



Koroit & District PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - WEEK 1

School Agreements

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

Dates for 2022

Term 1 - 2nd Feb - 8th Apr
Term 2 - 26th Apr - 24th Jun
Term 3 - 11th Jul - 16th Sep
Term 4 - 3rd Oct - 20th Dec

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back!

We are thrilled to be back at school this week and all staff and students have had a positive start to the school year. Seeing your children walk through the school gates each morning makes us all feel so privileged to be in the positions we are in. There have most certainly been many smiles, chats, laughs, holiday stories shared and some anxiety too, but we are all here to support each other learn, grow and play in a happy and safe school.

Thankyou parents!

We cannot thank parents enough for being so supportive during what is again presenting to be a challenging time due to the impacts of COVID. The pandemic has definitely become more real for our school and wider community over the summer. We are just so grateful to be back at school! Thankyou for following department and school guidelines, you are making our job much easier by being so kind and understanding. If you are impacted by COVID and not sure what to do in the moment, please just give us a call and we will talk you through it. I have also attached the guidelines to the newsletter, but sometimes there are grey areas – please don't hesitate to call.

Parent Vaccination Status

At this stage we ask all parents to refrain from entering school buildings and grounds (except for the admin building). When it is safe, double vaccinated parents will be welcome to enter school buildings and attend school events. Please support us in maintaining our school log of vaccinated parents (as requested by DET) by either popping into the office so we can sight it or send your certificate via email to Koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Thank you for your support.

School Assembly 2022

We will be having our weekly school assembly on the basketball court every Friday morning (unless advised otherwise) at 9am. All double vaccinated parents are welcome to attend. Please remember to maintain social distancing and we encourage face masks, even though we are outdoors.

Foundation 2022

Congratulations to our amazing little foundation people who have just completed their first 3 days of school. What a delight they all are. No doubt they are coming home a little tired, but they are to be commended for settling into school life. There is a lovely buzz coming from their learning community and their teachers – Ms Cooknell, Mrs Watson and Lauren are doing a marvellous job to support them. Thank you to all foundation parents for being brave by leaving them at the first gate each morning. It is most definitely growing their independence as they skip into school. A reminder, the foundation students will have a well-deserved rest day each Wednesday until the March long weekend.

Staff wellbeing

Staff work life balance is a priority at KDPS. Our staff are incredibly present with all students when they are at school. They work hard to make sure students are engaged in their learning, safe and cared for. At the end of each school day our staff go home to their families to be present with them and to recharge so they can work at their best for your children. We ask that you please support staff work life balance by avoiding contact through Seesaw/XUNO before 8am and after 5pm and please refrain from contacting staff on their private phones or through Facebook messenger. If an urgent matter arises, you are welcome to make contact with me through a message on XUNO. We also invite concerns/queries. Our school focuses on Choosing Kind in our voices, actions and body actions, we ask you to also remember to follow our school focus when you are interacting with all staff. We will always listen and work out the best plan to move forward.



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

**NO HAT,
NO PLAY**



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More from the Principal:

Morning arrival at school

A reminder students should not be arriving at school before 8.30am (department policy). If you need to be at work before this time, you are welcome to access Before School Care. Please register at Their Care (info in the newsletter).

Welcome to KDPS

This year we warmly welcome new students and their families to our school community;

Ira and family (Grade 6)

Zahlia and family (Grade 5)

Ruby (Grade 4), Zoe (Grade 3) and family

Mitch and family (Grade 3)

School Council – Thank you

We sincerely thank the following school council members for their time, dedication, support and contributions over the past 2 year term.

Parent Members

Jac Monk, Bart Gane and Leanne Noble

Community Members

Benny Tolson and Lauren Barker

The role of School Council

A well-informed and effective school council strengthens community confidence in the school and helps to build and secure the school's reputation.

Understanding the distinction in roles and responsibilities between school council and the principal supports the effective and efficient operations of the council and the school.

The objectives of a school council are to:

- assist in the efficient governance of the school
- ensure that its decisions affecting students of the school are made having regard, as a primary consideration, to the best interest of the students
- enhance the educational opportunities of students at the school
- ensure the school and the council complies with any requirements of the Education and Training Reform Act, the Education and Training Reform Regulations, a Ministerial Order or a direction, guideline or policy issued under the Education and Training Reform Act.

If you are interested in nominating for school council, a self-nomination form will be available at the office and on XUNO from Monday 7th February. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

Nomination forms are due back to the office on **Monday 21st February, 2022.**

Permissions on XUNO

The following permissions are ready for your approval on XUNO

- Local Excursion (one permission required for the whole year)
- Photograph and film permission
- ICT agreement (please discuss this with your child/children)

Information regarding School Fees can also be accessed on XUNO. Please contact if you require any further detail.

COVID (please read carefully)

- Students who report a positive result must isolate for 7 days and not attend school during this period
- Parents/carers should complete the [RA Test portal](#) if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test).
- Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (spending more than 4 hours with someone who has COVID inside a house) the school must be informed. The student must isolate for 7 days and not attend school during this period.
- KDPS will inform the impacted families if a student or staff member have returned a positive COVID result and had attended school (date of attendance, affected year levels). NB This notification will be provided to only the affected cohort of students.
- Students are to refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic after the 7 day isolation period.

KIDS COMMUNITY GARDENING



An after school gardening program at
Warrnambool Community Garden
4:00 to 4:45 Wednesday afternoons

Bookings Essential - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXCVR>
or via www.wcg3280.org.au/workshops

Circle of Security Parenting Abbreviated



Supporting parents to build healthy and secure
relationships with their children

CIRCLE OF SECURITY WILL HELP YOU:

- UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WORLD BY
LEARNING TO READ THEIR EMOTIONAL NEEDS
- ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM
- SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE EMOTIONS

For parents of children aged 0 - 12 years of age.

Circle of Security Parenting is normally an 8 week program.

We are offering to run the Circle of Security Parenting Program Abbreviated
over 6 weeks.

Session 1: Wednesday 16 February, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Session 2: Wednesday 23 February, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Session 3: Wednesday 2 March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Session 4: Wednesday 9 March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Session 5: Wednesday 16 March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Session 6: Wednesday 23 March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Children's Services Centre,
550-600 Raglan Parade, Warrnambool

To register please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVROM>

For more information please contact Warrnambool City Council
Children's and Family Services on 5559 4747



Moyne Shire playgroup Port Fairy

Spacious outdoor
area for lots of
active play!

Spend time playing
with your child in a
fun, supportive and
non-judgemental
environment!

BYO fruit snack

Port Fairy Facilitated Playgroup

Location: Port Fairy Community House
Day: Tuesdays during school terms
Time: 10am - 12pm

Terms one kicks off on Tuesday
the 8th February 2022

RDVP's are essential! Please call or SMS Bianca on 0448 081 976 for enquiries and to enrol
for the term. Health Care card holders will be prioritised.

Supports parents as their child's first
educator

- Free weekly sessions!
- Aimed at children aged 0 - 5yrs
- Run by a trained facilitator
- Lots of messy play for busy toddlers
- We finish with Rhyme time and a story

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2022 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Please note these activities will only take place if they meet COVIDSafe requirements.

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

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 55658332 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



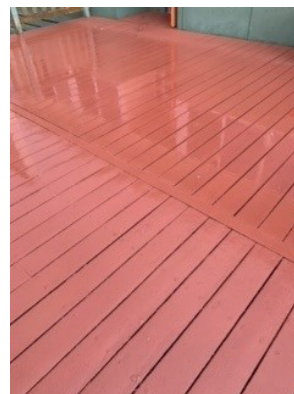
! School Holiday Ground Works !

Over the Holiday period, there were many different projects being completed. See below for all of the improvements happening in the school grounds.



Our outdoor furniture received an update with boards replaced and a re-stain.

All outdoor areas were scraped back and had new materials laid to reduce water pooling.



Our outdoor decks were repainted with gripping paint to reduce slips and trips



The undercover walkway received a full sanding and stain to protect the timbers from weather.



Our heritage courthouse (STEAM room) was lucky enough to have the internal floors re-sanded and varnished.



More improved updated ground cover around our lemon trees

! School Holiday Ground Works



Windows and entry way refreshed.



The site of our outdoor classroom. (Shade sail to come over the tables) Tables & Chairs expertly made by 2021 HOL team.



Every Learning community has been outfitted with an Air purifier to add to the open doors and windows for added ventilation.



KDPS CALENDAR 2022 - Term 1

TERM 1

WEEK 2

Monday 7 Feb	School council nomination forms available at KDPS office & via Xuno
Tuesday 8 Feb	
Wednesday 9 Feb	Foundation Rest Day Lunch Order day
Friday 11 Feb	Lunch Order Day Assembly 9am on the Basketball Court

WEEK 3

Wed 16 Feb	Foundation Rest Day Lunch Order Day
Friday 18 Feb	Lunch Order Day Assembly 9am on the Basketball Court

WEEK 4

Monday 21 Feb	School Council Nomination forms due by 4pm
Tue 22 Feb	HotShots Tennis (Info to come)
Wed 23 Feb	Foundation Rest Day Lunch Order Day
Fri 25 Feb	Lunch Order Day Assembly 9am on the Basketball Court

WEEK 5

Tue 1 March	Curriculum Day - (Pupil free) (Theircare Available)
Wed 2 March	Foundation Rest Day Lunch Order Day
Friday 4 March	Lunch Order Day Assembly 9am on the Basketball Court

WEEK 6

Tuesday 8 March	KDPS Athletics Day @ Brauerander Park
Wed 9 March	Lunch Order Day Foundation Rest Day
Friday 11 March	Lunch Order Day Assembly 9am on the Basketball Court

WEEK 7

Mon 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)
Tues 15 March	Foundation students to attend school full time from now on.
Wed 15 March	Lunch Order Day
Friday 17 March	Lunch Order Day Assembly 9am Basketball Court

**Lunch Orders Available Wednesday
& Friday through:**

<https://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/>

Attendance -

Please advise the school prior to 9am if your child will be absent
using the below methods: Email:
Koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au Phone: 5565 8332