

Regional Swimming Success



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

Respect – Responsibility – Resilience

March 12th, 2025

'Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged'

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Principal's Report

Silver Medals Galore!

Last Tuesday Max, Willow, Zander and Mahli represented the school and district at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. Max won a silver medal for 50m Butterfly, Mahli won silver in the 9/10-year-old girls Freestyle Relay and Max and Zander won silver medals for the 12-year-old boys Freestyle and Medley Relays. Willow came 4th in the 11-year-old Freestyle Relay. What an awesome effort! Congratulations to you all.

3/4 Camp Kookaburra

Just a reminder that permission, medical forms and payment for the Year 3/4 Camp Kookaburra need to be finalised by the 3rd of April.

Assembly 1PM

This week our Assembly will be at **1:00pm** on Friday 14th March. Mr Peter Walsh will be visiting the school to present our Student Leaders with their badges. Year 5/6 will do an item this week.

Somers Camp

If any students in Year 5/6 are interested in attending Somers Camp in August could you please let Amanda know. We will soon have to put in numbers.

Gastro

There is a Gastro bug going around at the moment. Please be reminded of the Departments regulations around returning to school. You need to wait 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school to prevent passing it on.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2025

Term 1 – January 29th ~ April 4th
Term 2 – April 22nd ~ July 4th
Term 3 – July 21st ~ September 19th
Term 4 – October 6th ~ December 19th

Public Holidays

April 25th – ANZAC Day
June 9th – King's Birthday
November 4th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

March 12th~21st – NAPLAN
March 14th – ASSEMBLY @ 1PM
March 24th – School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
April 4th – Last Day Term 1
April 22nd – Start Term 2
May 1st~3rd – 3/4 Camp Kookaburra

Assemblies

March 14th – Grade 5/6 to Provide Item
March 28th – Grade 4/5 to Provide Item



If you see **SOMEONE**

without a **SMILE**

give them one of **YOURS!**

Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

A reminder about our schools and the Departments Mobile Device Policy regarding smartwatches and mobile phones. While we prefer that students wear watches without smart technology, we understand that some students wish to wear a smartwatch to school.

Smartwatches may only be used for telling the time during school hours. Students are not permitted to access any other features on their smartwatches. All notifications must be turned off. If this rule is breached, the watch will be confiscated.

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school the policy states that mobile phones must be handed into the office and can be collected at the end of the school day.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this policy, including refraining from sending messages to students during school hours. If you need to contact your child, please call the school directly.

Whilst the Victorian Government acknowledges that we live in a technology-rich world where mobile phones are an important communication tool, research has found that mobile phones and wearable devices can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school. The unregulated presence of mobile phones and wearable devices in classrooms can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion.

Emergency Contacts

Everyone needs to be contactable during school times. We usually only ever call if it's important and it is important that we can get hold of you. Please make sure your emergency contact details are up to date.

School Council

The next School Council meeting is on Monday 24th March at 6.30pm.

After School Arrangements

It has come to my attention that children have been organising their own play dates.

Please note, parents need to contact the school if there are changes to pick-ups at the end of the day.

Easter Raffle

We are holding an Easter Raffle again this year. Could all families please donate an Easter Egg or something similar for the school raffle. Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children today. Tickets are \$1 each and **both** sides of the booklet need to be sold please. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1, Friday 4th April.



Cluster Day Fun!





NAPLAN


This week the Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN. The test will commence on Wednesday 12th March with Writing, followed by Reading on Thursday, Conventions of Print on Friday and then Maths will be on Monday 17th March. The tests, apart from the Year 3 Writing, are completed online. All children need to make sure they have a set of headphones.

Sentral

We still have a few families that have not yet signed up to Sentral. Could you please make sure you have downloaded the SENTRAL App and are registered? **All notices will be sent through Sentral.** Permission notes for minor excursions will be sent out via Sentral. If you need help, please see Donna on a Monday.

Amanda Bradford







DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION VICTORIA Education and Training

Somers School Camp

A nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students

Focusing on developing the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities

- Personal & Social
- Ethical
- Intercultural
- Critical & Creative Thinking

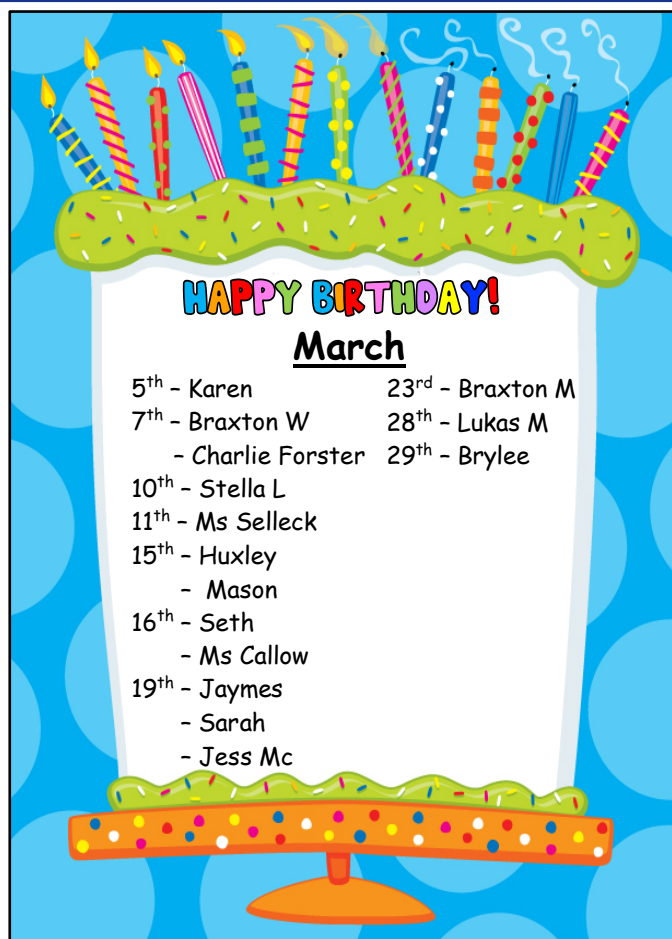
Inspiring optimism and developing the consciousness and care of **SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT**

Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: Tuesday 9th August To: Wednesday 13th August

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au



WHY YOUR CHILD **SHOULDN'T** SKIP THEIR 20 MINUTES OF HOME READING TONIGHT

STUDENT A	STUDENT B
Reads 20 minutes per night, 5 nights a week	Reads only 4 minutes per night... or not at all
20 min	4 min
IN ONE WEEK:	
100 minutes of Reading	20 minutes of Reading
100 min	20 min
IN ONE MONTH:	
400 minutes of Reading	80 minutes of Reading
400 min	80 min
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR:	
3600 minutes of Reading	720 minutes of Reading
3600 min	720 min

Which student would you expect to read better?
 Which student would you expect to know more?
 Which student would you expect to write better?

WHY WOULD YOU SKIP IT?



Child Safety - Koondrook Primary School is committed to Child safety. The safety and wellbeing of our students is a primary concern. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. To ensure the safety and best interests of all students, we take into account the needs of those with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

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