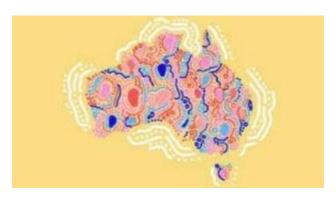


Koroit and District Primary School 24th April 2025



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 all. I hope you had a great break and enjoyed quality family time over Easter. This week is short, and weeks two and four are impacted by May Race Day and a whole school Pupil Free Day on the 13th of May, approved by the School Council. This week we held our Cross Country, and all children participated to a high level.

Today, we held our own ANZAC Service with the Grade 6 leaders running the service with pride and gratitude. I encourage all families to join us tomorrow at the Koroit ANZAC service at 1pm, where our School Captains will lay a wreath and to remember the over 103,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name.

A reminder that part of our ongoing reporting process is SEESAW. Please let us know if you do not have access to SEESAW as this process allows you to gain an insight into what is happening in the classroom.

This term, we will start looking for PARENT VOLUNTEERS to assist with our literacy program, specifically as reading helpers. If you (or a relative) have some free time and are interested in supporting reading activities, please inform the classroom teacher of your availability. Please

note that all reading helpers must have a valid Working with Children check and complete documentation in the office prior to beginning as a reading helper.

This week we have one of our major fundraisers, the Irish Festival. Please support this event in any way, purchase a sausage, hamburger or donut at our stall. There are many people madly working in the background to support the Irish Festival organisation and we thank you for taking the time to do this. Leanne Noble and her Mum have sewn the Irish flags for the children to wear in the parade. This is very much appreciated. Chloe and Sophie have been the main organisers for the BBQ and donuts however we know that many kind donations have been made, along with many parents supporting during set up and pack up.

We have a sausage sizzle the following week at the hall, during the election period. Once again, please support if you are able.

The following week, we celebrate Mother's Day or Special Person Day with an egg and bacon breakfast from 8 am. We are looking for some dads to put on the aprons to serve our Mums/Special Person. Egg and Bacon sandwiches are to be pre ordered and will cost \$5 per sandwich. If anyone is able to donate Bacon and or eggs, please see the office. More information below.

School Attendance:

At Koroit & District Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher, Amy Cooper or Tanya McPherson about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via email or Xuno so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see <u>Attendance and Missing School</u>.

Remember, Every Day Counts!

If you have a child coming to Koroit and District Primary School in 2026, please let us know. We look forward to seeing all our families during our open sessions in the coming weeks.

Essential Need to Know

Parade Organisation for Irish festival

Due to the weather, we will decorate bikes prior to the parade. You are welcome to decorate your bikes/scooters at home!

We encourage all children to decorate their bikes in Irish Colours. Decoration opportunities will occur at school if bikes/scooters are here.

The parade is a slow walk so scooters are encouraged. Helmets are required. No helmet no ride.

We have thirty Irish vests for children to wear (first in best dressed).

Bike riders/scooter to arrive at school from 10:50 am. We will then ride/scoot to the parade together. Parade will be from 12:00 pm.

After the Parade, all children will return bikes scooters to KDPS and we ask parents to collect children from this point.

We highly encourage all parents to be involved in the Parade as we currently have 50 children entered.

Connect groups for Term 2 Starting Next Week

Monday

11:30-12:30

Billy B

Ava F

Matilda G

Jonah G

2:30-3:00
Angus P
Oakley P
Alfie S
Wednesday
12:30-1:30
Zayne R
Tate F
Jaxon M
Audrey G
2:30-3:00
Jandi M
Oskar M
Logan N
Friday
10:00-11:00
Carey G
Luke P
Charlie Harkins
Aden W
Zac P

12:30-11:30

Hope T

Summer V

Tegan Q

Elsie T

Kingston O Patrick T 12:30-1:30 Wynter O Julida S Ashton C Oliver M 2:30-3:00 Ziggy M Tara C Tate R Essential need to Know continued • Please update your residential address to Amie / Steph please.

11:30-12:30

Charlie Horvat

Thomas J

- Sugar Free Zooper Doopers are our Birthday treat of choice for School Celebrations!
- Uniform Delays The following items will not be in stock until Mid-May polo tops size 12, 14 & 16. The size 10 polo tops will not be in stock until the END of June.
- ANZAC DAY- public holiday
- May Race Day Holiday- 1st May
- Student Free Day-13th May

Department Information

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au</u> 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

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.

2026 Foundation Enrolments -

If you have a sibling who will be starting school in 2026 - Please let us know. The 2026 Foundation enrolment Fact sheet is listed below with the timeline information. Please follow us on Facebook and spread the word about the exemplary programs at KDPS.

2026 Foundation Fact Sheet

2026 Year 7- Enrolments -

Wednesday of this week, all grade 6 students will receive the Parent / guardian Information pack & enrolment forms.

This is to be returned to KDPS. Please follow the below timeline noted in the Grade 6-Year 7 Fact Sheet.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Fact Sheet

School Photos

School Photos will be on Monday the **28th of April**. Please use the QR code below to make your selections.

There are a small number of manual envelopes at the office if online ordering is not for you.

Family Photo ordering closes 4:30pm on the 27th of April. (This Sunday)



Koroit Irish Festival

<u>2025 Irish Festival Roster</u> - Please check to remind yourselves what time you are on. Please make sure to purchase a ticket if you have not organised one- <u>Koroit Irish Festival - 2025 | TryBooking Australia</u>

If your child will be participating in the Koroit Irish Festival Parade - **Wristbands have been sent home today**, please check your child's bag.

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,)
- Large Mayonnaise x 4



1 - Parents/Carers,

Students participating in the Koroit Irish Festival parade on Saturday of this week, below is the information you will need for the day:

We encourage all children to decorate their bikes in Irish Colours. Due to the weather prior to the festival, Decorations will be completed on Saturday morning from 10.50 am at KDPS.

The parade is a slow walk, so scooters are encouraged. Helmets are required. No helmet = no ride.

We have thirty Irish vests for children to wear (first in, best dressed) Bike riders/scooter to arrive at school from 10:50 am.

We will decorate and then ride/scoot to the parade together. The parade will be from 12:00 pm. After the Parade, all children will return their bikes and scooters to KDPS, and we ask parents to collect their children from this point **ASAP**.

We **highly encourage** all parents to be involved in the parade, as we currently have 50 children entered.

KDPS Team



Election BBQ

KDPS is hosting the Election on Saturday the 3rd of May. If You have any spare time on Saturday May 3rd, and would like to help on the BBQ for the Elections, please enter your name in the below link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-NA8Lf21cd9XRuRuJkpjnjmSzk0-6CacCUiF 7BoISA/edit?usp=drive link

We will be selling democracy Sausages in Bread for anyone interested.

Mother's Day / Important Person Breakfast

Please follow the below link to place your orders. Orders are to be placed by the 5th of May to ensure we have correct quantities.

myschoolevent.com.au/event/koroit-and-district-primary-school-mothers-day-important-person-breakfast/

Lost Property!

There are a number of items in the lost property room from the following events, if you think some may be yours, please attend the office.

2,3,4 Excursion

3/4 Campover

Colour Explosion

Important dates for Next week!

KDPS School Calendar



25th April - Preparation for Irish Festival - 2 pm in the administration area at KDPS

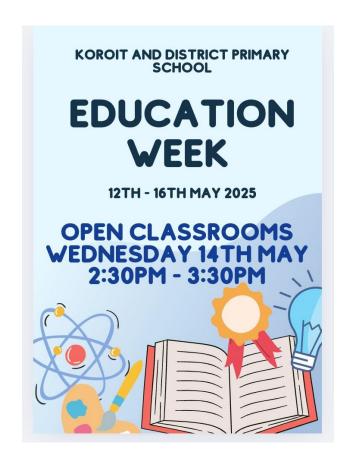
26th April- Irish Festival - Drop by for a Sausage, Burger or Hot Jam Donut!

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







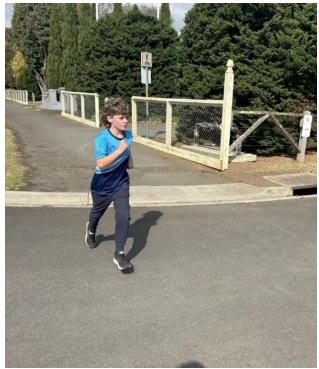




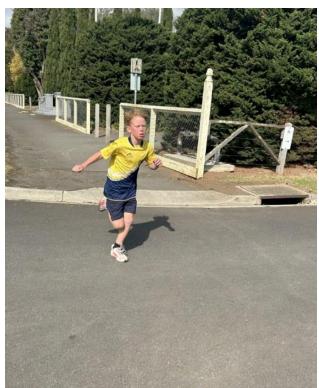






























2 - Rocking the boat!



3 - 'Rock the boat!'

Community News





VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO Koroit & District Primary School

EVERY CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE

Do something good today by recycling your drink containers in the dedicated bins

Koroit & District Primary School





4 - Available at every can disposal unit. From term 2 Bins will be available onsite to deposit your eligible containers into. This will be managed by the Connect team.

KDPS will be managing the CDC bins at the Irish festival, so make sure to put your eligible containers in!