

GRIP



Leadership



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

May 7th, 2025

‘Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged’

Issue no: 7

Principal’s Report

Curriculum Day

A reminder that there is no school for students on Monday 12th May. Staff will be working with Matt Knight on reading strategies.

ANZAC Day Writing

This year the Koondrook RSL Club, together with the support of Murrabit Lions Club, asked the Year 6 students to submit a piece of writing describing what ANZAC Day meant to them. They were impressed with the students writing and awarded Jimmy Puddick with the 1st prize and Zander Martin and Pippa Dehne with equal 2nd. Congratulations to all the students and thank you Mr. Forbes and Mr. Napier for coming to talk to the Year 3-6 students about what ANZAC Day means to them and for presenting the awards.

Open Day Celebrating Mother’s Day and Education Week

On Friday 9th May Parents, Carers and Grandparents are invited to join us in classrooms from 12:30pm-1:30pm, followed by a BYO picnic lunch with the students. We will hold an early Assembly with the item presented by Year 1/2 students celebrating Mother’s Day.

Do it for Dolly Day

This Friday 9th May, the students can wear a ‘touch of blue’ for Do it for Dolly Day. It’s **not** out of uniform, but students can wear blue socks, hair tie, ribbon or shorts to make a stand against bullying and spread kindness instead.

Yr. 5/6 Canberra Camp

This is a reminder to please make sure you have returned your forms if you are going to the Canberra Camp.

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

June 9th – King’s Birthday

November 4th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

May 8th – Yr. 6 KTHS Transition

May 9th – Open Day

May 9th – Do it for Dolly Day, Wear a ‘Touch of Blue’ to stand against bullying

May 12th – Curriculum Day, No Students

May 13th – Swan Hill Cross Country

May 14th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition

May 19th – School Council Meeting

May 26th – Prep 2026 Information Night

Assemblies

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

Assembly

As part of our Open Day, Assembly will be this **Friday at 2:30pm.**

Wood Drive Fundraiser for 5/6 Camp

The School Council has organised a Wood Drive on Sunday, 18th May to help raise funds for the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp.

Jess McNeil is coordinating the event, and we are seeking volunteers to assist with cutting, splitting, and loading wood into trailers. If you're unable to help on the day, Jess would greatly appreciate any assistance with cutting wood prior to the event.

If you have any equipment—such as chainsaws or wood splitters—that you can bring along, it would be very helpful.

- Wood limit: 10 tonnes
- Cost: \$250 per tonne

If you're available to help or would like more information, please contact:

- Jess McNeil – 0408 019 151
- Amanda 0429 329 183

Thank you for your support!

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. If you have a child due to start school in 2026 please don't hesitate to contact us. 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.

Gastro

We have had gastro going through one of the classes last week. Just a reminder that students **cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last attack.**

Year 6 Transition Days

The Year 6 students have an upcoming transition day tomorrow, May 8th, to Kerang Technical High School. 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. Students have been given buss passes and there is a canteen menu on our Facebook page if they wish to order lunch. Transition to Barham High School is on May 14th.

Holiday Reading Challenge Winners

Prep/1	Nash Wilson, Larni Millard
1/2	Lily Marsh, Bella Russell
3/4	Isla Ralston
4/5	Evelyn Goble, Seth Lewis
5/6	Amy Turvey

All other students who returned their sheets will receive a 10 token.

Cross Country





KPS Cross Country

We held our Cross Country on Monday. The day was beautiful and the students were all full of excitement. The Preps had their big buddies running with them which helped with any jitters. Thank you to Mr Morris and Mrs Lake for organising and running the day, and the staff for helping out where they could. Campbell (red house) were the overall winners on the day. The age group winners were:

12-Year-Old Boys	1st	Jimmy Puddick
	2nd	Archie Snowdon
	3rd	Brax Woolhouse
12-Year-Old Girls	1st	Pippa Dehne
	2nd	Maddie McCarthy
	3rd	
11-Year-Old Boys	1st	Flynn Fulton
	2nd	Braxton McNeil
	3rd	Nate Webb
11-Year-Old Girls	1st	Amy Turvey
	2nd	Stella Dean
	3rd	Brylee Webb
10-Year-Old Boys	1st	Freddie McKinley
	2nd	Jaymes Gleeson
	3rd	Lucas Turvey
10-Year-Old Girls	1st	Mahli Millard
	2nd	Charli Nolen
	3rd	Evelyn Goble
9-Year-Old Boys	1st	Charlie Fulton
	2nd	Kai Tieppo
	3rd	Lukas McRae
9-Year-Old Girls	1st	Imogen Martin
	2nd	Hazel Goble
	3rd	Sienna Russell
Grade 2 Boys	1st	Elliott Webb
	2nd	Joey McKinley
	3rd	Mason Vinecombe
Grade 2 Girls	1st	Savannah Gleeson
	2nd	Mae Hutchesson
	3rd	Chikarly Nolen
Grade 1 Boys	1st	Blair Gardener
	2nd	Tommy Ingwersen
Grade 1 Girls	1st	Ella Turvey
	2nd	Larni Millard
	3rd	Lily Marsh
Prep Boys	1st	Aaron He
	2nd	Nash Wilson
	3rd	Judd Trewin
Prep Girls	1st	Cherub Nolen
	2nd	Elsie Wilson
	3rd	Stella Langley

School Council

The next meeting of School Council will be on Monday 19th May at 6:30pm in the Year 5/6 Classroom.

Camp Kookaburra Recounts

I was in cabin 4 with Mahli, Jaida, Isla, Imogen, Charli, Ivy and Nirvana. After we unpacked we started our day of adventure. My favourite activity and our second was zipline or you can call it flying fox. We each had 4 goes. My second favourite was kayaking. I was partners with Mahli. **By Evelyn**

In my cabin there was Marlow, Jordan, Gus, Lucas, Oliver, Ryker, Thomas and Iziek. Personally my favourite activity was kookaburra trust, where you would climb up a big pole and stand on a tiny box no bigger than 70cm for the length and width. **By Freddie**

Our first activity which was my favourite activity was kayaking, it was so fun. I was in a cabin with all my friends which were Marlow, Freddie, Ollie, Jordan, Thomas, Ryker, Iziek and Lucas. It was a fun camp, I think it is a better camp than the last camp. **By Gus**

My favourite activity was definitely kookaburra trust because Charli Nolen and I were the only people that stood on the top. In cabin 4 (my cabin) there was Jaida, Evelyn, Nirvana, Mahli, Charli, Ivy, Isla and me. **By Imogen**

My favourite activity was the kookaburra trust. We had to climb a huge pole, stand on the top of the pole and jump. It was safe as we were harnessed. The people in my cabin were Jaida, Imogen, Charli, Nirvana, Mahli, Isla, Evelyn and I. It was a very fun camp. **By Ivy**

After we finished our walk we went into the dining room to go through the rules what not to do and what to do then they told us who was in the cabin with us. I was with Evelyn, Mahli, Imogen, Charli, Ivy, Isla, Nirvana and myself. We got our bed ready then met on the tennis courts to go into our activities. In my group there was Mahli, Evelyn, Gus, Willow, Louisa, Rylee, Charlotte, Cedar, Sienna and myself. The first thing we did was canoeing.

By Jaida

Out of the 9 activities the kookaburra trust was hands on the best activity. I was in cabin 8 also all the people in my cabin including me was Marlow, Freddie, Gus, Lucas, Oliver, Ryker, Iziek and Thomas. I had most of my friends in my cabin which was fantastic. **By Jordan**

My favourite activity was the trust fall. We had a partner my partner was Freddie. There was a pole like a power pole and we climbed to the top. Then we leaned back and fell. **By Lucas**

We set up and went straight into the activities. We finished and went straight to lunch and repeated this. Dinner we had sausages and burgers. We went to sleep. **By Marlow**

On camp, Camp Kookaburra we did lots of things which was a flying fox, kookaburra trust, bouldering and orienteering. My favourite activity was the flying fox. **By Oliver**

The owners of the camp, Josh and Claire told us the rules of camp. Next we did an activity then we had free time to play outside. We had lunch and then another activity. Next we had afternoon tea. **By Ryker**

Camp Kookaburra





**FRIDAY NIGHT
JUNIOR NETBALL
IS BACK FOR 2025**

Registrations are open to all in
Grade 3 to Year 7.

The competition will kick off on Friday
9th May, 4:30pm at the Kerang
Basketball Stadium. It will run for 8
weeks, concluding on Friday 27th June.

Registration forms are
available from Kerang
Sports Power or by
emailing

fnjn@outlook.com.au

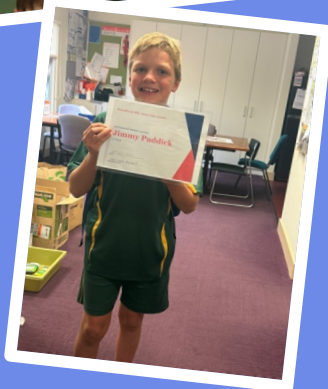
Registrations close
Wednesday 30th
April



**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED**



ANZAC Talk & Writing Award



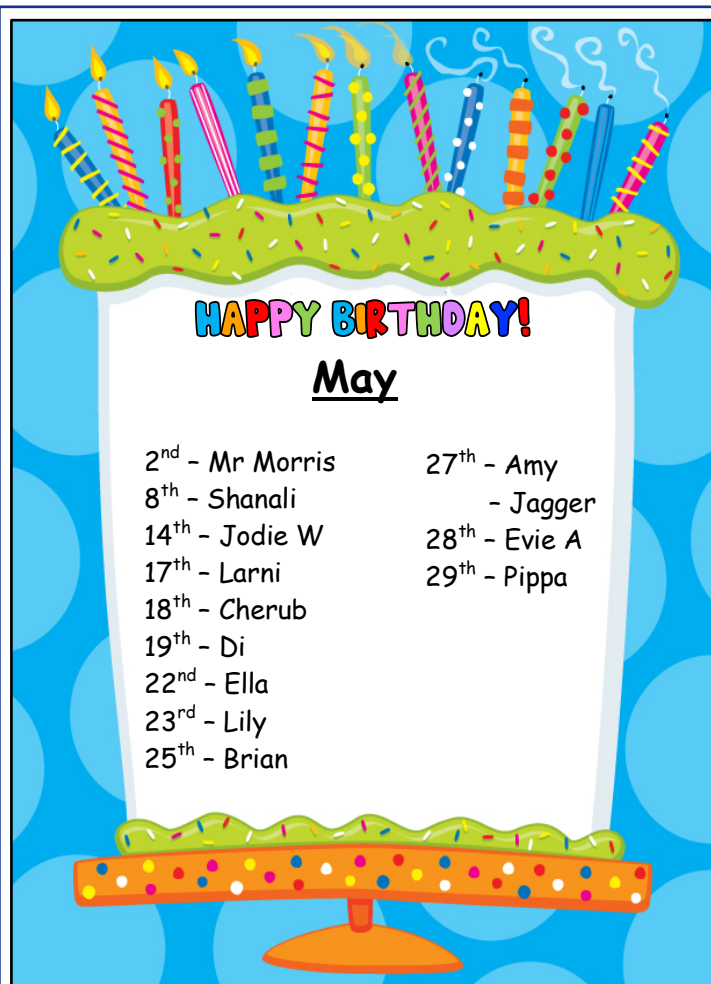
**Gannawarra Reconciliation Walk, Kerang
Wednesday, 28 May 2025**

- 9.30am Flag raising at Kerang Council Building, Victoria St, Kerang
- 9.40am Commencement of Reconciliation Walk from Victoria St to Kerang Memorial Hall
- 10.00am Smoking Ceremony & Welcome to Country
Story by Aunty Lil and Tyipen Kwe children
Cultural Sharing
Music by - Madi Colville Walker
Artwork display by Kethawil Pembenguuk and Tyipen Kwe children and youth groups
- 11.15am Close and morning tea

Artwork display

Morning tea provided





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

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

Grip Leadership Conference

Thursday 1st of May Me (Zander), Max, Pippa, Willow, Jimmy and Brax went down to Bendigo Red Energy Arena for a leadership conference. I woke up at 6:00am to start getting ready. I made my breakfast, packed my bag, got a pen, had a shower, and got dressed. At 6:30am we were off! The bus ride was fun because me and my friends were at the back and we were excruciatingly loud, but after 2 hours we arrived. We were given a booklet each and thus the conference started. The first segment went through 9:15am to 10:45am then we had our first break. There was a segment called Loud Noises, it was fun! They got volunteers to come up on the stage. At 12:30pm we had our 2nd break then after that at 2:15pm we went home. On the bus ride home, we were just as loud and then at 4:45pm we were home. It was a nice experience!

By Zander M.

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.

Mallee Division Cross Country

The Mallee Division Cross Country will be held in Swan Hill on Tuesday 13th May. The event is at Riverside Park in Swan Hill - this is the park at the river opposite the swimming pool.

If your child is selected to attend the Swan Hill Cross Country it is the Parents responsibility to transport their children to and from Swan Hill. Children must be at the event at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. We must keep to the time schedules. No exception or waiting will be permitted.

Timetable:

Marshalling for first event -: 10.40am
 11.00am 12/13-year-old girls
 11.20am 12/13-year-old boys
 11.40am 11-year-old girls
 12.00pm 11-year-old boys
 12.30pm 10-year-old girls
 12.45pm 10-year-old boys
 1.00pm 9-year-old girls
 1.20pm 9-year-old boys

Glasses for Kids Program

State School Relief (SSR) is proud to announce that the Victorian State Government has partnered with SSR once again to deliver the Glasses for Kids (GFK) program between 2024 and 2027. GFK aims to remove vision impairment as a potential barrier to educational engagement by ensuring that eligible students are supported to fully participate in education from their early years. GFK aims to visit 770 primary and specialist schools and target up to 108,000 Prep to Year 3 students for initial vision screening during the program. If required, comprehensive eye testing and glasses will be provided to participating students at no cost.

Koondrook Primary School will be visited by GFK next term. Information on the program and how to apply will be sent home soon.

Amanda Bradford



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Koondrook Preschool Fundraiser



Products and prices

- Pictureplate: \$30
- Pictureclock: \$35
- Small clock, 600ml water bottle or tote bag: \$30
- Ceramic mug, plastic mug, 400ml water bottle or pencil case: \$25
- Calendar: \$20

Drawing paper is available to download or from the Preschool foyer – contact sarah_mckinley@outlook.com for more information.

Child Name	Class	Product	Qty	Price Each
Total				

Paying for your order

Direct Debit: Koondrook Preschool Committee

BSB: 082 572

ACC: 558 249 104

Ref: PP (*Child's surname*)

Order Form and payments are due to Koondrook Preschool by: Friday 16th May2025