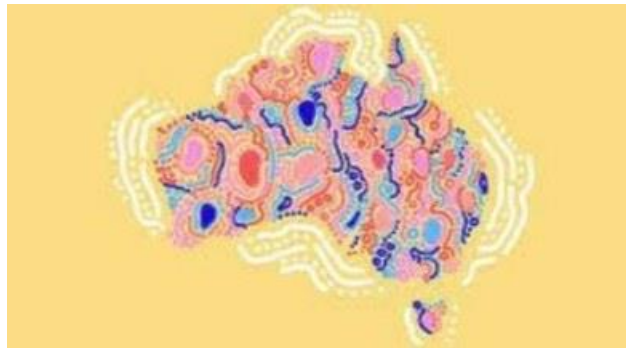




Koroit and District Primary School 14th February 2025



Here is the land.

Here is the sky.

Here are my friends and here am I

We thank the Peek Whurrong people for the land on which we learn and play.

Hands up, hands down – we're on Peek Whurrong ground.



Principal Report

I couldn't be prouder of how the children have settled into KDPS this year. It is hard to identify the foundation children as they move around the school with such confidence. Our grade 6 children are enjoying the time to be leaders of the school and are certainly stepping up to showcase what KDPS has to offer.

We have three important dates, one of which has had a change of date.

The first - the Garden tidy up listed below. This is a general tidy up with the main goal to be to move the mulch, a bit of weeding, removal of lavender and a couple of garden beds needing a tidy up.

The second- **Please note change of date to the Reading Information Evening.**

We welcome all Foundation/1 parents to join us for a Reading Information session in the Hall on **Tuesday 24th February**. This will provide families with an insight into 'what reading looks like at school' and ways to support the reading process at home.

Please save the date.

The third being our Welcome School Picnic being held on the **4th of March**. This is a great opportunity for us to meet and greet new members of our community, whilst enjoying some background music, knowing that the children can play safely within the school grounds.

Behaviour Expectations 2025

This year, as part of our Values work, we have reviewed our Behaviour Matrix, changing the name to Expected Behaviours. This was designed in consultation with the student's wish list and our teachers. We have drafted our Expected Behaviour into three parts, Inside the classroom, Outside the classroom and In our Community.

Our behaviour Expectations document is being launched in the classroom and reviewed in the next couple of weeks

At KDPS, we highly value feedback from our parent community regarding this document. The Behaviour Expectations will be introduced in the classroom and will undergo review in the coming weeks.

Parents, Carers are welcome to drop feedback through the Koroit.PS@education.vic.gov.au account.

Expectations ↓	Settings		
	Learning areas	Inside the classroom	Outside the classroom
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can understand adult decisions or seek a trusted adult to support me I look after resources (my schoolbooks and resources within the room) I respect others personal space I respect the opportunity for myself and others to learn I respect everyone's privacy I treat people with kindness and courtesy I listen with understanding and empathy I value our right to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I put rubbish in the bin I respect equipment and play spaces I include others I respect students, staff, parents and guests at KDPS I respect privacy I treat people with kindness and courtesy We take care of and appreciate our environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will show respect when in the wider community I will be responsible for communicating information to my parents/caregivers
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I keep my hands, feet, and objects to myself I make good choices I move safely around the school I understand when others need to feel safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wear my hat during the SunSmart months I sit down when eating and eat in the designated areas I use the playground equipment safely I follow the rules of the game I follow SunSmart expectations I use the prompts:..... to help me solve any problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I keep passwords private I only access sites that I am old enough to use and my parents know about I only use kind words and actions online I only communicate online with people I already know in person I ride and walk to school following the road rules
Be Proud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I take pride in my work I proudly follow teacher instructions I wear our uniform with pride I celebrate the success of others I use feedback to enhance my learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I take pride in the school grounds I wear my uniform with pride I try to resolve problems on my own or with the yard duty teacher I think before I act I immediately report anything inappropriate to parent or teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I immediately report poor online behaviour to a trusted adult I understand that my parents have a right to know what I access online I speak with pride about my school
Be Inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I let others learn I accept everyone I value and celebrate differences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I take turns I let everyone play I invite others to play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am inclusive when participating in sports and events

School Council and Parents, Carers and Friends

What is School Council

The School Council is the committee of management for the school. It includes the Principal, other staff, parent, community and possibly student representatives. It has extensive powers over the management of the school, as set out in the [Policy and Advisory Library](#).

The School Council has some big responsibilities; the school budget, Strategic Plan, school governance and employment issues.

Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF)

A Parent Club is set up to represent the interests of parents at the school, to support parents and to carry out activities for and on behalf of parents. Parent Clubs can be more of an open forum for parents and focus on activities that meet parents' needs – social events, guest speakers, volunteer activities to benefit the school and fundraising. They can also be a think-tank or sounding board for the school (e.g. the school might want to seek school community opinion on the introduction of a new school uniform item).

Our Parents, Carers and Friends have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the funds raised for our school are put back into the student and student learning.

Last year our PCF supported the opportunity to purchase new readers for the F-2 area, assisted in the supply of new iPads for the grade 5/6 children, purchased new picnic mats and outdoor furniture for the whole school and a new marquee for all sporting events. They also assisted with grants to support STEAM with the purchase of coding robots and free books.

It is not possible to run a small school without the support of our parent body. Our PCF group are incredibly inclusive and welcome all parents, whether it be to attend meetings or popping your hand up to support fund raising events.

Garden Tidy Up

It would be greatly appreciated if anyone has an available fifteen-minutes this weekend on Sunday **16th of February** to assist in moving some mulch or tidying up garden beds. Please bring along some spades and wheelbarrows. The plan is from 10am onwards, feel free to pop in and lend a hand, there will be a list on the door of what we would like help with.

Grade 5/6 Camp

All grade 5/6 children will need to meet at **6am at the Warrnambool Train Station** in order to depart for their 3 day/two night camp in Melbourne.

Please ensure that you are prompt as the train will not wait.

All medications need to be handed to the classroom teacher prior to Monday.

No digital devices to be brought on camp.

We look forward to hearing all about it!

Naplan

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. The NAPLAN assessment period is from Wednesday 12th of March until the 18th March.

It is important for families to openly discuss with myself or the classroom teacher if they have any concerns regarding NAPLAN.

[NAPLAN 2025 information for parents and carers \(online\)](#)

The following link provides parents with examples of previous NAPLAN tests. Please take the time to peruse.

[NAPLAN 2012-2016 test papers](#)

Lions Eye Testing

The Warrnambool Lions club has offered the Foundation, Grade 3 and Grade 6 students a Free Vision screening.

The Lions club members have been specifically trained to perform 4 vision screening assessments including:

1. Visual Acuity
2. Colour Vision
3. Depth Perception
4. Spot Vision Screener

To participate - please return the form sent home today. This will be conducted on the 3rd of March.



Library Opening

This Year our Library opening days will be Monday & Wednesday Lunch times. This is a time that your child/ren can borrow or return books outside the classroom library lessons

Library notes sent home - Please be aware that these are reminders - If it cannot be found, please advise the office or classroom teachers, we will update the records.



Bike Education

This week, we advanced our Bike Education program with the support of Dave Holscher, who guided small groups of children in enhancing their riding skills both at school and in the surrounding community. This event provides an excellent opportunity for the children to showcase their abilities while learning important safety practices for cycling. Children must have local permissions forms completed to participate.

With the success & popularity of our Bike ed sessions, these will continue for a further two weeks **from 24th Feb - 7th March** - If your child could benefit from this - please make sure to complete the Local Excursion permissions on Xuno, and advise us via email: koroit.ps@education.voc.gov.au



Over the past two weeks we have taken 64 kids around the streets of Koroit on bike education.

We have enjoyed the variety of weather from 34 degrees to a heavy shower of rain which is a great educational experience to ride in different conditions. Most days have also been quite windy. The kids have shown great skills navigating the different roads and crossings. It's been

amazing to see the bike racks fill up at school with over 35 bikes today. Not only is bike riding to school great for the health benefits. It's a huge advantage for the children's confidence and resilience. Aswell as having less congestion around the school carparks of a morning and afternoon.

We had some amazing things happen while out on our travels. We had one amazing student stop to pick up the bins in front of the library which was very community minded. We look forward to continuing the program after camp due to the large uptake. Anyone yet to join will have an opportunity. Students with low confidence on a bike are most welcome to join and we can alter the program to keep in the school grounds for some basics on the oval or running track.











Grade 6 leadership positions



Last week provided a remarkable opportunity to observe our outstanding students excel in their leadership roles. The Grade 6 leaders have surpassed expectations and embraced their responsibilities with enthusiasm. Please note that the Community House Captain has a slight change- our goal is to ensure that our House Captains are inclusive of all house teams. Role descriptions for each Leadership position will be shared after school camp.

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating exceptional leadership qualities.

School Captains

Jaxon M, Harvey P, Lottie M and Molly F

Sports Captains

Hendrex O and Audrey G

Community Captains

Ruby P and Billy M

Community House Captains

Ashton C, Declan J, Oli M, Beckett R

Pet Zone Captains

Ava F, Billy B and Kora K

Library Captain

Matilda G

Choose Kind Captains

Zoe W and Luke P

E-smart Captains

Carey G and Harry R

Cultural Captain

Jonah G

Green Team Captains

Zayne R and Ben P

Badges are currently being ordered, and parents and families will be notified of the presentation at assembly.

Community Leaders

Our Community Leaders and our Green Team Leaders landed their first community role on Monday. Dave Holscher liaised with the Australian Sheepdog Trials, Zayne, Ben, Ruby and Billy assisted in setting up fences and signage. They then were rewarded with a cup of tea and biscuits. We thank the coordinators for the opportunity to participate.







Parent Meeting -Optional

In week 5 of this term, we are holding optional Parent Meetings. This is an opportunity for you to discuss how your child is settling in, share anything that the teacher might need to know, and just get a general update. Once again, this is optional. Booking can be made via Xuno and meetings will be in ten-minute intervals. If you require longer, please discuss with the classroom teacher prior to this.

Steps to make the booking includes:

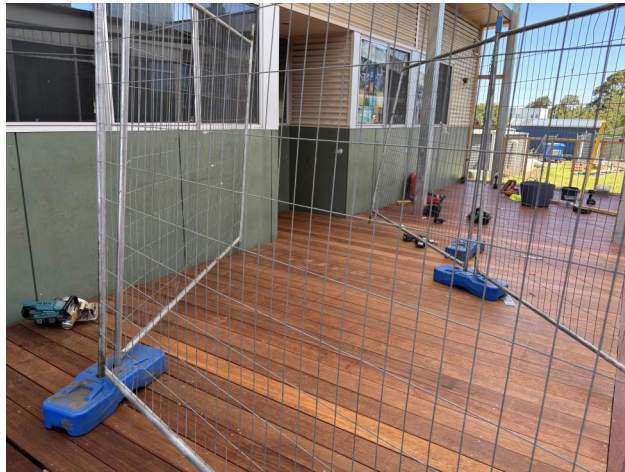
Go to Xuno

Select child

Parent teacher interviews

Select a date & time.

The Build




1 - The new deck is looking AMAZING! This work started during the holidays. Amie and I have worked consistently to ensure that the whole deck (as an addition to the build) was replaced to ensure that this area is completed to a high standard. We thank the team of builders who have worked tirelessly to accommodate our needs along with our request to not remove the children from the area.



2 - The roofing is due to be fitted out with lights over the next few weeks.

2025 Staff Introductions



Hi, I'm Kane Leggett and I'm teaching 3-6 Performing Arts in 2025. It's my first year teaching at KDPS and also my first year teaching Performing Arts, which I'm pumped about. A little about me: My partner and I moved to the area last year with our dog Donny. We've loved getting to know the amazing beaches and seeing all the wildlife in the area. I love to read, play music and have a laugh!



GET TO KNOW ME MORE...

MRS RIVETT

My nickname is Buzz -
Yes I know, that's a
little strange..

I have 3 amazing kids, Emerson, Ashlyn
and Darcy. I also have 3 furry friends,
Tess and Georgie- the crazy labradors
and Ivy the cat.

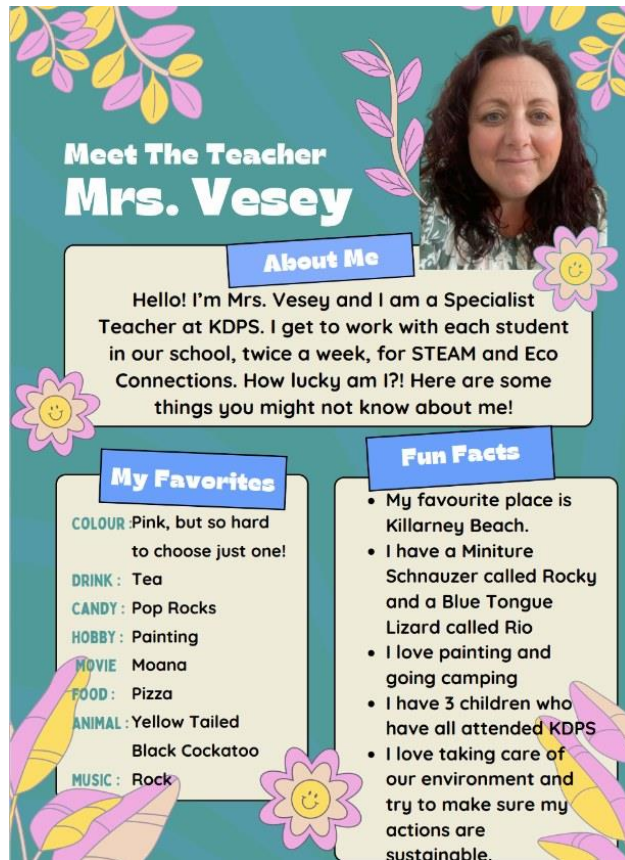


This year I will be teaching F-3 Performing Arts. I am also
the Mental Health In Primary Schools Leader.

I love to travel in my van
exploring places I've never
been before.

I love singing in the
Find Your Voice Choir





Tanya's Tips and Tricks

- Sugar Free Zooper Doopers are they treat of choice for Birthday Celebrations at school.
- Asthma medical plans need to be given to Amie/Steph in the office
- All medication needs to be handed to the office- labelled, child's name, quantity
- Foundation children are not required at school on Wednesdays until March long weekend.
- All student mobile phones are to be stored in the office- handed to Amie and locked away during the school day
- If you require an early pick up, please call the office prior to 2:30pm otherwise the message cannot be guaranteed.
- School hours are 9:00 until 3:25pm. Please make appointments where possible outside these hours.
- Lunch is 1:30 pm. We encourage families to pack a healthy lunch.

- First lunch is 11:00 am and children eat on return to the classroom at 11:23
- School hats are to be worn until the end of April (no hat no play)
- Earliest student arrival time is 8:30 am. Children will not be supervised until 8:40am
- Student absences to be recorded on Xuno or contact the school on 55658332
- All excursions are to be approved on Xuno prior to excursions.
- Fruit break items are better to be cut up small for eating purposes.
- Fruit is easier for classroom management if stored in a separate container.

Important dates for 2025

17th -19th Feb Grade 5/6 Camp

3rd March - Lions Club Eye testing (Foundation, grade 3 & grade 6)

4th March - Welcome Picnic @ KDPS 5.30pm

7th March - KDPS Athletics

10th March- Labour Day (Foundation to attend full time from now on)

11th March- Wellbeing meeting Paul Taylor (Pupil free day/Theircare Avail)

18th March -26th March - Grade 3-6 Swimming

24th Feb - F/1 Parents Reading Info session 7pm

-Parent Meeting night (Optional) 3.40-4.40

26th March - Parent meeting night (opt in) 3.40-4.40

27th March - 2/3 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park

3rd April - Big Life Walk at the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens

4th April-Last day of term. Colour Explosion

18th April- Good Friday

22nd April- Start of term 2

25th April- ANZAC day

26th April- Irish Festival

28th April - School Photos

13th May- Pupil Free Day (Their care Avail)

Financial Support for families

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund)

CSEF can now be used on siblings. EG, three children in one family, CSEF can all be used for 1 child (all must be within the same school)

State School Relief [Resources - State Schools' Relief](https://www.vic.gov.au/state-school-relief)

For more information - please contact the office. 55658 332 or koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

UNIFORM ORDERING

Please note: To keep costs as low as possible we will only be doing re-stock orders on the first Monday of each month. When the stock arrives in will be allocated on a first in, first serviced basis.

Order from the comfort of your couch - via **My School Connect**

Please follow the link below to our Uniform Store.

[Koroit + District PS Uniform Store \(myschoolconnect.com.au\)](https://myschoolconnect.com.au)



What's going on in our school



Mrs Vesey - "We were grateful that the weather cooled off early on Thursday and we were able to get out into the garden for lunch time Garden Club. This week we planted some cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and marigolds. Our garden is starting to look alive again! We are hoping that the chook doesn't dig up all of our seedlings. She seemed very interested in the cauliflower! "









Parents Carers and Friends (PCF)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community
- Help raise funds for school resources to benefit all students
- Create a community within KDPS

Join the committee or put your name down as a helper.
Maybe you have a skill set to contribute to a better school
experience

Trades, Grant Writing, Gardening, Design, Cooking,

To contribute to your childrens school experience
send your details to oliviagardner86@gmail.com

WELCOME PICNIC

Grab your Picnic blanket, pack a basket of food, Don't forget your smiles and let's welcome in the 2025 School year together!

4 MARCH | **START AT**

2025 | **5:30PM**

Live Music by Sam & Les, Dylan O'keeffe Hot Jam Donuts, Sno Cones, Face Painting & a great big welcome to all!

KDPS Oval | 91 Commercial Road, Koroit

Koroit & District
PRIMARY SCHOOL

03 5565 8332

koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

I Learn • We belong • Together we achieve

KDPS COLOUR EXPLOSION

SAVE THE DATE | 4TH APRIL 2025

FAMILY BBQ LUNCH
COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN
WATER SLIDE AND FIRE TRUCK
KDPS COMMUNITY RUN
FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
MORE DETAILS WILL COME OUT SOON.



SunSmart

Slap! on your **hat** and Slop! on **sunscreen**, when the UV is 3 or above.



Even on cool and cloudy days.

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above generally from mid-August to the end of April.

sunsmart.com.au

Use all five forms of sun protection



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



Cancer Council Victoria



VICTORIA State Government





3 - Lunch Order Link

[Login to end the daily school lunch madness - School Lunch Online](#)

Please ensure you update your child/ren's classroom for 2025!



TERM 1 MENU 2024



I learn • We belong • Together we achieve

Wednesday & Friday Lunch Orders

Cold

Fresh cut fruit salad	6.00
Caesar salad/Greek salad #	7.50
Salad wrap with chicken or ham	5.50
Salad roll	6.50
Salad roll with ham or chicken	7.50
Jam sandwich #	3.50
Cheese and vegemite sandwich #	3.50
Egg and lettuce sandwich #	4.50
Ham and cheese sandwich #	4.50
Salad sandwich with egg #	6.00
Salad sandwich with ham or chicken #	6.50

Hot

Pasta Bolognese(GF) Friday only	6.00
Chilli Con Carne w Rice and Corn Chips (GF) Wednesday Only	6.00
Homemade sausage roll	5.00
Gluten Free sausage roll	5.50
Party pie	1.80
Pie	6.50
Sauce	0.20
Beef lasagne	6.00
Gluten Free beef lasagne	6.50
Ham and Cheese Toasty #	4.50
Hotdog with sauce	5.00
Beef and Cheese Burger	8.00
Veggie burger	8.00
(lettuce, tomato, vegie Pattie, tomato relish and mayonnaise)	
Ham, Cheese and Pineapple Panini(toasted)	8.00
Chicken, Cheese and Honey Mustard Panini	8.00

Snacks

Carrot sticks	1.50
Homemade biscuits	1.50
Jelly and fruit cups	2.00
Fruit yoghurt and muesli cups	5.50
Hedgehog slice	3.50
Lemon and coconut slice	3.50
Chocolate Muffin	3.50
Berry Muffin	3.50

Drinks

Fresha water	3.00
Fresha 100% Orange juice 250ml	3.50
Fresha 100% Apple and blackcurrant 250ml	3.50
Focus sports water 350ml	3.00
Blackcurrant or Raspberry Nipples flavoured milk 250ml	3.00
Chocolate or Strawberry	

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Dixie Cup	2.00
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Any Questions or Ideas please send me an email

info@mcmahonfamilycatering.com

Please ensure your child's teacher and classroom has been updated, Thanks

can be made Gluten Free if ordered

Lunch orders need to be placed on www.schoolsunchonline.com.au before 9.00am on the day of order. To make things easy you can order a whole term ahead. Please ensure that your child's room number is correct.



McMahon Family Catering

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM BREAKFAST CLUB

FOOD BANK THE EDUCATION STATE VICTORIA Education and Training

4 - KDPS Runs a Breakfast club Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8.30-8.45am

Thank you to our amazing breakfast club Volunteers, Hayley W, Lisa R, Amy J, Jessica M & Namaya Z

Eat. Learn. Succeed!

The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for **Book Club!**

Linked **Online Ordering & Payment** platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's **Book Club** order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by **LOOP**.

Also available as an app:



5 - Book Club Catalogues are sent home throughout the year, feel free to make purchases with cash to the front office, or via the Loop app. All sales provide free resources to KDPS.

Please make sure to contact the office if any orders are Gifts. We will then make sure they Students are not aware.

1. Your child will bring home their Book Club catalogue from school.
2. Browse the pages with your child and help them choose books that suit their age and interests.
3. Order online via Book Club **LOOP**.
4. The books are delivered back to your child's classroom where the teacher will hand them out to very excited students!

Community News





Term 1 Begins 6th February, 2025

8 WEEKS \$65.00
THURSDAYS
The Arc Stadium, Warrnambool

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
https://bit.ly/AussieHoopsT1_2025

INTRODUCING OUR AWESOME HEAD COACHES

WARRNAMBOOL
BASKETBALL



Louise Brown Nicole Gynes Harry McBorm Arcaim Lallemand

5-7 Year Olds
4.15pm - 5.00pm

8-10 Year Olds
5.00pm - 6.00pm

AND MORE SEAHAWKS & MERMAIDS.



For more info: Admin Office
M: 0439 777 518
admin@warrnamboolbasketball.com.au



WARRNAMBOOL RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

Come and Try Days

for Girls and Boys aged 5 to 11

On Saturday's 22nd February
and 1st March 2025

at The Brierly Oval, Moore Street

Starts at 9.30am

NO CHARGE

Come along - Bring a friend!

for further information

Phone: John on 0417 777 938



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Learn through
WARRNAMBOOL
skills and tackle-
PRE-SEASON
free, match-
JUNIOR FOOTBALL
based sessions.

**FIND
YOUR
FOOTY**

WARRNAMBOOL PRE-SEASON SUPERKICK CENTRE

You can enter as a team or as an individual, anyone can
play!

Warrnambool Pre-Season Superkick Centre provides an opportunity for players and teams to gear up for the upcoming football season through a match based session round robin competition.

Enter your football team, a School team or enter as an individual looking to give football a go,
Everyone is welcome!

DATE: Friday's February 21st @ 4.30-5.30pm.

VENUE: Deakin University Oval


COST: \$55 per participant (6 week comp)

to register scan the
QR Code



For more information
contact jono.box@ afl.com.au

FILM SCREENING AND Q&A WITH
YARAAN COUZENS BUNDLE, AMELIA DUMESNY,
BEN DRUITT, COLLEEN HUGHSON



RISING UP


KAL GLANZNIG

A JOURNEY TO UNCOVER THE SOLUTIONS
TO OUR GREATEST CRISES

FEATURING
KAL GLANZNIG, SAM FRODER, SOPHIA SKARPARIS, HANNAH REGAN, ZALI STEGGALL, LOTTIE DALZIEL, PETE CERENJUKY, MICHAEL ELIAS,
OKALANI MAHONEY, GRACE MALE, SAM RENCKEGRUB, EMMA BATTY, STEPHEN RUDDAN

REARDON THEATRE
FREE ADMISSION
WED 19 FEB, 2025 | STARTS AT 6:30PM

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BOOK TICKETS AT WWW.EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM





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TWILIGHT MARKET

Wednesday 19 February 2025
4pm-7.30pm
CORNER OF GRIEVE ST AND GRAFTON ROAD



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ARTS & CRAFTS
STREET FOOD
GARDEN BAR
KIDS ACTIVITIES
AND SO MUCH MORE!

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MUSIC
+
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SESSIONS



Warrnambool Pop-up Science Centre

Event Details:

The table below contains information on the town, date and time, and venue location of our pop-up events.

Warrnambool

Saturday 22 February, 10 am – 4 pm

Warrnambool Showgrounds – Wannon Function Centre

331 Koroit St, Warrnambool VIC 3280

Description:


Join the *Questacon Science Circus* for a FREE pop-up science centre experience like no other!

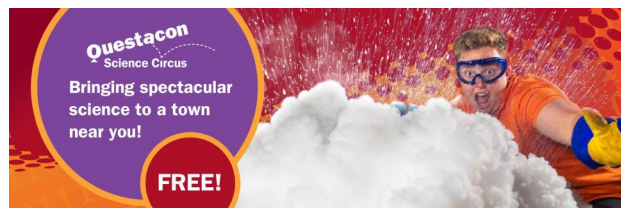


Come along to spin yourself dizzy, test your reflexes, explore your fingertips under the microscope, and watch some of our spectacular science shows. 😊🔬

With over 30 hands-on exhibits, the *Science Circus* pop-up is a fantastic STEM day out for the whole family. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to ignite your curiosity! ✨

- This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential.
- Most people spend 1–2 hours at our pop-up.
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Hurry, book your FREE ticket now!  <https://bit.ly/QSC25-VIC>



Questacon
Science Circus

Bringing spectacular science to a town near you!

FREE!

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a purple t-shirt and blue gloves, stands on a stage. He is holding a large, clear plastic bottle with both hands. A bright blue flame is emerging from the top of the bottle. The background is dark.

Questacon
Science Circus

Bringing spectacular science to a town near you!

FREE!

A woman with her hair in a ponytail, wearing an orange t-shirt and blue gloves, stands on a stage. She is holding a blue cylindrical object with both hands. A large, bright orange and yellow flame is erupting from the top of the object. The background is dark.