



Koroit & District PRIMARY SCHOOL

I learn • We belong • Together we achieve

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - WEEK 4
19th February 2021

School Agreements

- Mutual Respect
- Attentive Listening
- Appreciations
 - No Put Downs
- Right to Pass
- Personal Best

Dates for 2021

Term 1: 27 Jan—1 April

Term 2: 19 April—25 June

Term 3: 12 July—17 Sept

Term 4: 4 Oct—17 Dec

MENTOR FOCUS

Cooperation:

People who are working as a team and cooperating with each other:

- listen to each other without interrupting, encourage everyone to join in
- are willing to hear and accept the ideas of others
- are willing to change roles in the group, eg. May be a leader Sometimes and a follower at other times
- recognise the skills and strengths of others
- don't compete with each other
- discuss problems calmly
- show respect for each other
- take responsibility for their part of the task
- are willing to work towards the success of the group rather than their own individual success
- have good communication skills

Children are supervised
in the yard from
8:40 until 3:40

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a week! I would like to thank you all for your positivity and calm approach to what was thankfully a short, sharp lockdown (and one we did not see coming). We are all extremely proud of our wonderful students for taking it in their stride and getting on with the plan. Once again, we were so very impressed with Seesaw uploads and the number of students/families who committed to the home learning plan. I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our wonderful teachers who took time out from their weekend to make sure your children had a quality home learning plan that students were able to achieve from home at such short notice. All teachers valued every phone conversation with parents and students on Monday.

Thank you for taking the time to engage. All teachers fed back some common feedback amongst families;

-Thankyou to the school and staff for home support during lockdown

-High trust in the school to provide quality tasks

-A sense of calm in households, knowing what to expect

We cannot be more pleased with the feedback we received. We are committed to working with you all and without a doubt work through any future challenges in a united way.

On Tuesday and Wednesday our teachers worked together to review and strengthen current teaching and learning practices and evaluate student maths and reading results to design learning goals. We are extremely privileged to have your trust to work with your children and honour that each and every day. We are ready to hit the ground running and make a positive impact on student health, wellbeing and learning. Our focus is always on happy, healthy and active kids who are learning and thriving.

I would also like to thank staff who supported our onsite supervision program – Education Support staff; Glenda Allen, Olivia Bant, Sinead Conlan, Grace Dunne and Jodie Hancy and teachers Rebecca Purcell and Lexi Green.

KDPS Sun Safety Policy

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Sun Safety policy. There are a couple of important points that are essential for parents to know and understand at this time of year. During term 1 and 4 we strongly advise parents support and remind their children to apply sun cream before they arrive at school, this application will work for first lunch at 11.10am. We have a supply of sun cream at school which students are welcome to use before they go outside at 1.30. Students are welcome to bring their own sun cream to school in case of any allergies or just personal preference.

Roadworks

I appreciate that this is a frustrating time for our school community. Please be patient with the works going ahead and always remember to choose safe options when driving, dropping off and collecting your children at the end of the day. The roadworks are ahead of schedule, which is great for all of us. The plan for the works to take place at this time of year was completely out of our control. So, again I ask that you please respect the plan and always choose the safest option. We thank Susan for keeping our students safe every morning and afternoon.

School Attendance

Given the year we have had in 2020, I am making sure all parents/carers understand how important it is that your children are at school each day they are well or have no other important commitments. Please read the information below outlining the importance of being at school. Please make contact with us if you require additional support. Why going to school is important...Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop: Important skills and knowledge to help them learn



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Principal: Marina Milich - School Council President: Jac Monk

More from the Principal:

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have:

Better health

Better job opportunities

Higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

What to do if your child can't go to school...

Let us know as soon as possible and explain why your child can't come to school.

If you do not let us know, we will make contact with you or your emergency contacts to make sure your child is safe.

Talk to your school if your child needs to take an extended period of time off. There might be flexible options to keep your child from falling behind.

If your child misses a lot of school

Your school will work with you if your child has more than five days of unapproved or unexplained days off in a school year.

If this does not work, your school might refer your child to a school attendance officer. The school attendance officer will monitor and investigate your child's attendance. You might receive a warning, an attendance notice or a fine.

Example situations..

Sickness

If your child is sick they do not need to go to school. It's important they're only away on the days they're genuinely sick. Your school might give them work to do so they don't fall behind.

Medical appointments

Make medical appointments for before or after school or during the school holidays. If this is not possible, tell your child's school before the appointment.

Family holidays

Take holidays during school holidays and not during term time. Your school will decide if it is okay for your child to miss any school for a holiday. They might give your child work to do so their learning is not affected. If they do not approve the holiday and you decide to go, you might receive a warning or a fine.

Children who refuse to go to school

Your child might refuse to go to school. This is different to truancy. Your child may be upset at school or the thought of going to school.

This could be because of:

Bullying

Feeling lonely or not having friends

Feeling behind in work or poor grades

They don't like their subjects, teachers or other students

Illness or mental health

Disability

Behaviour or development delays

Bad sleep habits

Learning at home is not encouraged

Relationship breakdowns

Hobbies or family commitments

Cultural differences between home and school.

It can be normal for children to go through a stage where they refuse to go to school.

It's important to find out why they don't want to go to school. Speak to them about what's happening. Please always communicate with us so we can work together to form a plan.

Tips to help improve your child's attendance

Talk to your child about school and how important it is. You can ask them how they feel about school, what they liked and if there are any problems.

Reward good behaviour and not bad behaviour. For example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to their phones or the internet

Set a good example. Show them how you keep to your own commitments.

Encourage your child to take on hobbies that your child enjoys such as sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside of the classroom

Have a set time to do homework and go to bed.

Leave all technology out of their bedroom

Pack their school bag the night before with everything they need

Have a set time for breakfast

Plan to meet up with a friend so they can travel to school together.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/attendance-missing-school.aspx>

Introducing the KDPS 1/2 Learning Community:



Name: Jodie Mackrell

Role: Grade 1/2 Teacher

Favourite Colour: Blue

Footy Team: Richmond (mighty tigers)

Favourite Food: Vietnamese

Favourite things to do: CrossFit, run and climb mountains. I love to be outside with nature and love the ocean.

Why do you love working at KDPS? I love working at KDPS because of its wonderful community feel. The staff are amazing, the students are all so kind and our whole community work together for each and every student. My job is honestly such a privilege.



Name: Jacob Gordon

Role: Grade 1/2 Teacher

Favourite Colour: A forest green.

Footy Team: Western Bulldogs - "Carn" the doggies!

Favourite Food: Cheese, Broccoli, chocolate and a sneaky love of fried chicken!

Favourite things to do: I love chasing waterfalls, going to the beach, drawing, painting, building and writing!

Why do you love working at KDPS? The students and their families, as well the sense of belonging to a great community!



Name: Grace Dunne

Role: Education Support

Favourite Colour: Purple

Footy Team: Collingwood

Favourite Food: Cheese and Biscuits

Favourite things to do: play with my dog

Why do you love working at KDPS? I love seeing all our KDPS kids thrive ☺

CONGRATULATIONS

KDPS are proud to present the School leaders for 2021:

School Captains:

Rhys Gavin



Paige Clifford



Mitch McCosh



Charlotte Condon



House Captains:

Cork: Jadsen Russell



Kerry: Jaylah Forrester



Limerick: Angus Brooks



Dublin: Sam White



Community Captains:

Amelia Vandermark



Saphira Herbert



Sports Captains:

Blake O'Keefe



Asha Rose Porter



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KDPS are proud to present the School leaders for 2021:

E-Smart

Jindarra Geebung



Library:

Sanura Iervasi



STEAM:

Edward Higgins

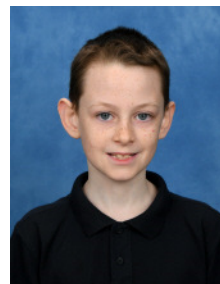


Pet Zone:

Deegan Hunter



Isaac Shalders



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KDPS are proud to present the School leaders for 2021:

Choose Kind:

Chelsea McCosh



Cultural Leader:

Lucy Sanderson



Arts Captain:

Mimi Cooling



Keeley Williams



Grounds Captain:

Zavier Longmore



Badge Presentations on a date to be announced.

Wellbeing

Talking about school

'How was school today?' 'OK.' Every afternoon, parents across Australia get the same frustrating one-word answer. Here are some ideas to get your child talking about school.

Why talking about school is hard

'How was school?' is a big question. To answer, your child has to sum up a whole day, and that's hard for children (and even grown-ups!) to do.

A child might really want to say, 'My day was so jam-packed with ideas and classes and social stuff that I don't know where to start'. So it's easier just to say, 'OK'.

Some children feel their school experiences are private, so they might not want to share them. This is a normal part of school-age development as children start to shape their own identities and social worlds. But your child still needs to know you're there when she's ready to talk.

Why talking about school is important

Talking with your child about the school day shows you're interested in what's going on in his life. This interest boosts his mental health, happiness and wellbeing. It can also have a very positive effect on your child's behaviour and achievement. It shows your child that you value school and education, which encourages him to value it too.

Talking together about school also helps you get to know more about what's expected of your child at school, how she learns and how she handles challenges. It can help you understand when she's feeling less interested in school or having problems.

When you're in touch with your child's feelings about school, you're more likely to see problems before they get too big. This way you can work on overcoming challenges together.

And talking about school issues – like school projects or friendship problems – is also a great chance for you to express your family values about things like teamwork, respect for self and others, friendships, relationships, problem-solving and so on.

Strategies for talking about school with your child

Your child will probably be tired and hungry or thinking about other things when she first gets home. So easing the transition from school or after-school activities to home can help your child feel more like talking.

If you pick your child up from school, try to avoid asking him lots of questions straight away. You can just let your child know that you're glad to see him, and talk about non-school topics for a while. Younger children will probably also like help unpacking their bags and going through any notes before you ask about school.

Saving questions about homework for later on can also take the pressure off!

Every afternoon or evening will be different. Even if your child usually loves to share her day with you, there'll be days when she doesn't want to talk. Sometimes it's a matter of sensing her mood and picking the right moment. Some days there might not be a right moment at all, and that's OK.

Nicole Farrelly
Wellbeing Officer.

We're listening.
Call 133 778

Roadworks on Commercial Road (Penshurst-Warrnambool Road), Koroit

February 2021

We're rebuilding Commercial Road, between Station Street and McVicar Street.

Access to properties and businesses will be maintained.

What are we doing?

We're rebuilding a 750m section of Commercial Road to make it smoother, safer and stronger.

This \$2 million project is part of the Victorian Government's two-year \$425 million investment into rebuilding and resealing regional roads.

Work times

From 7.00am to 5.00pm weekdays, weather permitting.

Occasionally we will work overnight, to minimise the impact on school traffic.

We expect these works to be completed by the end of March, weather permitting.

Traffic impacts

Alternating lane closures and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place.

Traffic controllers will be on site to guide drivers.

Water works are also underway in the area, so please plan ahead and allow an extra 10 minutes for your journey.

Resident/trader impact

Nearby residents and traders may experience dust and can expect to hear power tools, machinery and reversing beepers.

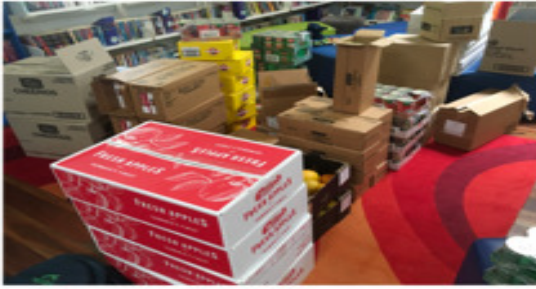
Roadside safety

Please drive to the changed conditions and reduced speeds for the safety of our workers, the community and all road users.

For more information

If you have any questions about the planned works, please call 133 778 or visit regionalroads.vic.gov.au

We thank drivers, residents and businesses in advance for their patience while we undertake these important road works.



Each term we are lucky enough receive a load of food from Food Bank for our school community. Please contact the office if you would like to collect any of the items pictured and the quantity you would like. We can also just make up mixed boxes with a variety if you prefer.



We have 'Grab n Go' stations set up around the school with fresh apples, mini plain milks, fruit cups, tuna meals and baked beans for the students to access any time they need an extra snack or don't have time for breakfast at home.



KDPS UNIFORM OPTIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

(dependant on stock levels)

2021 pricing:

- KDPS School Bag \$46.00
- KDPS School Beanie (small & Large Sizes) \$20.00
- KDPS School Hat \$15.00
- KDPS School socks (suits age 8-12) \$5.00
- KDPS School Sports Tops \$34.00



KDPS CALENDAR 2021 - Term 1

2021- TERM 1

Week 5	
Mon Feb 22	
Tues Feb 23	
Wed Feb 24	Foundation Optional Rest Day Lunch order Day
Thurs Feb 25	
Fri Feb 26	Lunch Order Day
WEEK 6	
Mon March 1	
Tues March 2	
Wed March 3	Foundation Optional Rest Day Lunch Order Day
Thurs March 4	
Fri March 5	Lunch Order Day
WEEK 7	
Mon March 8	Public Holiday
Tues March 9	KDPS Whole School Athletics Brauerander (Parents Welcome)
Wed March 10	Lunch Order Day Final School Council Meeting of 2020
Thurs March 11	Foundation Celebration night 6-7.30 (info to come)
Fri March 12	Lunch Order Day
WEEK 8	
Mon March 15	F-2 AFL Footy Clinic (During PE)
Tues March 16	
Wed March 17	Lunch Order Day
Thurs March 18	
Fri March 19	Lunch Order Day Moynes Athletics
WEEK 9	
Mon March 22	
Tues March 23	
Wed March 24	
Thurs March 25	
Fri March 26	Earth Hour (more info to come)
WEEK 10	
Mon March 29	
Tues March 30	
Wed March 31	
Thurs April 1	
Fri April 2	Public Holiday