaylah, Kaylee, Mali, Mollie, Tahlia and Jazmine.

There were lots of different activities such as the challenge swing and indoor rock climbing. Each morning we had an assembly where the principal would sing songs and we would sing along. It was an amazing experience and I wish I could go there again!!

By Arkie

SOMERS CAMP WAS AN AWESOME 8 DAY CAMP FROM THE 3RD OF OCTOBER TO THE 11TH! Waking up every day knowing we were going on a new adventure was the best feeling.

First up, the food was incredible! Every day we had something delicious. Secondly, all the activities were so much fun. Personally, I had 3 favourites: biking, the flying fox and the challenge swing. What is a challenge swing you may ask... well it's basically a swing that is super high and they drop you so that you go flying in a harness.

There were also a lot of environmental studies, where you got to hold guinea pigs and pat snakes. That is not everything, there was so much more, I could go on forever naming all the fun things we did!

Overall, Somers is by far the best Camp I have ever been on!

By Zavier D



Picture c/o Somers Camp

Koondrook Barham Show

If you are visiting the Koondrook Barham Show on the weekend be sure to check out our Art Display in the Pavilion. It is wonderful that after the many years of cancellation due to Covid and the flood the community can once again hold their local show. I am sure there will be many excited children around the town!

World Teacher's Day

Next Friday, October 27th October, is World Teacher's Day. It is a special day to acknowledge the wonderful work our teachers do. Everyone has had a teacher in their life that they have connected with and who has had a positive impact on not just their education but their life.

We have exceptional teachers at Koondrook Primary and have worked hard to recruit and retain these wonderful educators. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers: Sophie, Bernie, Frith, Bec, Jude, Keely, Millie, Helen, Sally, Leigh and our Casual Relief Teachers Kate, Janice, Jennie, Michelle and Sandra for the incredible work they do together with the help and support of the Education Support Staff- Judi, Karen, Danielle, Di, Mandy, Sarah, Kat and Rianna. To work in such a great team makes coming to school a pleasure every day. I know our teachers also appreciate the support given by our families and school community.

PS Alexander Arbuthnot

The PS Alexander Arbuthnot birthday event will be held on Friday 27th October from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. We hope many of the students and their families will join in the celebrations. The Billy Tea Bush Band will be part of the event and I am sure many families will enjoy joining in with the dances. The children's art work will be on display and there are many activities to keep everyone entertained. See the Ad in this newsletter.

Bendigo Athletics Report

Regional Athletics we're held in Bendigo last week. The girls relay team came 4th and Tommy came 4th in the triple jump. The boys relay team that Archie was in also came 4th. Indi was also in a relay team that came 4th. So, it would seem that 4 was our lucky number! Breeze came 2nd in the discus. Breeze will go on and compete at State Level on the 1st December. Well done Gypsy, Tommy, Archie, Indi and Breeze.

Transition Dates

2024 Prep Transition – Wednesday November 1st – 2 – 3:30pm

KTHS Transition - Thursday 19th October

KTHS Parent Information Session - Wednesday 25th October (see Ad in this newsletter)

Barham High Transition

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November

Kerang Christian College Transition

Thursday 9th November

Tree Planting





School Cluster Student Wellbeing Fun Day

Wednesday 25th October

Koondrook, Murrabit and Gunbower schools will travel to Leitchville Primary School for a fun day of learning, wellbeing and health development.



The day consists of:

- **A visit from Playground Craze** - The Playground Craze uses Positive Pop Music to encourage confidence, resilience and kindness in kids. The shows help students to be safe and kind online
- **Activities and informative sessions from NDCH** regarding making informed choices for our bodies and children's health and wellbeing. Students will also participate in giant games and activities.
- A free Sausage Sizzle for lunch



Please note there is no charge to families 😊

The Gannawarra Shire has also assisted and provided us with funding via the Flood Recovery Grant Program designed to benefit the whole community 😊



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Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Tuesday 19th December. All the Teachers and Education Support Staff will be completing their First Aid update.

Protecting Against Mosquito-Borne Diseases

Victoria's mosquito season started this month and will extend to late April 2024. With the river being high, it brings a lot of places that hold stagnant water, which mosquitoes love to breed in.

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- Covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- Applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- Limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

To reduce the risk of illness linked to mosquitos, such as Buruli ulcer, promptly wash any new scratches or cuts with soap and clean water and apply a topical antiseptic and dressing. Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated ahead of summer, which brings an increased mosquito presence.


For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

Find out more


For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- Mosquitoes can carry diseases
- Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages
- Japanese encephalitis
- Buruli ulcer.


A reminder to families regarding our upcoming
2024 Year 7 Information Night:



Kerang Technical High School
**2024 YEAR 7
INFORMATION NIGHT**



Date: WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: KTHS Library



If you are unable to attend,
please contact Miss. Zoe Ferrier
Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au

Computers for Sale

We still have a couple of Computers for sale. If you require any information or are interested please contact the school or Amanda Bradford.

Amanda Bradford



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