

Footy Colours Day



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

October 22nd, 2025

'Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged'

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Principal's Report

Canberra Camp

The Year 5/6 students, Mr Morris, Miss Archibald and Danielle are heading off to Canberra on Monday morning. Students will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital, with the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$135 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Students are required to be at school by 7:15am. Please remember to make sure you have your lunch, morning tea and water bottle with you.

I hope they all have a wonderful week exploring the sites in our Australian Capital.

Holiday Reading Challenge Winners

Winners from the Term 3 Reading Challenge are as follows:

Prep/1	Stella Langley, Lila-Rae O'Neill
1/2	Evie Amos, Jassie Oldham
3/4	Mahli Millard
4/5	Freddie McKinley, Bianca Dehne
5/6	Archie Snowdon

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

Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2025

Term 4 – October 6th ~ December 19th

Public Holidays

November 4th – Melbourne Cup

School Dates to Remember

October 24th – KTHS Transition
 October 27th~31st – Yrs. 5/6 Canberra Camp
 October 29th – KTHS Parent Information Night
 November 3rd – Curriculum Day
 November 6th – Science Day @ Barham
 November 18~19th – BHS Transition
 November 20th – Prep 2026 Transition 2-3:30pm
 November 27th – Prep 2026 Transition 2-3:30pm
 December 2nd – Prep 2026 Transition 9-11:30am
 December 9th – Step-Up Day & KTHS Transition
 December 11th – Picnic on the Green
 December 15th – Yr. 6 Graduation Dinner

Swimming Dates

December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – 1-3pm
 December 8, 10, 12 – 1-3pm

Assemblies

October 24th – Grade 5/6 to provide item
 November 14th – Grade 3/4 to provide item
 November 28th – Grade 4/5 to provide item

Outstanding Parent Contributions

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the Standard Victorian Curriculum. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. This helps to make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Thank you to the families who have paid the parent contributions already, it is much appreciated. There are still quite a few families who have not paid this year's contributions. If you are unsure whether you have or not, please contact Judi Ficken in the office. Koondrook Primary School makes every effort to keep parent contributions to a minimum by sourcing affordable items and activities for our students. Our parent contributions have not risen in price for a few years. Below is a reminder of where the contributions go.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials and equipment • Integrated studies • Literacy • Numeracy • Science Students' book packs including pens, pencils, rulers, scrapbooks, graph books, writing books, exercise books, journal books, diaries, display folders, markers, erasers, scissors, document wallets, writing paper, supplies for classroom/buddy cooking, classroom art and craft materials, materials for completing projects including paper, cardboard, paint and other materials.	\$50
ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS: Contribution towards the cost of online learning including - • Reading Eggs/Express • Mathletics • Essential Assessment • Literacy Pro	\$30
ART (MACC): Consumable items include - • Art paper, paints, workbook, craft supplies and materials etc.	\$40
LIBRARY (MARC): Consumable items include - • Workbook, cover paper and some craft supplies • Contribution towards the cost of maintaining and purchasing books for the Library Van	\$10 \$30

School Review

Thank you to the parents who met with the School Review Panel members last week for the parent focus session. We appreciate you giving up your time to offer feedback about the school and what you would like to see over the next four years. I would also like to thank Steve Ralston our School. Council President for the time he gave to be part of the Review panel. The panel really appreciated his input to the discussions across the day.

Over the first two days of the review the panel visited classrooms to observe literacy and numeracy lessons, held focus groups with students, teachers, Education Support Staff and unpacked school data from the last 4 years. We celebrated our achievements and started to work on areas to focus on next. Our final review day will be on Thursday where we will set our goals, targets and key improvement strife the next four years.



WELLBEING AT KPS

FORTNIGHT SNAPSHOT

We're now in Week 3 of Term 4, and students are continuing to settle into the final stretch of the school year. This week, our focus has been on re-establishing our Berry Street routines to support calm, focused, and positive learning environments. Students have also been introduced to a new regulation strategy called "Balloon Breathing"—a calming technique that helps them manage emotions, steady their breathing, and reset when needed. In addition, students have been given a special opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about our school with the School Review Panel. This allows them to use their voices to reflect on what makes our school great and what could make it even better. Through these activities, students are practising self-awareness, responsibility, and respectful communication as we continue working towards a positive and successful end to the year.



Over the past fortnight, students have been learning about our school values of Responsibility and Respect, with a particular focus on raising hands to speak and working independently. Through class discussions and activities, students have explored how these behaviours help create a calm, fair, and focused classroom environment.

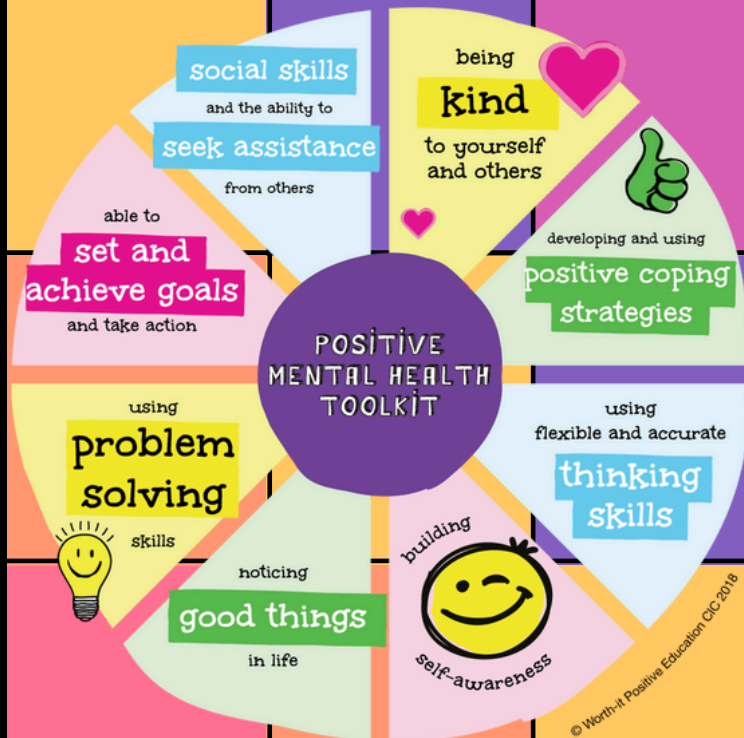
They have been learning that showing respect means listening while others are speaking and waiting for their turn to share by raising their hand. Demonstrating responsibility means staying on task, managing their own work, and giving their best effort even without reminders.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

In the coming weeks, students will be taking part in activities focused on consent and violence.

Through guided discussions, they will explore what consent looks like in everyday situations and why it is an important part of building safe, respectful, and trusting relationships. Students will also unpack the meaning of violence, considering the many ways people can be affected by harmful behaviours—both physical and non-physical.



POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

Positive, or 'good' mental health can look so different from person to person. There are different ways that we can look after our mental health; looking after our bodies, our minds, our feelings, and our friendships. Below is a simple checklist to ensure we're looking after our bodies, with checklists for the others coming over the next few weeks.

- I eat healthy food every day 🍏
- I drink plenty of water 💧
- I get enough sleep each night 😴
- get some exercise or play outside 🏃‍♀️
- take time to relax and rest 🧘‍♂️



PS Melbourne

On Friday morning the people from the PS Melbourne have kindly offered to take the students for a ride on the paddle steamer. We will be leaving school at 9:40am to walk to the wharf ready to board the Paddle steamer at 10:00am. We will then walk back to school.

Science Day

On Thursday 6th November we are joining Barham Public School for a Science Day at the Barham Football Complex.

We need parent helpers to help with the cooking of sausages for a BBQ lunch for the students. If you can lend a hand, please see Amanda.

Curriculum Day

There will be no School for students on Monday 3rd November. This will be a report writing day.

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 4th November is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

Amanda Bradford

Kitchen Gardening

In kitchen gardening we did gardening for the veggie garden. Today (October 10th) we had Joel Webb come help us screw the wood together for the new garden beds. Although at first it was hard lifting the wood, the rest was easy. Helping Joel was so much fun, learning how to screw the wood together, and it was nice having a chat too! Thank you to Arbuthnot Sawmill for supplying the wood. A massive thank you to Joel for helping us.

By Stella D. Yr. 5

Bendigo Athletics

On Monday 13th October three students went to Bendigo for Regional Athletics. Jaida had two field events, shot put and discus. Brylee's field event was triple jump, and my track event was the 4x100m relay. At the marshalling our relay team didn't have our original 3rd leg runner because he was travelling around Australia, so someone from Cohuna Consolidated was put in. Personally, I thought the running track felt really light and spongy compared to grass. It was an awesome experience.

By Freddie

Bendigo Athletics

On Monday 13th October, Brylee, Freddie and I went to Bendigo for the Regional School Athletics. Brylee went in the triple jump, Freddie went in the 4x100m relay, and I went in shot put and discus. The running track was made of synthetic material, the discus was on grass, the shot-put arena was rocks and the run-up for the triple jump was synthetic material too. It was Brylee's second time going to Bendigo and it was mine and Freddie's first time. It was a great experience for all of us.

By Jaida



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.



Swan Hill Cricket

On Monday the 20th of October most of the 5/6s and Freddie were lucky enough to participate in the Swan Hill Cricket. There were lots of different teams, everyone played really well, and they all tried their best. Our school did very well. All of the girls that went won their division, Hunter, Freddie, Nate, Seth and Braxton were runners up in their division, then Flynn, Archie, Jimmy, Tommie and Max won their division with their team, and now Flynn, Archie, Jimmy, Tommie and Max get to move onto regionals in Swan Hill again because they were in the division 1 team. It was a really fun day and now one team is lucky enough to move on to the next level!

By Flynn

Swan Hill Cricket

On Monday the 20th of October the grade 5/6 students and Freddie got to go play Cricket in Swan Hill. There were a lot of good teams, and everyone gave it their best effort and played great! Of the 4 teams we were spread between; 2 won 2 of their 4 games, 1 won 3 of 4, and Kerang district division 1 boys went undefeated and won the finals. From Koondrook, there was Jimmy, Flynn, Tommie, Max and myself, and now we get to go to the next stage in Swan Hill again.

By Archie

"It was a fun experience, and I loved how it was run." Pippa

"I think it was a great experience, it was really fun, and I think everyone should try cricket out!" Evie

Koondrook Barham Archers Community Meeting Invitation

Saturday 25th October
 2.00pm

Apex Park, Koondrook

(Meet at the BBQ area near the playground - bring the kids!)

Are you curious about archery or keen to be part of something new in our community?

Join us for a relaxed and friendly gathering to talk about starting a local archery club.

Whether you're a seasoned archer, a complete beginner, or just interested in helping build something great for Koondrook Barham - we'd love to see you there!

We'll chat about:

- What's needed to get the club up and running
- How you can get involved
- Opportunities for all age and skill levels

Bring your questions, your ideas, and your enthusiasm - we'll do our best to answer everything and get the arrows flying...

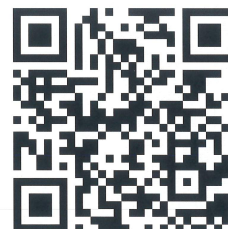
Koondrook/Barham Show

Feedback

The Koondrook/Barham Show Committee are looking for feedback regarding the show. Please use the QR code on the right if you would like to give your opinions and feedback.



PLEASE SCAN TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK



Friday 17th
 Saturday 18th
 October, 2025

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." - B.B. King

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