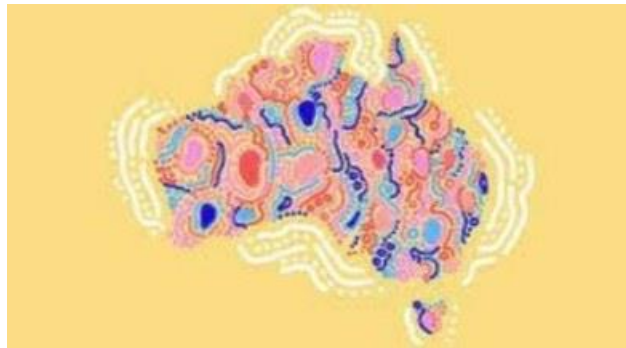




Koroit and District Primary School 31st January 2025



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

Welcome back to you all.

I trust you enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday, as the weather was indeed favorable for all. The beginning of the year may evoke a range of emotions for many of our students. It is important to recognize that such feelings are entirely normal, and if you were to inquire with several of our staff members, you would find that they too experience some apprehension at the onset of the new academic year.

The following webpage is available for parents to support you through this time: [A new year of learning | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/a-new-year-of-learning)

Thank you to the many parents for booking into the Numeracy Interviews. This has allowed our teachers a smooth transition into knowing your child/rens understanding of maths.

Day one for 2025 (Teacher's return)

On Tuesday, the staff at KDPS worked together to affirm our commitment to our KDPS values. Throughout the years, KDPS has implemented numerous initiatives that have contributed to teaching and learning; however, discussions with staff and students revealed a lack of a cohesive understanding of KDPS values. Consequently, we have come together to concentrate on the values and culture we aim to instil at KDPS, with an emphasis on maintaining these standards through 2025.

School values play a crucial role in establishing standards and reinforcing the behaviour policy within an educational setting. By imparting and consistently exemplifying KDPS values, schools contribute to the character development of their students while fostering their overall growth. School values, provide students with a moral framework that influences their decisions and actions throughout their lives.

Mrs Vesey has worked with the students in 2024 to hear student voices on what values they wanted to see, hear and feel in 2025, this along with staff conversation has allowed us to begin this conversation with a solid database.

The values that we have landed on include; we belong, we are proud, we are respectful, and we are safe.

The next steps are to ensure that we restructure our Behaviour Matrix. This will be shared with parents when it is completed.

Reading Expectations

In 2025 KDPS staff are encouraging all children to read at home regularly. All children from grades F-4 will be required to have a reader satchel which is expected to come to and from school each day. In the coming days, your child/ren will be provided with texts to read at home and a sign in sheet.

Our aim is to immerse students in quality literature and book experiences so that we can nurture a love of reading in our students and encourage life long readers. We do this by engaging our students in best Literacy teaching and learning practices and experiences.

Reading at home can also include:

- Being read to.
- Reading and recording on the Ipad
- Shared reading
- Telling a story using the picture cues
- Reading together.

BIKE ED

Next week Dave Holscher will run a Bike Education program for our regular bike riders on Wednesday and Friday. This essentially will be about riding safely to and from school, school expectations, riding on the footpath and the like. The Bike Ed program is a program that gives children the opportunity to learn about safe riding behaviours, road rules and riding in a shared environment.

To do this, children who ride bikes will need have their parents complete the *Local Permissions form on Xuno*. Children will be excluded if this is not done.

Grade 6 Leadership positions.

Today, the great 6 children received notification of the process for leadership positions. School Captains will present their school Captain speeches on Friday the 7th of Feb to the grade 3-6 children. We hope to announce school captains on Monday 10th of February.

The Build

Many of you may have noticed that we have made some progress with the building between the junior children and the grade 3/4 children. The roof has been completed and the decking started. We are hoping that the decking will be completed in the coming days. This is not expected to upset classroom practice. The window at the far end of the deck will be completed in the middle of February.

Big Life at KDPS

You might have heard your child/ren saying, "We had Big Life today!" But what does that mean?

Big Life is all about helping prepare young people to cope with the ups and downs of life. Melanie from Big Life is onsite at Koroit & District Primary School every second Friday this term, teaching a lesson to each of the F-2 classes (grades 3-6 in semester 2). Feel free to chat to Melanie when she is onsite.

This term, Big Life lessons will help students:

- Identify the expected & unexpected behaviours in different places,
- Name & recognise emotions and the different Zones of Regulation,
- Learn & practice coping strategies for when they are feeling worried, angry, sad, or overexcited.
- Identify their strengths and the positive qualities in others.

In addition to their work onsite, the Big Life team supports staff by providing teaching resources and professional learning throughout the year. Families can also access learning opportunities through Big Life to help support you and your child/ren at home – stay tuned for the free Big Life Parent Forum

Staffing for 2025.

F/1- Miss Cooknell/Mrs Foggenberger

F/1- Mrs Trotman

2/3- Mrs Lathwell

2/3- Miss Higgins

3/4- Miss Wooles

4- Miss Bant

5/6- Mrs Hoy and Mrs Sheehan

5/6-Mrs Ryan

Mrs Cooper will work three days in Disability Inclusion and two days in PE for all grades.

Mrs Rivett- will hold the Mental Health in Primary Schools role doing much the same work as she has been doing this year. Mrs Rivett will also teach Performing Arts for the Junior children- Grades -F-3

Mr Kane Leggett will teach Performing Arts grades 3-6

Mrs Vesey will continue in her role of STEM and ECO CONNECT.

Mrs Sheehan will be returning for two days in 2025 in a shared classroom role with Mrs Hoy.

Mrs Petering- will be working in Tutor Learning Initiative for the grades F-2.

Dave Holscher will continue in his role for Connect.

Mel Schultz- Big Life

Amie and Steph are your contact people in the office.

Need to know information:

- 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
- Lunch is 1:30 pm
- 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.

School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB helps families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

Most families have now received their SSB code(s). I encourage you to take advantage of this government support.

To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers (DOCX, 945KB) or watch this School Saving Bonus video. System guide translations are also available in 14 languages.

If you would like to use your bonus for school activities, you can allocate some or all of the bonus using the School Saving Bonus online system.

If you have only recently completed your enrolment into the Victorian government school system you can expect to receive your SSB code(s) in the coming weeks.

If you have transferred to our school from another Victorian government school, any remaining funds on your SSB code(s) will soon be available to use at our approved school suppliers. We request your patience as this change is processed.

The Department of Education has established a dedicated contact centre to support the SSB. The contact centre can be reached by: · completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form.

Please contact the office if you have any questions about the SSB.

· calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

Breakfast Club



2025 Call out for Breakfast club legends!

If you can spare one or more mornings per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) please send your interest to us via email on; koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

8.35-9.55 3 days per week -

Thank you to last year's Legends for stepping up!

Important dates for 2025

17th -19th Feb Grade 5/6 Camp

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

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

26th March School Council meeting

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 (Theircare Avail)

2025 School Contributions

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Koroit & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Koroit and District Primary School's financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. In 2025, School fees will be \$240.00 plus any excursions / activities that are held throughout the year. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Within our school this support has allowed us to provide: -

- Enhanced Digital learning opportunities within all subjects which has supported the continuity of learning during any remote periods.
- Enhanced Incursions & Excursions
- Upgrades of school provisions & facilities
- Refurbishment of school grounds
- Extra sporting events

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Tanya McPherson

School Council President

Sophie Fisk

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Specialist Subjects – Stationary Items	\$50.00
IPAD devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$50.00
Swimming and water safety program	\$45.00
Athletics Carnival	\$10.00
Cooking (Grade 3/4)	\$10.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$185.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student Wellbeing programs	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$10.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$35.00
Total Other Contributions	\$55.00

Educational Items for students to own.

A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use can be provided on request.

Stationary Items for Classroom use via Campion education: Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - Paid via Book pack through Campion Warrnambool.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mathematics –English – 	Order via below link:	F/1 \$91.00
	https://order.campion.com.au/?school-code=PKXWYCMQ	1/2 \$93.00
	Code: 3PRP	3/4 \$107.00
	All orders completed by 29 th November will be available for collection on December 20 th .	5/6 \$118.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Korot & District Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Hoop Time (Grade 3-6)	\$10.00
Athletics Bus Fee	\$5.00
Tennis Bus Fee (Grades 3-6)	\$5.00
Cross Country/ Soccer Bus Fee (Grades 3-6)	\$5.00
Winter Sports Bus Fee (Grades 3-6)	\$5.00

School camp Grade 3/4 Camp (TBC)	\$170.00
School Camp Grade 5/6 Camp (TBC)	TBA
Grade 6 Graduation	TBA
*Any additional activities will be advised at the time of activity.	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$30.00 (not including Camp)

Financial Support for Families

Koroit & District Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \$150 (per year / per student)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Bpay or Direct Debit)- Please contact to organise.
- Centrepay (through centrelink)
- Xuno

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Amie Timewell Ph: 03 5565 8332 | Email: koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$185.00
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$55.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$30.00
Total	\$270.00

Payment methods

• Cash • EFTPOS • Centrepay (if you are receiving Centrelink payments) • Families can set up regular Bpay

Important Information:

1. Payment methods

Direct Deposit:

Account name: Koroit & District PS Council Official

BSB: 063533

Account: 10060651

Reference: noted on your invoice



2. B Pay Biller Code: 87361

Ref: noted on your invoice

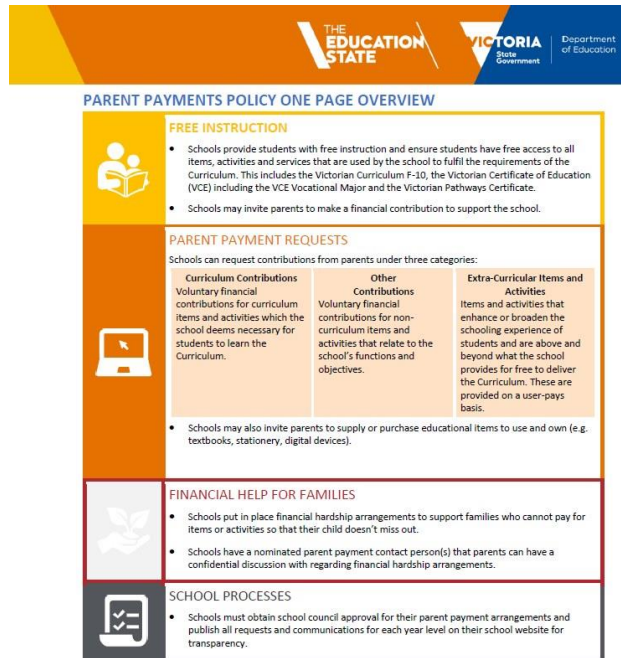


3. You can apply for Centrepay deductions:

on line at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/online-help/centrelink/adding-new-centrepay-deduction-using-your-centrelink-online-account>

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.



State School Relief

Who is eligible?

State Schools' Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school.

Schools are able to submit an application directly, via our online portal, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items for attending school.

- Situations include, but are not limited to:
- Unemployment
- Health issues/illness
- Financial difficulties
- Independent living and/or homelessness
- Natural disasters, house fires
- Bereavement
- Domestic violence

All applications are processed within 24 - 48 hours and you will receive confirmation of application/s by email. Orders will then be delivered within 4 working days.

Please see the admin office for processing & more information.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS

FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

1. \$150 for primary school students

\$250 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances,** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Please see the admin office for processing & more information.

Xuno - Events

To continue to reduce paper wastage - our annual agreements will be on Xuno, please take the time to check on your Xuno events to find the below items to action. Please do this ASAP, as we may have local excursions, photos in the first few weeks.

- Headlice inspection permissions
- Photo permissions
- Local excursions
- Digital technology use @ KDPS

Split Billing

KDPS is aware that not all family structures are the same and when it comes to finances, it can get messy. KDPS will now be implementing 'Split Billing' for families that have more than one person contributing to the school fees. Both Parties are required to sign to implement this. If you feel that this would be beneficial to your family. Please reach out.



Split Billing Request for School Contributions – 2025

Koroit & District Primary School recognises that some families wish to split their school contributions between two parties. Families who wish to split their account between two parties must complete and return the "Split Billing Request for School Contributions" form to the school. **Both parties are required to sign the form** authorising the account to be divided "please state % for each party"

Please note:

- The responsibility of payment of any school contributions incurred prior to this form being submitted will remain joint.
- This agreement will be ongoing for the duration of the student/s time at Koroit & District Primary School unless advised otherwise.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for negotiating and completing this agreement by forwarding the completed form to koroit_ps@education.vic.gov.au or submitting it in person to the office before the 2025 contributions go live on XUNO in January 2025.

Parent/Guardian 1 Details		
SURNAME:	FIRST NAME:	
ADDRESS:		
EMAIL:	MOBILE:	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:	
PERCENTAGE OF FEES RESPONSIBLE FOR:		
Parent/Guardian 2 Details		
SURNAME:	FIRST NAME:	
ADDRESS:		
EMAIL:	MOBILE:	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:	
PERCENTAGE OF FEES RESPONSIBLE FOR:		
Student Details		
SURNAME:	FIRST NAME:	YEAR:

Online Uniform Ordering

From 2025 onwards, KDPS uniform shop will only be stocking items with our KDPS Logo. For example:

Half Zip Jumper

Full Zip Jumper

Hoodie

Polo

Sports Top

School Bag

Hat

Any available items will be on myschool connect as below. For the moment - if using SSB to pay - please just email us the items needed.

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

Additional benefits from this platform are that all special event ordering can be made through here - No more paper order forms and cash required.

Please follow the link below to our Uniform Store. Note that orders can take 3 to 6 weeks to arrive at the office so ensure that you allow enough time.

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



What's going on in our school

KDPS Waste and Litter Journey- 2025!

At KDPS we are a part of the Resource Smart Schools program that encourages school communities to be more aware of and care for their environment. During 2024, school waste and litter audits showed us that we need more knowledge around using the correct bins and that we need to reduce our lunch box litter. These two challenges will be our focus for 2025. We are also hoping that we can reach our target of zero food waste to landfill by 2027. We are hoping to get our first RSS star this year!


We already do many wonderful things for our environment at KDPS. Some of these are:

- Encourage students to bring rubbish free lunch boxes
- Encourage nude food (veggies or fruit with no packaging) for fruit snacks
- Separate our rubbish items in class
- Feed our food scraps to the chickens and ducks or compost

- Participate in Clean Up Australia Day
- Have regular school rubbish pick ups
- Collect recyclables for use in the STEAM room
- Collect batteries, writing tools, bread tags and bottle tops in the front office for recycling
- Have an Eco Warrior team that monitors environmental issues around the school
- Regular gardening sessions at lunch times and class times

We will be learning all about where our waste goes in Eco Connections this term, so watch out for some motivated Eco Warriors! Please help us keep our school clean by reducing lunch box packaging and packing healthy nude fruit/veg snacks for break times.





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



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

SlipSlopSlapSeekSlide

Cancer Council Victoria



KDPS

RECYCLE

STATION!

Please bring in your items from home to recycle here!



1 - Lunch Order Link

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



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Koroit & District
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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	

Ice poles

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.schoollunchonline.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



Education
and Training

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

Thank you to our amazing breakfast club Volunteers, Narelle, Megan, Jess, Lisa & Lisa!

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:



3 - 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



Koroit Exercise Group Group Exercise Classes

Koroit Theatre

Mon. 9.00 am & 10.00 am

Tues. 9.00 am & [REDACTED]

Thurs. 9.00 am & 10.00 am

Friday 9.00 am Fitball



All levels of fitness \$8
All ages ph Natalie
All welcome 0488 974 275

erthlyWall.com

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Personal Training available.