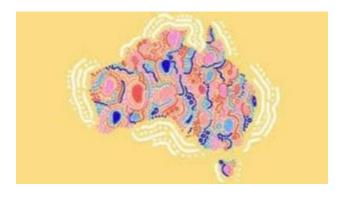


# Koroit and District Primary School 21st February 2025



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**

What a pleasure it is to work at Koroit and District Primary School. Our parent body is incredible, with team work at its prime on the weekend to ensure that our gardens are neat and tidy and safe for all students to use.

I also was incredibly lucky to participate in the Grade 5/6 camp on Monday to Wednesday of this week. Melbourne provided incredible opportunities for our students to attend attractions such as Parliament House, the Immigration Museum, The Victorian Markets, **ACMI**, Australia's national museum of screen culture, located in Fed Square, Melbourne where the children were able navigate the universe of film, TV, videogames and art and the Aquarium. Along with these tourist attractions, the children experienced the diversity of Melbourne culture, explored new foods, had the opportunity to barter, caught multiple trams, explored the railways while building relationships with their peers.

None of this is possible without the support of the teachers who attended- Mrs Ryan, Mrs Hoy, Mrs Rivett and Dave. We thank them for taking time out of their own family time to provide engaging learning experiences.

On top of this the remaining staff held down the fort while I am away, ensuring that all learning opportunities is valued and structured to support student learning.

Once again, I am incredibly lucky to have such an incredible team, inclusive of the students, teachers, ES staff and Business Managers.

# Leadership Badges

Grade 6 Leadership badges will be presented next Friday the 28th of February during end of month assembly. 3pm start.

# Reading Information Session for F/1

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.

# Parent Information Meetings-Optional

Next week 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. 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.

# Foundation Assessments

We are hoping that all Foundation parents of 2025 can bring their student in for a DIBELS assessment next Wednesday. This will only require the child to be at school for 15 minutes.

The critical skills necessary for successful beginning reading include: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The DIBELS measures assess students on four of these five critical skills, which are often referred to as the "Big Ideas" of reading.

Bookings can be made via the below booking sheet.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LGCkMXP7qQtaRiUtJVxD-fw9iGoNIYU9-1a3Eb9FWqg/edit?tab=t.0

# Athletics Day

Our Athletics Day on March 7th is fast approaching, The whole school has been preparing for events during PE. Foundation children will participate in some structured events and others will be just for fun. Children will be required to attend school on the day and will be bussed to and from the sports. **Please wear house-coloured sports tops.** If children wish to leave with their parents, please inform the class teacher by 9am on the 7th of March. We encourage families to attend and support the school.

Canteen will be available; however, we encourage families to pack additional food as they will burn up energy. Drink bottles and hats are required.

If you require further information, please ask!

# Parent Helpers Wanted – Athletics Day

We would love your help at Athletics Day! We're looking for volunteers to assist with measuring throws and jumps throughout the day.

Each age group will be led to their events by a lead teacher. While at each event, we will need support to measure results and monitor placements.

If you're available to lend a hand while enjoying the event and watching your child compete, please let Amy Cooper or Amie Timewell know. koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Your support is greatly appreciated!



# **Garden Tidy Up**

Thank you, to all those who lent a hand on Sunday, we smashed out ten metres of bark and mulch in under two hours. Tidied up the gardens, weeded and spread all soft fall spaces. Team work at its best! Thank you KDPS parents for your amazing work to freshen up our school.

# Visit from Acting Regional Director

On **Tuesday 25 February,** Tip Kennedy, Wimmera South West's Acting Regional Director and also Suzanne Camm, WSW Executive Director will visit Koroit and District Primary School to share our successes and to familiarise themselves with our school setting.

# Xuno Events & Payments/ School Savings Bonus

This year, due to the School Savings bonus, Payments via Xuno, unfortunately, will not be as streamlined.

Xuno is unable to add a 'Pay with SSB' button. This means that every event that we load onto Xuno that requires a payment, there will be a form on the event for you to advise us to use the School Savings Bonus for payment.

Within KDPS, your school savings bonus amounts can be combined for your family and used on any/all children. Please reach out with any questions. koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

If you have not logged into the school savings bonus portal and allocated your \$400.00 - please reach out - we will assist.

# **Student Enrolment Information & Contacts**

Each year, we send out your student/s enrolment information, to make sure nothing has changed and confirm we have the correct contacts and emergency contact information. Today you will receive an email (Possibly into your trash) Please take the time to review this information- If there are any changes that need to be made - please email the changes to koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

# Please complete any updates & return by Thursday the 27th of February.

This may also be a good time for split families to update this information as well.

# **Annual Privacy Reminder**

# Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u> and the <u>Schools' Privacy Collection Notice</u>.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy <a href="https://www.koroitps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/KDPS-photography-Filming-student-Policy.pdf">https://www.koroitps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/KDPS-photography-Filming-student-Policy.pdf</a>

, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their

child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: <u>Schools' privacy policy: information for parents</u>. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

# Questacon

Questacon Science Circus is coming to KDPS on Monday the 24th. This will be an incursion for all students.

Questacon's goal is for students to get involved, test out their ideas, and spark a curiosity in science that they can take away with them inside and outside of the classroom.

Questacon presenters will guide students through an hour of stimulating shows and students will have the opportunity to participate in and connect with. Shows are catered to all age ranges and follow relevant concepts being taught in the current curriculum.

# **Bike Education**

Due to popular demand - Bike Education will return Monday, Wednesday & Friday of week 5 and week 6. This educational experience has proved popular with the children.

Please read below for details of when your child will be taking part in Bike Ed with Dave.

# Monday 11:30-11:50

Jonah, Ben, Mekhi, Declan

12:00-12:20

Max, Ivy, Nora, Marlowe

12:30-12:50

Hope, Harvey, Ashton, Bohdi

# Wednesday 11:30-11:50

Annabella, Francesca, Payton, Charlie Ho

12:00-12:20

Billy M, Tate, Jaxon, Zeph

12:30-12:50

Felix, Ozzie, Caitlyn, Patrick

# Friday 11:30-11:50

Angus, Louis, Jack, Archie H

12:00-12:20

Billy B, Fergus, Tara,

12:30-12:50

Alby J, Clancy, Harry R

# The Build

This week we have progressed with the build; our lighting is in place. Next steps include walls and blinds, Roof completion.

# **2025 Staff Introductions**





## Disability Inclusion

On Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, I will be working as the Disability Inclusion Leader, a new role in our area, and I am thrilled to be leading this important work at KDPS. I am passionate about inclusive education and committed to collaborating with students, teachers, and families to implement adjustments that support every child in successfully engaging with

## Contact Information:



(03) 5565 8332





# **Physical Education**

On Mondays and Tuesdays, I will be teaching whole school PE lessons and leading Moyne Sports events for Grades 3-6 throughout the year. I am excited to work across the school to deliver a fun, inclusive, and robust PE program that encourages all students to develop their skills and enjoy being

I live in Port Fairy with my husband, Scott, who is also a teacher, and our two children, Liddell (14) and Remy (5). Growing up on a family dairy farm in Toolong, I developed a deep appreciation for community and sport, values my parents instilled in me from a young age. I have been teaching at KDPS since 2014 and am a life member of the Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club, where I actively patrol each season. I also play netball for the Port Fairy Football Netball Club. Passionate about the outdoors, I love the ocean and take every opportunity to immerse myself in nature. This year, I look forward to working within the disability inclusion space as well as teaching whole school PE.



# **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**

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 Public Holiday (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

31st March - 2/3/4 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park

-3/4 Camping Experience

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

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

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

# What's going on in our school

We had another lovely sunny day for garden club this Thursday. Some more planting- chilli, lavender and blueberry plants and snow pea, capsicum and lettuce seedlings. We gave everything a good feed and water, and hung some new watering can hooks. We even spied our first tomato for the year!











# **Term 1: Connected**

## Big Life Boost Weeks 3 & 4

The Big Life Boost activities for weeks 3 & 4 encouraged students to explore what they like about school. When we consciously practice looking at the good things in life, we are being **optimistic**. Science tells us that when we practice being optimistic, we:

- · Feel happier and less stressed
- Have better physical health and a stronger immune system
   Are better able to cope with our big feelings

- Have a more pleasant personality, and
  Are better able to build strong relationships with others

## Ways we can foster optimism at home...

- Consider creating a daily ritual of naming the things we are grateful for. Role modelling finding the good in challenging situations or perceived
- Talk about how perceived failure and mistakes help us to grow and learn and are an important part of the process.

- Share times that you have learnt from your mistakes.
   Spend time with other optimistic families and friends.
   Talk about the good things that you anticipate might happen at school or after school activities at the start of the day.



### Big Life with Mel

Big Life with Mel
In week 4 in Big Life with Mel, the Grade 2/3
classes learned about character strengths—
the attributes we can use to overcome
obstacles and make the most of our
experiences. The 2/3s read 'All You Can Be', then
created role plays showing different character
strengths.
The F/I students learned about emotions. While
reading the book, 'Sad, The Dog', students
discussed how the characters were feeling.
They then practiced drawing faces showing the
different emotions they had found in the story.







Thank you so much for supporting our school to be the best it can be! This term we are hosting a Monty's Colour explosion for our students and raising funds to improve the drop off / pick up area out the front of the school.

Fundraising for our school is easy! Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the register button to create a refundabling to due school seasy simply or www.mparentermesectionary and unchain register button to treate a cyclesrate, online profile page. Once you've created a parent account and profile page, you can share that around to family and friends to receive online donations. Please note that this is an online fundraiser only and all cash donations must be converted to an online donation before 15th April 2025.

Receive a prize for your fundraising efforts by simply raising \$10 online! At the end of the fundraiser, students can with and match up to a total of five prizes based on their donations received or they can give back to one of the six causes on offer - The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Ostdapost, (providing meals to those in need ), The Smith Family (reading support) or Dolly's Dream (end bullying in schools).

You can also receive some bonus Monty the Monstar incentive prizes! Check out your sponsorship form booklet for more information!

## **Event Information**

Friday 4th April 2025

12pm

Koroit and District Primary School

Wear a white shirt to make the colour pop!

Each student will also receive a pair of sunglasses and a headband!

Students are required to wear closed-in shoes!

Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder!

We look forward to seeing the students all bright and colourful on the day of our Monty's Colour Formation, please contact Lissa Lathwell via seesaw or come and see me in the grade 2/3 class.





Koroit & District Primary School

# TERM I

# NEWSLETTER ← February 2025

## Hello February!

Welcome back to TheirCare 2025! We have had a wonderful first week, welcoming both familiar friends and new members to our room.

This term, we are excited to unveil fresh themes along with classroom decorations, engaging toys, and creative crafts that will add even more fun to our environment.







Week 3
This week our students embraced their creativity with the exciting theme of Colourful Creations! They took part in a variety of vibrant art activities, adding plenty of colour and of course, lots of glitter!

The fun continued as students explored new craft supplies, sparking their imagination and artistic skills. The highlight of the week was our collaborative group painting, where everyone worked together to create a masterpiece.

A big congratulations to our Superstars of the Week, Penny and Piper! They demonstrated exceptional kindness, leadership and support for their peers. Well done!



Did you know up to 90% of childcare costs can be covered by the Child Care Subsidy?!

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can cover up to 90% of childcare expenses based on your combined annual income, including incomes of up to \$533,280. The assessment process is straightforward, just follow a few simple steps to start enjoying these savings. Check with Centrelink for eligibility - learn more about CCS here.



Program planned



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# TC HEAD OFFICE:

# www.theircare.com.au









# 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













1 - Lunch Order Link

<u>Login to end the daily school lunch madness - School Lunch Online</u>

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







2 - KDPS Runs a Breakfast club Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8.30-8.55am

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

# 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:





3 - 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 the 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**



# **OPEN NIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 24 from 4:00pm

# **COLLEGE TOURS**

Starting from 4:30pm until 6:00pm

# **PRESENTATION**

• COLLEGE HALL @ 6:30pm [also streamed live on [3]]



# **COME & TRY CLASSES**

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6
4:30 - 5:00pm	SPP (HP Centre) Max #25	ART & DESIGN (54) Max #50	TECHNOLOGY WOOD (T5) Max #25	SCIENCE (B6) Max #25	HEALTH & PE (Gym) Max #50	FOOD TECH (U2) Max #25
5:15 - 5:45pm	SPP (HP Centre) Max #25	ART & DESIGN (54) Max #50	DIGITAL SYSTEMS (T1) Max #24	SCIENCE (B6) Max #25	HEALTH & PE (Gym) Max #50	FOOD TECH (U2) Max #25
6:00 - 6:30pm	SPP (HP Centre) Max #25	ART & DESIGN (S4) Max #50	TECHNOLOGY WOOD (T5) Max #25	SCIENCE (B6) Max #25	HEALTH & PE (Gym) Max #50	FOOD TECH (U2) Max#25



Scan for more information or phone: **5564 4444** 















# 2025 Community BBQ & Open Night

Tuesday March 25th

5 - 6.30pm - BBQ by the college tennis courts

6.30 - 8pm - Open Night in the college library

All families are invited to join us for a community BBQ from 5-6.30pm, with Year 5 & 6 families welcome to stay on for our Year 7 Open Night from 6.30-8pm.

Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a salad to share!



# 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









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DUISE Brown Nicole Gynes Harry McGorm Arcaim Lallemand

AND MORE SEAHAWKS & MERMAIDS.

For more info: Admin Office
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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 O417 777 938







WARRNAMBOL skills and tackle-PRE-SEASON free, match JUNIOR SEQUIRAL

# FIND SOLVER

# 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

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



