

Science Fun at KPS



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 26th, 2025

'Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged'

Issue no: 5

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that the term is almost over, with only next week to go we will all be on holidays before we know it! Our last day will be on Friday 4th April. We will have an early finish at 1:35pm.

As we embark on the Easter holiday break, I extend warm wishes to all for a wonderful Easter and a restful holiday

A reminder that Term 2 commences on Tuesday April 22nd (as Monday is Easter Monday) and ANZAC Day is Friday April 25th (and therefore, a public holiday); thus, making the first week back a three-day week.

ANZAC Parade

This year the parade will start at the Barham Cenotaph. We hope that many students and their families will join us. Students need to be at the Cenotaph by 10:45am. School uniform must be worn. Some parents to accompany the students would be appreciated.

Cake Stall

Thank you, Margie, for making the delicious cupcakes and biscuits that the students were able to purchase last Friday. Last week we raised over \$200. This Friday the students again have the opportunity to buy a cupcake or biscuit at recess. The money raised is going to support the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp.

Wood Fundraiser

Next term the School Council will hold a firewood drive as a fundraiser on Sunday 18th May. More details will be sent out at the start of next term.

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 28th – Cake Stall @ recess

April 4th – Easter Raffle Drawn

April 4th – Easter Hat Parade @ 9am

April 4th – Last Day Term 1, Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm

April 22nd – Start Term 2

May 1st~3rd – 3/4 Camp Kookaburra

May 8th – Yr. 6 KTHS Transition

May 13th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition

Assemblies

March 28th – Grade 4/5 to Provide Item

Assembly

We have Assembly this Friday at 3:00pm on the BV. Year 4/5 providing the item.

Canberra Camp

This year the Year 5/6 students are heading to Canberra with students from Gunbower, Murrabit and Leitchville Primary Schools from Monday 27th October until Friday 31st October. The cost of the camp is \$570.00 per student. You may use your School Saver Bonus and CSEF money towards the cost of the camp. You will need to let Judi know if this is what you want to do. We are asking for a \$50.00 deposit to be paid by 1st May. The camp may be paid by instalments. The final cost will depend on our fundraising efforts.

Easter Hat Parade

It is time to get out the craft materials and make an Easter Hat for the parade on Friday 4th April. We will hold the parade on the BV at 9:00am. The student Council are asking all students to donate a gold coin towards the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations and sold raffle tickets. We ask if **all egg donations can be in by next Tuesday** so the prize packs can be made up. All raffle tickets and money need to be returned no later than next Wednesday. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 4th April.

Camp Kookaburra

The Year 3/4 students are off to camp in Week 2 of next Term. Just a reminder if you haven't returned your permission and medical forms these are now due. Transport details will be provided at the start of term.

NAPLAN

Over the last two weeks most students in Years 3 and 5 took part in the NAPLAN testing. Results should be available to schools and families in early Term 3. We were very proud of the manner in which our students conducted themselves during these tests, showing a "can do" attitude.

Holiday Reading Challenge

To encourage reading at home over the holidays we have a Holiday Reading Challenge. How many nights/days can you read over the holidays? A range of books can be read: readers, library books or books from home. Write the title of the book in the box and get an adult to sign it. Students who read **10 nights** or more will go in a raffle draw to win a book of their choice from the book club catalogue. Challenge sheets will be sent home next week. Sheets need to be returned the first week back at school.

Cross Country

Cross Country season is quickly approaching. We will hold our Cross Country on Monday 5th May. It would be a great idea if the students can start to train over the holidays. The Swan Hill Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 13th May.

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Monday 12th May. Teachers and ES staff will continue our work with Matt Knight on reading.





Soccer

Last weekend Max, Brax W, Tommie and Zander participated in a soccer tournament in Bendigo. They won two games in their division and only lost to Phillip Island in a penalty shootout. It was a great experience for them.

School Council

Council held their March meeting on Monday night. This meeting was our first official meeting with our newly elected members and also saw us elect the 2025 Office Bearers.

The election results were as follows:

Office- Bearers

President: Steve Ralston

Vice President: Emily Wood

Treasurer: Judi Ficken

Secretary: Sophie Lake

Assistant Secretary: Karen Naismith

Executive Officer: Amanda Bradford

Other members:

Cindy Puddick

Kyle Morris

Cam Langley

Jess McNeil

Mandy Brennan

School Council approved the installation of an art sink near the portable and additional movable outdoor area seating. We will also top up the sand in the sandpit and put some crushed rock under the arbour.

Attendance Matters

Arriving to school on time and daily attendance are crucial to student success. Research has shown that even small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on a child's learning and development.

Children who attend school consistently are more likely to:

- Stay on track academically, avoiding gaps in their learning.
- Develop strong social connections and peer relationships.
- Build resilience and a positive attitude towards learning.
- Achieve better health and employment outcomes later in life.

Illness

We acknowledge that there are occasions where children are unwell and unable to attend school for a period of time. Parents and carers are asked to please inform the school of the absence details on Sentral through the app. If you need help signing up to Sentral, please see Donna on a Monday.



WELLBEING AT KPS

FORTNIGHT SNAPSHOT

During the past few weeks at KPS, we have had a strong focus on resilience, with swimming sports and Cluster days at the forefront of our discussions. It has been amazing to see students pushing themselves to 'get uncomfortable' and extending themselves in many ways. This was showcased at our Cluster Swimming Sports, where it was incredible seeing so many proudly representing our school and getting involved in events. Many were nervous, and still overcame self-doubt to do our school proud!

*You are
capable of
AMAZING
things.*

SUPPORT

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
Head Space: 1800 650 890

kyle.morris@education.vic.gov.au

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

To begin the year we have been learning about emotions. The past week saw students exploring 'intense' emotions, and discussing strategies that can be used to let these big feelings pass through their bodies in a safe way.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

| He/She is only missing just.... | That equals.... | Which is..... | over 13 years of schooling. that's.... |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 10 minutes per day | 50 minutes per week | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year | Nearly HALF A YEAR |
| 20 minutes per day | 1 hour 40 minutes per week | Nearly 2.5 weeks per year | Nearly 1 YEAR |
| Half an hour per day | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS |
| 1 hour per day | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS |



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?



That's when every minute counts the most!



Family Holidays

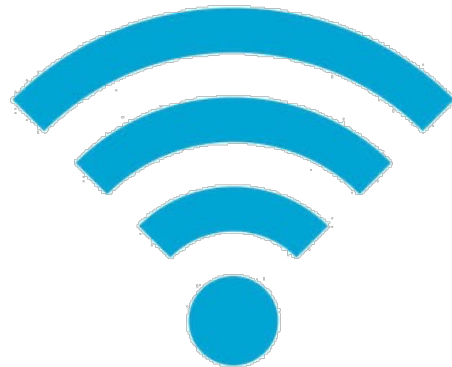
We understand the value of family holidays; however, we strongly encourage families to schedule these breaks during school holidays rather than during term time but realise this is not always possible for a variety of reasons. For holiday absences please email the principal (Koondrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to obtain written approval and also inform your child's teacher to support your child's learning.

School Student Broadband Initiative

The [School Student Broadband Initiative](#) offers eligible families with school-aged students free NBN broadband internet at home. The initiative was due to end on 31st December 2025 but has been extended. Families and carers who haven't been assessed and may be eligible for the initiative are asked to contact the NBN's [National Referral Centre](#) for an assessment. If they are eligible, they will be sent a voucher to access free home internet until Friday 30th Jun 2028. However, this voucher must be activated before the 30,000 cap is reached.

For more information, refer to:

- [School Student Broadband Initiative](#)
- [School Student Broadband Initiative: information for parents and carers.](#)



Lunch Orders

Next term there will be an additional day where students may order their lunch from the Koondrook General Store. This will be a pasta day on Thursdays, so the usual Monday menu will not be available. The new menus for Term 2 will be sent home next week.

Amanda Bradford

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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.