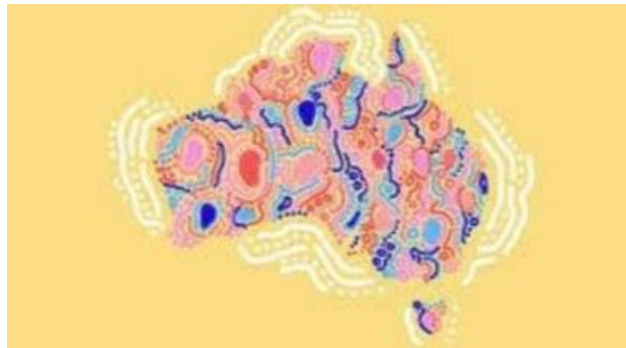




## Koroit and District Primary School 7th February 2025



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

Week 2 has been a great week! The weather was hot on Monday and the children were very understanding of the adapted timetable that allowed all children to go outside for short periods of time.

This week the children have engaged in many activities in and around the school. We had helpers in the garden, our Bike Ed program for frequent bike riders, a special guest from Moyne Council in grade 3/4.

### **WELCOME BACK PICNIC**

Welcome Picnic – Tuesday 4th of March

We encourage all families to attend our annual welcome picnic, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at school. This is an opportunity to bring a picnic of choice to the school grounds and enjoy the opportunity to get to know each other. We have guest appearances from Les and Sam and Dylan O'Keeffe.

**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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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03 5565 8332  
koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

## Reading Information Session F/1 Families

We welcome all Foundation/1 parents to join us for a Reading Information session in the Hall on Tuesday 25th 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.**

## Garden Tidy Up

It would be greatly appreciated if anyone has an available fifteen-minutes next weekend the **16th of February** to assist in moving some mulch or tidying up garden beds. Please bring along some spades and wheelbarrows.

## Parent Payment Arrangements 2025

Dear Families, please see below the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2025. The Department of Education and Training have provided processes in relation to how we advise you of parent payment requests and the difference between Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.

Your contributions continue to assist us to broaden the educational experience for our students and without your contributions, many things may not be possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give the school office a call.

<https://www.koroitps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Parent-Payment-Information-2025-Koroit-District-Primary-School.pdf>

## 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](#)

### **School Council- We need you!**

**Please consider putting your hand up to contribute to making our school a great school. School Council meets 8 times across a year, and it is an opportunity to hear first-hand the vision and values of Koroit and District Primary School.**

In 2025 KDPS has the following opportunities available:

3 x Parent members

2 x Community Member

If you would like to help grow and continue improving our school, please reach out to:  
[koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Closing date for nominations: Monday 12th February**

#### **– information for parents**

#### **What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

#### **Who is on the school council?**

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** –members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council’s total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child’s school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

#### **Why is parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### **Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

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## **Student Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is **very important** for your child's learning and social development. Very good attendance for a child is 95% and above.

It is important that children are at school as much as possible to ensure the **BEST** opportunity for learning growth. We need to utilise every available minute to ensure student growth academically, socially and emotionally, in and out of the classroom.

If early collection for a shopping trip or to beat the traffic happens on a regular basis this can take away from valuable learning time throughout their schooling life. Please take the time to read the graphic below and to understand the long term affect this can have on student development. We understand that students are impacted by illness, injury or other ailments. If your child is going to be absent you are required by legislation to notify the school by:

- Logging onto Xuno or ringing the school
- Enter the absence for full days only
- If your child/children arrive late or are being collected early, the office staff will enter this onto Xuno for you.

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but .....**

If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

## Grade 5/6 Camp

Our Year 5/6 camp to Melbourne will be from Monday February 17th to Wednesday February 19th. Please complete the online permission form to ensure your child can attend. The cost of the camp will be set at \$380 per student, which includes activities, accommodation, travel, and food (students will need a packed lunch from home on the first day).

We will be taking the train from the Warrnambool train station to Southern Cross station in Melbourne. From here it is a short walk up Collins Street to our accommodation.

The train **leaves Warrnambool at 6:12am** and it is parents/carers responsibility to ensure students are at the station on time. Further information including packing list, medical forms and Code of Conduct have been given to students and are to be completed and returned.

Staff attending includes: Mrs Hoy, Mrs Ryan, Mrs McPherson, Dave Holscher, and Briarley Rivett

## Medication

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS- Each year our records are updated for those students who have asthma. If your child has asthma, you will soon receive a General Medical Advice Form and an Authority to Administer Medication at school. Students are required to have a current

Asthma Plan, of which we require a copy. We would appreciate it if these forms could be completed ASAP.

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL** For those students who need to have medication stored or administered during school hours, we require a signed authority from the parent/guardian. Medications that are prescribed, are to be in a labelled blister packaging from the chemist. Any increase or change in dosage will require a new Medication Administration Form signed by the parent/guardian and a confirmation letter from the consulting doctor. Medication Administration Forms are available from the office. Medications must be handed to the classroom teacher or into the school office. Medications or creams are not to be kept in school bags.

## Bike Education

This week, we conducted our first Bike Education program, with Dave Holscher assisting small groups of children in practicing their riding skills both at school and within the community. This event provided an excellent opportunity for the children to showcase their abilities while learning important safety practices for cycling.







## Grade 6 leadership positions

Today, I had the privilege of viewing the Grade 6 Leadership speeches. The children presented themselves in a very professional manner and the audience showed respect and consideration of all applicants. It is a very exciting phase for the grade 6 children and they should be incredibly proud of how they represented KDPS.



## The Build

You may have noticed that our school staffing car park has opened back up. We thank the builders for their understanding and our parent community who have been impacted by the extra parks being utilised for staff car parks.

We are hoping for delivery of the decking next week to complete the deck restoration; electrical works will also begin next week. The window delivery will occur week beginning 24 Feb and then completion of the lining boards and installation of blind.

The area is looking fabulous and will only get better with the final stage of the build.

## Need to know information

- 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
- 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.

## 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)

## 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](#)

For more information - please contact the office. 55658 332 or [koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## 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](mailto: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:

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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.

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## What's going on in our school

Garden club started this week! We planted some tomatoes, removed the tyres that were keeping the weeds at bay, composted some green waste, collected broad bean seeds from last year's crop and enjoyed being outside in our lovely garden with the chook & ducks!





## Term 1: Connected

### Big Life Boost Weeks 1 & 2

The Big Life Boost activities for weeks 1 & 2 focused on developing classroom expectations. Students and teachers discussed the **expected** and **unexpected behaviours** in their classroom, and what makes them feel safe, good, comfortable and ready to learn.



**Expected behaviour**  
is the things we do that make ourselves and others feel comfortable, safe and happy.



**Unexpected behaviour**  
is the things we do that make ourselves or others feel uncomfortable, unsafe or unhappy.



### Big Life with Mel

This term, Mel from Big Life will be at KDPS every second Friday, teaching a lesson to each of the F/1 and 2/3 classes. Mel will work with the grade 3/4, 4 and 5/6 classes in terms 3 and 4.

In week 2, F-3 students played games to get to know one another and find things in common. Students listened to the story, 'Go Away, Worry Monster', and discussed some ways we can calm our anxious feelings, in particular when we are facing something new (like a new class or teacher).

### To continue these conversations at home, you could...

- Talk about the expected & unexpected behaviours in your household & compare them to school & other familiar places
- Discuss how it feels when people behave in unexpected ways
- Ask your child what they discovered they had in common with another student during their Big Life session with Mel.



## 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](mailto:oliviagardner86@gmail.com)



### 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 2

This week in the kitchen was a delightful adventure! Our little chefs whipped up their very own homemade pizzas, baked and decorated cupcakes, and enjoyed their favourite treat pancakes.

The fun didn't stop there. The children also explored a range of activities using our new craft supplies, board games, and group games. One of the weeks highlights was our game of "Red Light, Green Light" Next week, we are excited to dive into a theme of Friendships and Kindness, complete with lots of new and exciting games.



### 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](#).



Gosh do we have a fun Holiday Program planned for Autumn! Bookings open 20th FEBRUARY!

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

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Use all five forms of sun protection





2 - Lunch Order Link

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



# TERM 1 MENU 2024



## 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
Vegie 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	

### ICY poles

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

[info@mcmahonfamilycatering.com](mailto: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](http://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.



**SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB**

FOOD BANK | THE EDUCATION STATE | VICTORIA State Government Education and Training

3 - 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

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4 - 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  
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## 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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