

EASTER HAT FUN!



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

April 23rd, 2025

'Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged'

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Principal's Report

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle by donating items and/or purchasing tickets. We raised \$1335. The winners were: Tyler O'Toole, Skyla Simpson, Bella Russell, Kylie Stevenson, Arlo Marsh, Kim Marsh, Katie Thomas and Sienna Russell.

3/4 Cluster Camp

This time next week the year 3/4 students will be joining their Cluster friends at Camp Kookaburra. Last term the students took home a list of all the things they need for camp. They will head off to camp on Wednesday 30th April at 9am, returning on Friday 2nd May at 3pm. They need to make sure they take their morning tea and lunch for the first day. It is advised to limit your luggage to necessities only as room on the bus may be an issue.

G.R.I.P. Leadership

On Thursday 1st May, Miss Bradford and the School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains will join other student leaders from schools in the Shire as we travel to Bendigo for the Grip Leadership Conference. We will be leaving school at 6:30am and will arrive home at around 4:45pm. Students need to wear their school uniforms, take their morning tea, lunch and water bottle.

Open Day

This year to celebrate Education Week and Mother's Day we will invite everyone to an Open Day on May 9th. Families can visit classrooms from 12:30pm and afterwards join us for a BYO picnic lunch at 1:35pm. We will then hold an early assembly at 2:30pm. Year 1/2 will be providing the item for Assembly.

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2025

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

April 30th ~ May 2nd – 3/4 Camp Kookaburra

May 1st – GRIP Leadership, Yr. 6 Captains

May 5th – KPS Cross Country

May 8th – Yr. 6 KTHS Transition

May 9th – Open Day

May 14th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition

May 26th – Prep 2026 Information Night

Assemblies

May 9th – Year 1/2 to provide item. Note earlier time at 2:30pm.

**"Wherever you go,
no matter what the weather,
always bring your own
sunshine"**



Prep 2026 Information Night

There will be an information session for parents and carers of children wishing to start Prep/Foundation in 2026, on Monday 26th May at 6pm. You will get an insight into the programs and opportunities available at KPS.

There will be information on:

- The Pre-school to School Transition Program
- Enrolment process
- The opportunity to meet staff and ask questions
- Buddies Program
- What we offer at KPS

We look forward to meeting new and old families and welcoming you to the KPS community. Please call the school if you are unable to attend if this time does not suit.

ANZAC Day

We hope many of the students and parents will join us for the ANZAC Day March this Friday. This year the March leaves from Barham and finishes at the Koondrook RSL Hall. We ask you to join us from 10:30am. School uniform must be worn.

Thursday Lunches

Just a reminder that students may order pasta for lunch on Thursdays. Menus for Term 2 were sent home at the end of last term, otherwise they can be downloaded from our website. Orders can be placed at the Koondrook Store or put in the box at the front of the office.

Cross Country

On Monday 5th May we will be holding our school Cross Country commencing at 12:30pm. All races will start in the carpark and the children will run out the front gate and along the river track and then finishing on the school oval. Children can wear their House colours to school on this day. Parents are welcome to attend the Cross Country. A form will be sent home with more information and a request for parent help at checkpoints along the river.

Curriculum Day

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

Year 6 Transition Days

The Year 6 students have some upcoming transition days. I expect all the children to attend these days. It is good for the children to see what each of the secondary schools have to offer and see what new opportunities they will be able to take up in the next stage of their education. The Kerang Technical High School day is on May 8th. I will ask Zoe Ferrier to send me bus passes for the students. The Barham High School day is on May 14th.

Holiday Reading Challenge

The cream/yellow Reading Challenge sheets need to be returned by no later than next week so we can draw the winners. Thank you to the students who took part in the reading challenge and have already brought their sheets back. The winners will get to choose a book from the Scholastic Catalogue to the value of \$10.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
April

19th - Oliver
 27th - Jobe
 29th - Kai

May

2 nd - Mr Morris	25 th - Brian
8 th - Shanali	27 th - Amy
14 th - Jodie W	- Jagger
17 th - Larni	28 th - Evie A
18 th - Cherub	29 th - Pippa
19 th - Di	
22 nd - Ella	
23 rd - Lily	



WELLBEING AT KPS

FORTNIGHT SNAPSHOT

It's been a fantastic start to Term 2 at Koondrook Primary! It's been particularly pleasing to see classrooms settling so quickly into routines, and so many smiling faces walking through the school gates each morning. We will be diving into some of our School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations over the coming weeks, and will specifically be looking at our school value of responsibility. We would encourage you to continue the conversations that we are having at school with your children, to help nurture their understanding of what it means to be a responsible member of our school community.



SUPPORT

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

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

The first few weeks of Term 2 will see students engaging in discussions and activities around positive self-talk and coping strategies. The aim is to support students in being able to build their capacity to be resilient and find positive ways of dealing with adversity.

The Children's Wellbeing Continuum



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WELLBEING CONTINUUM

In Terms 2 and 3, classes will be exploring the 'Wellbeing Continuum', and developing a whole-school language towards understanding our own mental health. Students will engage in discussions and activities that help to unpack what this continuum means, and how it can be used as a means of support within the school. The aim is for this to become a tool that can further help us to understand our students' mental health both at school, and at home.



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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