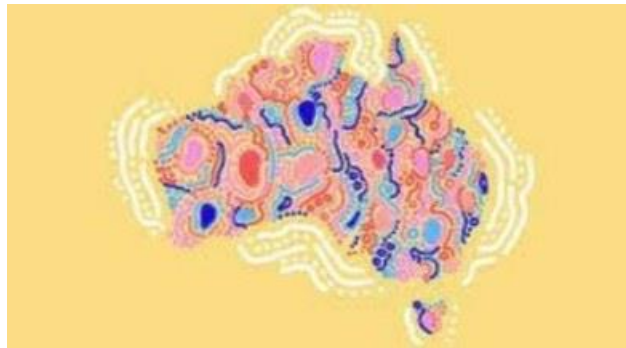




## Koroit and District Primary School 21st March 2025



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

The term is progressing rapidly, and we find ourselves nearing the conclusion of the first term. This period has been filled with numerous activities both inside and outside the classroom, with even more anticipated in the upcoming three weeks. Our Foundation students are now attending school full-time after completing their individual assessments. Additionally, the swimming program has commenced for students in grades 3 to 6 within the 3/4 and 5/6 learning communities.

We are already planning our 2026 Prep enrolment tours and information sessions. Our official enrolment period for 2026 opens on day 1 of term 2.

If you have a younger child that is ready for school in 2026, we would appreciate you letting us know so we can ensure a place for you in 2026. Please refer to the Prep enrolment timeline and guidelines below and this information will be in our newsletters throughout term 2:

The timeline will apply for children starting Foundation (Prep) in 2026.

You can find information and resources about the timeline, including factsheets, at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the *'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack*

*for Parents/Carers for the 2026 school year'* from the Starting School webpage. (available from Tuesday 24th April)

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2026 at Koroit & District Primary School from Tuesday 24th April 2025.

What you need to do:

1. Contact the school on 55658332, pop into the office or book a school tour when tours are made available
2. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 25 July 2025
3. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 28th July and Friday 8th August 2025. If you receive an offer of placement, you should contact our school to accept the offer by Friday 22nd August 2025.
4. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2024
5. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from the week starting Wednesday 28th January 2026.

### **Learning Communities at Koroit and District Primary School**

KDPS is made up of four different learning communities, the F/1, 2/3, 3/4 and 5/6 learning communities. The learning communities are situational and based on numbers. These decisions are made in the planning phase of 2024 where we looked at ensuring that we maintained small class sizes. As per last year we run the Learning Communities as teams. There are times when the 2/3 children will be doing things at a different time to the grade 3/4 children. This is once again due to ensuring that we always have the right student to teacher ratio. Please note that all children will receive swimming lesson either this term or next term.

### **Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF)**

This week Parents Carers and Friends met on Wednesday night to hold the AGM. We welcome Chloe Brown to the Chair of PCF, Gabby Sammon to the Secretary role, and Nicole Keen to Treasurer.

We thank Sophie and Olivia for the work done in the past two and three years. These two ladies have ensured that PCF has focused on supporting the school, and all fundraising has gone back into student learning opportunities. The work done behind the scenes has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated by the wider community.

The Welcome night raised approximately 500 dollars by selling snow cones and donuts. Thanks to all our families for their contribution to this.

## Essential Need to Know

- Children are required to wear hats until the end of April.
- A reminder that staff are not on duty until 8:40 am. Parents are responsible before this time.
- Please ensure that children attend school from 9:00 am until 3:30pm. We are aware that appointments may need to be made during school hours. This week we have had many early and late arrivals that impact student learning.

## Department Information

- **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)** [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au](https://www.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) Applications for this close 4th July.
- **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)
- [Simple English NAPLAN information for parents and carers](#)

## Student Medical Information:

It is vitally important for any medical changes/ updates for your child/ren to be passed onto KDPS as soon as possible for us to allow for any adjustments.

## School Photos

School Photos will be on Monday the 28th of April. Please use the QR code below to make your selections. Family Photo ordering closes on the 27th of April.

## DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: K4C9JGV7



[leadingimage.com.au](http://leadingimage.com.au)

## Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

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### Mental Health in Primary Schools

This year, a new program is being rolled out in all government schools - the Mental Health in Primary Schools initiative (MHIPS). Briarly Rivett has taken on the role as our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, supporting staff in promoting good mental health, identifying and addressing mental health issues, strengthening referral pathways and linking families with external support when needed. Briarly will work closely with the Big Life Team, who continue to provide social & emotional learning resources to staff, and classroom lessons when Mel is onsite once a fortnight. To help us continue to support the mental health & wellbeing of your child/children, please take some time to answer the following questions:



## Easter Raffle



- **KDPS Easter Raffle** - this year our KDPS Easter raffle proceeds will go to 'Loved & Shared' a local group helping those less fortunate. For more information: [Loved & Shared Information](#)



(Thank you to Coles for their thoughtful donation towards this raffle which allows KDPS families to minimise the cost of living around easter)

- [Koroit + District PS Raffles](#) - please follow this link to purchase raffle tickets.



### **KDPS Colour Explosion**

It is getting closer to our Annual Colour Explosion!

Make sure to Login & start your fundraising ASAP!



- **Koroit Irish Festival** - 26th April 2025 - Please put your name down next to any available times on the **below link**.

### **[2025 Irish Festival Roster](#)**

If your child will be participating in the Koroit Irish Festival Parade - KDPS will source their wrist bands - Please email:

koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au to advise us.

### **Irish Festival Donations -**

If you cannot donate your time - please consider any of the following items to contribute to making the Irish festival a great fundraiser for KDPS:

- Slabs of Soft Drink (Sugar Free coke, Coke, Fanta, Sprite, Water)
- Large bottles Tomato Sauce
- Large Mayonnaise x 4
- Large Bottle BBQ Sauce



## Important dates for Next Week!

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

MARCH 2025

### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

<b>MON 24TH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 3/4, 4 &amp; 5/6 Swimming</li> <li>• Warrnambool College Open Night 4:30 onwards</li> <li>• School Council Meeting - 7pm</li> </ul>
<b>TUE 25TH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 3/4, 4 &amp; 5/6 Swimming</li> <li>• Hawkesdale College Open Night 5pm onwards</li> </ul>
<b>WED 26TH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 3/4, 4 &amp; 5/6 Swimming</li> <li>• Brauer College Open Night 4:30pm onwards</li> </ul>
<b>THU 27TH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check XUNO for Upcoming Events, Outstanding Payments &amp; Event Approvals</li> </ul>
<b>FRI 28TH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moyne Athletics Day - Brauerander</li> <li>• End of Month Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>

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- Grades 3/4W, 4B, 5/6H & 5/6 R continue swimming lessons next week, Monday until Wednesday. All children are expected to take part in swimming lessons as this is part of our curriculum. If your child is not attending, they will be expected to attend the pool.



**24th March** - School Council meeting (please note change of date due to Secondary School Tours)

**28th March** - Moyne Athletics for selected children at Brauerander. Children will have received permissions for this event. Staff attending include Dave Holscher, Amy Cooper and Bec Karcew.

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

-3/4 Camping Experience

**3rd April** - Grades 4-6 to attend BIG LIFE walk with Grassmere, Woodford, Grassmere, West Warrnambool. Grades 4-6 leave at 9:15 Return at 12. Children to bring bags with snack, hat and drink bottle. Donations required from each child to support BIG LIFE.

Grade F-2 BIG LIFE walks around gardens Koroit. Grade F-2 Leave at 9:15, walk to Gardens in Koroit. Return to school by 11:00 am. Donations required from each child to support BIG LIFE

**4th April** - last day of term will be an early finish of 2.30pm. Children will be dismissed with parents from the colour explosion or at 2:30pm

**22nd April- Start of Term 2**

25th April- ANZAC day **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

26th April- Irish Festival - If you are able to spare any time on this day - please reach out to koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

28th April - School Photos

1st May - Warrnambool Race Day **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

13th May - **PUPIL FREE DAY** - Theircare Available

- **School Tours for prospective 2026 Foundation families will occur on Tuesday May 6th @10:00am Monday 12th May @ 10:00am, Wednesday 14th May @ 10:00am and 5pm. Parents and Children welcome!**

## Celebrations



### Highschool Visits

This week, we were delighted to welcome Hope Batten and Zander Stanley, two former students from KDPS, who shared their experiences of Primary to Secondary School with our grade 6 students. It is a fabulous opportunity to have shared insights from the student's perspective.

Students have also had Mrs Dart from Hawkesdale College present information on options for Hawkesdale College.

### Student Leaders Congress

Mrs Hoy and Mrs Mac had the privilege of taking our 6 School Captains and 4 Community Captains to the Student Leaders Congress at Deakin on Thursday. The children were inspired by Matty Stewart, Tom Richardson, Dale Sidebottom, and Paul Watkins. Each of these guest presenters were great examples of local leaders ready to inspire our younger generation.

### Harmony Day

Mrs Rivett inspired our students during a chalk time activity and a disco to celebrate Harmony Week. Harmony Week recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.







# Welcome to 5/6 R!



I hope you all had a great break!  
I'm excited for all the wonderful things this year holds  
and can't wait to get to know more about each of you  
as we start this learning adventure together.  
Here's a little about me to kick things off!

## My Favourite things:

Colour: Green  
Book: Danny the Champion  
of the World  
Footy Team: Brisbane Lions!  
Treat: Strawberry Sorbet  
Movie: Jurassic Park



I live in Warrnambool  
with my husband Jono  
and our youngest  
daughter Sarah, who  
loves singing in her rock  
band at school. Our son  
Sam is a plumber, and  
our eldest Hayley is a  
personal trainer in  
Melbourne.

I love staying active and enjoy many  
activities like boogie boarding, bike  
riding and playing hockey. I also  
cherish walks with our two adorable  
whippets Max and Apollo who always  
keep life lively and fun!



Looking forward to  
an amazing 2025  
with you all,

**Mrs. Josie Ryan**

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# Meet the Teacher

## About me

My name is Miss Bant and I'm so excited to be your classroom teacher this year! Working at KDPS for the last 6 years has been amazing, and this year will be even more awesome! I'm looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

I hope you had a great break over the summer holidays! I spent a lot of my time hanging out with my dog Max, going to the beach and reading many books. I can't wait to hear all about what you got up to!

## Contact

Please feel free to reach out to me via XUNO or Seesaw.



Some of my favourites:

- My favourite food is bolognese
- My favourite book is Green Eggs and Ham
- My favourite animal is a panda
- My favourite colour is blue
- My favourite AFL team is North Melbourne

*From  
Miss Bant*



# MEET THE TEACHER

HELLO, MY NAME IS  
**Maggie Wooles**



my pets



Rufus & Winx

## About Me

I am 26 years old and live with my partner and our two cats in Warrnambool. I have lived in Warrnambool my whole life.

I love going to the gym, spending time with my family and friends and reading a good book.

I will be teaching Grade 3/4 again at KDPS in 2025.

## fun facts:

- ☐ My family run Mini Golf by the sea. You might catch me working there during the summer time.
- ☐ I love every kind of chocolate!
- ☐ I hate tomatoes and scary movies.
- ☐ My favourite colour is blue.

## CONTACT:

Please contact me via Xuno or SeeSaw.



# MEET THE TEACHER

## MRS SHEEHAN



### HELLO!

Hi! My name is Mrs Sheehan and I'm excited to be teaching 5/6 this year. I have been on leave since having my second daughter but I am ready to get back into the classroom and help you along your learning journey!

### INTERESTING INFO:

- My husband and I have 2 beautiful daughters who are 3 (almost four) and 1.
- We have 2 dogs, Winnie and Ted, a cat named Meow Meow and a few cows!
- My favourite colour is blue.
- I have a weakness for chocolate!
- My family and I like to go camping.
- I have two younger, but much taller brothers.

Looking forward to  
having lots of fun this  
year!



## BIG LIFE BOOST WEEKS 7 & 8

### FOUNDATION

This fortnight, the Foundation students have been focusing on how our **Zones** feel in our body. When we learn to notice our body signals when we are sad, anxious or frustrated, this prepares us for understanding what we can do to care for them.

#### At home you might like to...

Talk about emotions that pop up and how you know when you are feeling a certain emotion, based on the body signals (feelings we have in our body). For example, "I'm noticing I'm getting frustrated, my heart is beating really fast and my face is feeling hot", or "I've noticed my hands are a bit sweaty and my tummy feels a bit sick. I must be a bit nervous about my presentation today."

### GRADES 1 - 6

This fortnight, Grades 1 to 6 have been exploring what **inclusion** means and the actions we can take to be inclusive. We are being inclusive when we make others feel welcome, safe, and part of the group. We can be inclusive by showing expected behaviours, listening to others, considering others feelings, showing kindness, and respecting differences. We can take small actions every day to make sure everyone feels included.

#### At home you might like to...

- Talk about the actions that the characters in your stories and movies are taking to be inclusive.
- Role Model the actions you take to be inclusive and how others might feel when they are being included.
- Talk about ways to include and appreciate people of all genders, races, cultures, and abilities.
- Expose your child to diverse experiences through books, movies, food, cultural events, museums, and celebrations that promote diversity.
- Provide examples and challenge gender stereotypes by sharing that jobs, roles or games are for everyone (e.g. boys can do dancing or be a nurse, and girls can play football and be engineers).
- Talk about the strengths of others – the things that are good about them.

### Big Life with Mei

During Big Life with Mei in week 8, Grade F/1 students learned about **diversity**, discussing the ways in which everyone is different and the importance of respecting & celebrating differences. Each student drew a picture of something that makes them 'Proud to Be Me!'

The grade 2/3 classes also explored diversity and the ways in which people and families differ. Linking in with **Harmony Week**, the 2/3 students decorated a hand to represent this year's theme, **everyone belongs**.

Lots of students also enjoyed origami club at lunch time!



Some of the books we read in Big Life lessons this fortnight

## Community News



*1 - Available to donate in the office.*

YOUR  
FUTURE  
YOUR  
WAY



# 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 



## 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 (S4) Max #50	TECHNOLOGY WOOD (TS) 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 (S4) 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 (TS) 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!

# OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH



4:30pm for a 5:00pm Start

## OPEN NIGHT – 26TH MARCH 2025

**4.30pm** – Arrival and collection of Information Pack.  
Car parking attendants will assist with parking.

**5.00pm** – Open Night Performance followed by a student led Information Session in the Stalker Auditorium.

**5.30pm** – Interactive student led tours of the College will depart from the Auditorium to view the facilities and classes from all Key Learning Areas.

**7.55pm** – Anticipated conclusion.

Come along and discover the student opportunities that Brauer College offers.

## YEAR 7 2026 SCHOOL TOURS

We have School Tours running for families that are not able to attend the Open Night.

- Monday 31st March 2025 @ 9.15am
- Wednesday 2nd April 2025 @ 4.15pm
- Wednesday 23rd April 2025 @ 9.15am
- Monday 28th April 2025 @ 9.15am
- Monday 5th May 2025 @ 9.15am
- Wednesday 7th May 2025 @ 4.15pm

Please register by visiting our website:  
<http://www.brauer.vic.edu.au/open-night/>



We hope to see you all!  
[www.brauer.vic.edu.au](http://www.brauer.vic.edu.au)



CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE

REGISTER TODAY!

Register to any Auskick, Superkick, or School Holiday Program  
before SUNDAY 30th MARCH 5.00 PM  
GO into the DRAW to win a  
Signed Geelong Cats Playing Jumper









4-12 year olds



Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.



8-12 year olds



Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.



VISIT PLAY.AFL



## Every drop counts photo competition

Share your best photo of water for a chance to win!

Help highlight the importance of water and its role in our lives.

Open to all south west residents, closing Monday 21 April.

**Free entry. Win prizes.**

Help make **every drop count.**

**Enter now**  
[engage.wannonwater.com.au/every-drop-counts](http://engage.wannonwater.com.au/every-drop-counts)

