

5/6 Cottage By The Sea Camp



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

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'Where the Pursuit of Excellence is Encouraged'

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Principal's Report

As we head into the final week of Term 1 — wow, where did the time go? It's hard to believe the term is already drawing to a close. A reminder that school will finish for students at 1:35pm on Thursday 2nd April.

Well done to our amazing Prep students who have made such a fantastic start to school life. Congratulations also to our Year 6 students, who have embraced their leadership roles with enthusiasm and commitment.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group of staff at KPS who work tirelessly to support every student to be the very best they can be. We also greatly appreciate our parent community, whose ongoing support and involvement help make KPS such a wonderful school.

Looking back over the past nine weeks, our students have achieved so much. Some highlights include:

- Preps settling into the daily routines of school life
- Swimming Sports- Cluster, Zone and Regional
- Year 5/6 Cluster Camp at Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff
- Year 3 and Year 5 students completing NAPLAN
- Construction of new playground has commenced

It has been fantastic to see students embracing all the opportunities presented to them throughout the term. Great work, KPS!

Looking ahead to Term 2, we have many exciting events planned, including:

- ANZAC Day Service
- Stomp Dance
- Koondrook PS Cross Country
- Lion's Club Speeches
- Cluster Day at Leitchville
- Year 6 GRIP Leadership in Bendigo
- Year 6 Transition Days at BHS and KTHS

Students will return to school on Monday 13th April. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and restful holiday, has a wonderful Easter break, and returns refreshed for another great term of learning.

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 23rd ~ 27th – 5/6 Cluster Camp
- April 2nd – Easter Hat Parade
- April 2nd – Easter Raffle Drawn
- April 2nd – Last Day Term 1, Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm
- April 20th – First Day Term 2
- April 20th ~ 24th – STOMP Dance
- April 25th – ANZAC Day March
- April 30th – Cross Country Run
- May 13th – Yr. 6 BHS Transition
- May 14th – GRIP Leadership Day, Bendigo
- May 19th – Zone Cross Country, Swan Hill
- June 17th – Winter Sports @ Swan Hill, 5/6's
- June 18th – Cluster Day @ Leitchville PS



Easter Raffle

Thank you to everybody who has returned their raffle books and have donated an Easter goodie for our raffle. The raffle will be drawn next Thursday morning at our Easter hat parade. We would like all raffle tickets and donations to return to school by Monday so prize packs can be made up.

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday morning we will draw our raffle at 9am, while we wait for the Preschool students to come and join us for our Easter hat parade. Students are encouraged to get creative to design a hat to wear on Thursday.

Stomp Dance

In the first week of next term, Stomp Dance will be working with our students. Each day the students will have a 45-minute dance session. Then on the Friday we will be travelling to Cohuna Consolidated School to join Murrabit and Cohuna Consolidated for the day, including a special performance of all the dances during the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to join us for the performance during the afternoon.

School Council

On Monday night we held our AGM for the new School Council. We welcomed Rebecca Della, Ashlee Wilson and Madeleine Tracey as new members to join existing council members Emily Wood, Steve Ralston, Jess McNeil, Cam Langley, Seamus McKinley, Sophie Lake, Karen Naismith, Kyle Morris and myself. The executive positions are as follows:

Executive Officer – Principal, Amanda Bradford

School Council President - Emily Wood

Vice President - Steve Ralston

Secretary - Sophie Lake

Vice Secretary - Karen Naismith

Treasurer - Judi Ficken

I would like to thank Steve Ralston for his role as School Council President for the last 5 years.

End of term.

We finish school on Thursday, 2nd April at 1:35pm. We wish everybody a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable school holiday. We come back to school on Monday, 13th April.

Holiday Reading Challenge

We will be running our Holiday Reading Challenge over the holidays again. If students read for 10 or more nights, they go into a draw to win a book of their choice from the Scholastic Book Club catalogue. The reading sheets will be handed out next week.

Daylight Savings Ends

We will get an extra hour of sleep as we turn back the clocks for the end of Daylight Savings in the early hours of Sunday 5th April.





ANZAC Day

On Saturday 25th April, we celebrate and remember the many men and women who have served our country in War. This year the ANZAC ceremony will commence at the Koondrook RSL Hall at 10:45am before the march to the Barham Cenotaph. I hope that we will have students and their families representing the school by attending the ceremony and participating in the march and wreath laying. Some parents to accompany the students on the march would be appreciated. School uniform must be worn.

Winter Uniform

Now is a good time to order winter uniform if you need to. We don't have a lot in stock at school due to storage space, so if you need to order items you can download an order form from our website or get one from the office. We do have available on our uniform list a waterproof, polar fleece lined jacket for anyone interested.

Basketball

On Tuesday 31st March, the grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to go to Swan Hill to play Basketball for the Summer Sports. Families will need to arrange their own transport as we don't have a bus for this activity. Students will need to take their lunch, snacks and a water bottle.

Amanda Bradford





MARC Library Information - Term 1

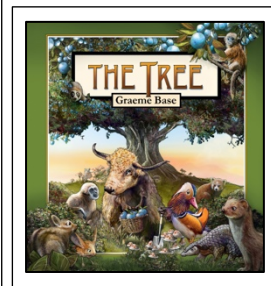
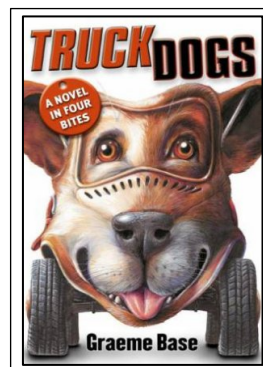
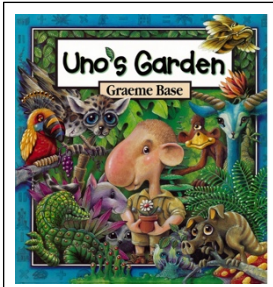
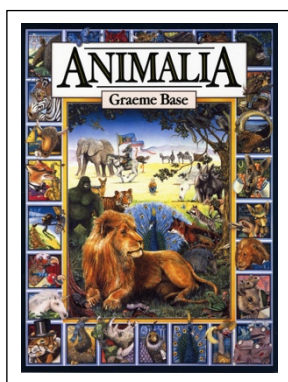
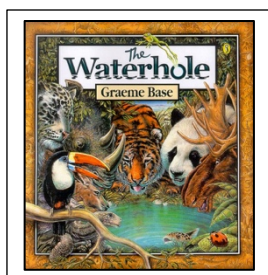
This term we have been looking at caring for library books – **keep them away from food and drinks, put your books in a separate compartment to your drink bottle, put them up high** away from younger siblings and pets, have clean hands when reading, carry carefully and turn pages with care and use a library bag. So many books have been damaged by water accidentally spilling on the books or drink bottles leaking in bags. The pages all go crinkly, then go mouldy and need to be thrown out. Please can you enforce this rule at home. Also, please keep the books away from food because no one wants to open a book with crushed cocoa pops or chocolate squashed in the pages. Books are very expensive, please look after them.

We also learnt about the Winter Olympics that were held in Milano Cortina, Italy. We found Italy on the map and watched lots of video clips of each sport. We watched clips of past Winter Olympians, as well as the medal winners this year.

We have been looking at Graeme Base books as he was named a member of the Order of Australia Honours for services to illustration and literature in January this year. It is also the 40th anniversary for his book Animalia. We have spent a number of weeks reading Animalia. This is an alphabet book consisting of intricate illustrations tied to a letter of the alphabet. There are 26 illustrations to find on each page, as

well as a picture of Graeme Base (like Where's Wally), as well as at least 1,000 hidden objects throughout the book. It took Graeme Base 3 years to write and illustrate this book. Over 5 million copies have been sold worldwide. He has written 26 books. We have also read his books – The Tree, Jungle Drums, The Waterhole and Uno's Garden. We have also looked at Truck Dogs. We have played the bongo drums (jungle drums), made up some funny creatures (snortlepig, moopaloops) and designed their own truck dogs.

Helen McLaren (MARC Librarian)



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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