

Cluster Swimming Sports



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 11th, 2026

'Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged'

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Principal's Report

NAPLAN

This week the Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN testing. The test should have commenced today, Wednesday 11th March with Writing, but there has been a statewide problem getting online, although the Year 3 writing test is on paper, so they were able to do theirs. We were supposed to do Reading on Thursday, Conventions of Print on Friday and then Maths will be on Monday 16th March, but for the Grade 5's this may be set back by a day. Just a reminder that **all** children need to make sure they have a set of working headphones.

Swimming

On Friday 27th February we held the Murray Plains Cluster Swimming Sports at the Koondrook Pool. The weather was perfect, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Although everyone tried their best we still came in second place to Murrabit, who were once again the winning school. We did, however, have the Year 6 Champion Boy and Girl with Archie and Amy. Congratulations to you both!



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 will be 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, Thursday 2nd April.



Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2026

Term 1 – January 28th ~ April 2nd

Term 2 – April 20th ~ June 26th

Term 3 – July 13th ~ September 18th

Term 4 – October 5th ~ December 18th

Public Holidays

King's Birthday – June 8th

Melbourne Cup – November 3rd

School Dates to Remember

March 11, 12, 13th – NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5

March 23rd ~ 27th – 5/6 Cluster Camp

April 2nd – Easter Hat Parade

April 2nd – Last Day Term 1

April 20th – First Day Term 2

April 20th ~ 24th – STOMP Dance

April 30th – Cross Country Run

Assemblies

March 13th – P/1 to present the item

March 20th – 3/4 to present the item



Swimming

I failed to mention Braxton M in the last newsletter in the Zone Swimming section. He was among the students who went to the Zone Swimming at Swan Hill. Braxton swam in the Backstroke and Breaststroke events. Well done, Braxton!

Regional Swimming

Yesterday, four students went to Swan Hill to compete in the Zone Swimming. Amy, Freddie, Imogen and Mahli competed in Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Butterfly. Below are some reflections of the day from them.

Regional Swimming

The weather was beautiful yesterday for swimming. I travelled to Swan Hill to compete in the Butterfly. I was on the block waiting and all I saw was Swim Club on all of the caps of the competitors. It made me feel like I lost a bit of confidence, but I gave it my all anyway. In the end I came seventh out of seven. It was great to see everyone try their best. It was a great day!

By Amy

Regional Swimming

On Tuesday the tenth of March, four swimmers from Koondrook Primary School went to regional swimming in Swan Hill. Amy competed in butterfly. Imogen competed in the freestyle. Mahli competed in the relay, and I competed in the breaststroke. The whistle blew; I stood up on the blocks and took my position. Set, I tucked my head in, then the buzzer went. I jumped off the blocks and started swimming breaststroke. I felt like I had smashed my personal best. It was very close between third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

By Freddie

Regional Swimming

On Tuesday the 10th of March, 4 swimmers from Koondrook Primary School went to Swan Hill to compete in the regionals. My event was first and there was only one heat. My hands were shaking but I bravely put on my swim cap and goggles and got ready to dive. Take your marks, go! The buzzer went. I felt as though I was flying through the water, but I was 3 seconds slower than my previous try at zone. I touched the wall catching my breath, but I was proud even though I was unsure what place I came. We were finished for the day, so I left the pool with a smile on my face knowing I tried my best.

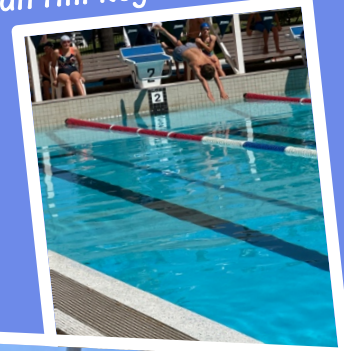
By Imogen

Regional swimming

On Tuesday the 10th of March, 4 swimmers from Koondrook Primary School went to Regionals at Swan Hill. Imogen swam freestyle, Amy swam butterfly and Freddie swam breaststroke. My event was a relay; our team was called Kerang District. When it was our turn to swim, I was very nervous. I normally swim third, but I swam second this time. First to swim was Keira, then me, third was Ashley then Jade. I swam as fast as I could. We swam 10 seconds faster, all up our time was 2 minutes and 56 seconds. We came third all up. We got a bronze medal but didn't make it to Melbourne. At least we all had a go, and it was fun and a good experience!

By Mahli

Swan Hill Regional Swimming



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Year 5/6 Camp - Cottage by the Sea

Just a reminder that final payment for camp should have been made last week. The students, together with Mr Morris, Ms Selleck and Ms Callow head off to camp at Cottage by the Sea on Monday 23rd March. The bus will be leaving Koondrook at 7:00am. Students need to be at school by 6:40am. All students need to take a good morning tea and a water bottle. Please do not pack your morning tea in with your luggage. The camp will provide lunch when the students arrive at camp. The campers will return to Koondrook by 3:20pm on Friday 27th March.

Easter Hat Parade

The SRC will be running an Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term. A gold coin donation would be appreciated, and it will be going to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. So, get your thinking 'caps' on and design a fancy or crazy Easter hat!

Last Day Term 1

The end of Term 1 is quickly approaching! For any of our new families, we finish early at 1:35pm on Thursday 2nd April.

School Council Meeting

Our March meeting of the School Council has been changed to the 23rd of March. Please note the change of date.

Assemblies

We have assembly this Friday, 13th March at 3pm on the BV. The Prep/1 class will be providing the item. The next assembly will be the very next week on the 20th of March, with the Year 3/4 class providing the item. It's not often we have assemblies so close, it's just how the dates worked out and we could fit them in.

Amanda Bradford



WELLBEING AT KPS

FORTNIGHT SNAPSHOT

Another busy and positive fortnight at KPS!

Our senior students have been setting personal wellbeing goals, thinking about the strategies that help them feel and perform at their best. Staff have also been engaging in professional learning, exploring the connections between The Resilience Project, Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support and the Berry Street Education Model to strengthen our whole-school approach to wellbeing.

In our junior classrooms, students have been learning about oxytocin – the “feel good” messenger in our brain that is released when we do kind things for others, helping them understand how kindness supports both themselves and others.

Our Brekky Program also continues to be a big hit, providing students with a welcoming and positive start to the day.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Over the past fortnight, all classes have been continuing their work with The Resilience Project, with a strong focus on developing empathy and understanding the feelings of others.

Students have been exploring what empathy looks like in everyday school life and discussing the different ways we can show care, understanding and kindness to those around us. In our junior classrooms, students have been learning to recognise and read the emotions of others by paying attention to facial expressions, body language and tone of voice.

Classes have also been discussing the idea of “kindness ripples” – how one small act of kindness can spread from one person to another, creating a positive impact across our whole school community. It has been wonderful to see students reflecting on how their actions can make others feel supported and valued.



Over the past fortnight, our focus has been on our value of Responsibility, particularly when moving around the school. Students have been learning and practising the expectation of walking safely in shared spaces, including moving appropriately and carefully around corners. As students continue to settle into routines, classes have been discussing how responsible movement helps keep everyone safe and ensures learning can continue without disruption.

RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST

- I try my best and complete my learning tasks
- I follow instructions the first time they are given
- I look after my belongings and school equipment
- I keep my learning space tidy and organised
- I make safe and positive choices throughout the day
- I take responsibility for my actions and fix mistakes when they happen
- I help others and contribute positively to our classroom and school community

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
March

5 th - Karen	22 nd - Mandy
10 th - Stella L	23 rd - Braxton M
11 th - Ms Selleck	29 th - Brylee
15 th - Huxley	
- Mason	
16 th - Seth	
- Ms Callow	
19 th - Jaymes	
- Sarah	

<https://www.playhq.com/afi/org/cohuna-holiday-program/dc454b93/register>

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.

nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.

AFL Superkick
7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

COHUNA AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL | 9AM-3PM
COHUNA REC RESERVE
\$55 PER PERSON