

# Farewell and Good Luck Year Six



*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

As the end of Term 4 is nearing (and this is the last newsletter for 2023) it gives me time to reflect on the year. We have had a busy year with learning, excursions, sporting days and incursions; the year has flown by. I hope the holidays don't go as fast! It has been great that all activities have been able to take place this year. Thank you to everyone in our community for your support and the interest that you take in our school. Your involvement with our school and students certainly helps to make KPS a special time and place for all our children.

Thank you to the School Council for their outstanding work and support of our school again this year. Their willingness to give their time, effort and care are vital in helping to make our school an exciting place to be. The School Council play a fundamental role in the running of our school, and their time and input is very much appreciated. It is fantastic to have such strong, vibrant people as part of our school community.

Our children continue to grow and thrive; academically, in the Arts and on the sporting field, but also as really good young people, and that is a wonderful thing to be able to say. I wish to thank everyone who has helped out this year, whether it be in the classroom, on excursions, helping with swimming or sports; your help is very much appreciated.

I wish all families a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing all your bright smiling faces in 2024.

The school year ends on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is a Pupil Free Day as staff are completing their First Aid Update with staff from Murrabit GS.

School resumes in 2024 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January for all students.

Teachers and Education Support Staff commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January and will be involved in professional learning on this day. The Prep students will have Wednesdays off for the first 5 weeks of term.

### Dates to Remember

#### Term Dates 2023

Term 4 ~ October 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Term Dates 2024

Term 1 ~ January 30<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>

Term 2 ~ April 15<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 ~ July 15<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup>

Term 4 ~ October 7<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Public Holidays

#### School Dates to Remember

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Yr.6 Graduation

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Picnic on the Green

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day (Staff Updating First Aid)

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day, Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

#### Assemblies



## Graduation

Tonight, the Year 6 students will celebrate completing their Primary School Education at Koondrook Primary with family and teachers - past and present, with a dinner at cluBarham. We hope they have a lovely night as they reflect on their Primary School years.

## Goodbye

It is the end of the road at KPS for Skye, Arkie, Gypsy, Islah, Ruby, Zofia, Breeze, Lincoln, Noah, Tommy and Charlie who are leaving us to head off to either Kerang Tech High School, Barham High School, Kerang Christian School or Ballarat Grammar for their Secondary Education.

We say goodbye to the families who are leaving us altogether, some after many years at Koondrook PS. Goodbye to the Taylor, Bell, Curry, Starr, and Pringle families. Thank you to the many ways you have supported your children and the school over the years. Our best wishes go with you all.

## Picnic on the Green

This is a family celebration on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The whole school and the Preschool will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students. This will include the Award Presentations and Formal Announcements of 2024 School Captains. Each class will perform an item. All families are invited to attend; bring your picnic meal and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students. Picnic time commences at 6:00pm, presentations and performances at 7:00pm.

## Watering Roster

Attached to this newsletter is the watering roster for the holidays. Thank you so much to the families who volunteered to help out over the holidays. The tap key may be collected at the Post Office.

## Reports

Teachers are busy finishing off the school reports, which will be sent home on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## Working with Children Checks

There are often activities and excursions where we rely on parent help. As you are aware, in order to help out with any activities, all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. It is free to get one and you can apply online or go to the Post Office and apply there. They do take several weeks to process, so now is the perfect time to get one if you would like to help out next year. We will be asking for parents to help with our reading and swimming programs, which will continue in Term 1.





**School Holiday Program**  
Adults to accompany children  
Bookings essential - Call 5452 1546

**THE ACTIVITIES**

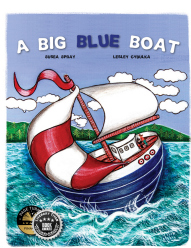
Sand Art  
Kerang -  
10.30am & 2.30pm, Tuesday 9 January

Dinosaur Fossils  
Cohuna -  
10.30am, Thursday 11 January  
Kerang -  
2.30pm, Thursday 18 January

Australia Day Animals  
Cohuna -  
2.30pm, Tuesday 23 January  
Kerang -  
10.30am, Wednesday 24 January

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**


**SPECIAL STORY TIME WITH AUTHOR SUSEA SPRAY**



Join us for a special Story Time session featuring award-winning children's author Susea Spray, reading her book *A Big Blue Boat*.

Recommended for children 4-8 years of age  
Session includes an activity  
Book available for purchase

**Wednesday 17 January**  
10.30am, Kerang Library  
2.30pm, Cohuna Library  
Bookings essential - call 5452 1546



GANNAWARRA LIBRARY service

**Year 5/6 Cluster Camp 2024**

The Year 5/6 students will be heading off to 'Cottage By The Sea' in Queenscliff for their camp from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is a Cluster Camp with Leitchville, Gunbower and Murrabit. The camp will cost less than \$200. The camp cost is \$50, the bus cost will be split amongst all the children attending. We have been very lucky to get this camp as it is very heavily subsidised. Information will be sent out the first week of term. All forms will need to be returned by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. There will be an online component that you will also need to complete.

**Dates for 2024**

Here are some dates that you might want to pencil into your calendars for next year:

**Swimming**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Curriculum Day Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

There will be no school for students

**Cluster Swimming Sports**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Zone Swimming Trials**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February (to be confirmed)

**Zone Swimming**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Swan Hill

**NAPLAN**

Commences Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 5 /6 Cluster Camp**

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March at Cottage by The Sea

**End of Year MACC News**

The Art folios were sent home during week 9. They have a **pink slip** attached which will need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school.

- If your child has/is not returning to this school in 2024, please just return the slip. Otherwise, return the empty folder with the slip still.
- Once your child has returned the empty plastic folio and/or pink slip they will be able to take home their paintings of boards or skateboard decks.

Art smocks will need a wash and check that they still fit before next year, please. Children will need to bring their smocks back when they return to school in 2024.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas season and holiday period.

**Sally Bentley (MACC Teacher).**

**Amanda Bradford**





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## Holiday Watering Roster 2023



| Families               | Dates   |
|------------------------|---|
| Karen Naismith         | December 21 <sup>st</sup> – December 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Azzopardi              | December 26 <sup>th</sup> – December 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| McInerney              | December 31 <sup>st</sup> – January 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Brennan                | January 5 <sup>th</sup> – January 9 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Fulton                 | January 10 <sup>th</sup> – January 14 <sup>th</sup>   |
| McKinley               | January 15 <sup>th</sup> – January 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Henry/Russell family   | January 20 <sup>th</sup> – January 24 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Karen and Michael Reid | January 25 <sup>th</sup> – January 28 <sup>th</sup>   |