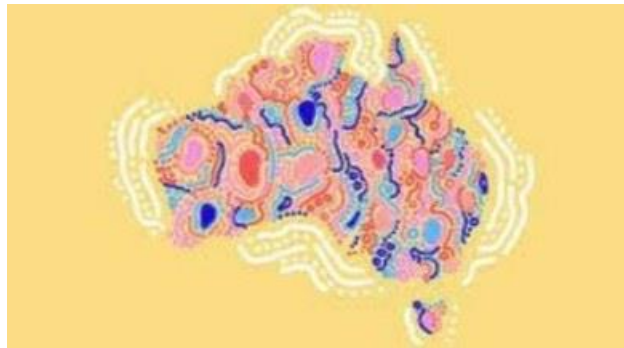




Koroit and District Primary School 30th May 2025



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

For the past few weeks Koroit and District staff have been focused on Numeracy. Many Victorian students are developing strong mathematical knowledge and skills. However, not all students in Victoria – and across all Australian states and territories – are developing them to the level that will enable these aspirations to be fully realised. This is particularly the case for students who can face additional challenges, including students with disabilities or diverse learning needs. We also know that the gap between the attainment level of First Nations students, disadvantaged students, and students in rural and regional Victoria, compared with relatively more advantaged students, is unacceptable.

Consistent with [The Education State – Excellence in Every Classroom](#), one of the key priorities for the Department of Education in 2025 and beyond will be to lift the numeracy attainment levels of every student.

We will achieve this through the following strategies:

1. Implement the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0

- 2. Ensure students have time to develop mastery**
- 3. Develop common classroom resources**
- 4. Address mathematics anxiety and build confidence**

More information can be found here: [Mathematics position statement](#) | [Mathematics](#) | [Arc](#)

Semester Two Report Writing and Assessment

As the term progresses, teachers are now entering the assessment period—a phase where they evaluate student learning through various tasks, tests, and observations. Our teachers gather evidence of student progress and achievement across all subject areas. Once assessments are completed, the focus will shift to report writing, where teachers will synthesize their observations and data into clear, constructive, and personalized feedback for each student. This process not only reflects academic outcomes but also provides valuable insights into each learner's growth, strengths, and areas for development. Reports will be sent out in the final week of the school term via Xuno.

Numeracy Reporting

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) recently published its revised mathematics curriculum (Mathematics curriculum 2.0).

All Victorian government schools will start using the Mathematics curriculum 2.0 in 2024 or 2025. At KDPS we are using the revised mathematics curriculum for school reporting from Semester 1 2025

On your child's previous report, the teacher reported against the 3 strands of the achievement standard for mathematics (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability). Under the Mathematics curriculum 2.0, your child's teacher will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single, aggregated score.

As the achievement standards reported on have changed, the first time you receive a report under the Mathematics 2.0 curriculum, it will only show achievement and not progress. For all reports after this, progress will be shown against the single achievement standard.

The VCAA made these changes to help teachers plan their teaching and learning programs in mathematics, giving them more flexibility to support students to link ideas within mathematics and also with other curriculum areas.

For further information, refer to the department's policy on [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#).

Early Pick Up

To ensure that important messages can be communicated to students and staff promptly and without disruption, we kindly request that all contact with the office be made before 2:00pm. This allows adequate time for messages to be delivered efficiently during the school day.

Over the past fortnight, we have received up to ten phone calls between 2:30 and 3:30pm requesting early student pick-ups. These frequent interruptions during the final hour of the school day are increasingly disruptive to teaching and learning, affecting the focus and flow of classroom activities for both students and staff.

If you have an ongoing commitment and require your child/ren early, please let us know in advance.

Phone calls received after 2:00pm will not be passed on to students or staff unless they relate to a genuine emergency. This policy is in place to minimize disruptions during the critical final part of the school day and to maintain a focused learning environment.

Winter

As we head into winter, it is essential that all children are prepared for all types of weather. This week, many students have needed to wear an extra layer and have either been asked to put on a jumper or borrow one from lost property.

To help us keep children warm and comfortable, please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing, including a named jumper. Labelling items makes it much easier for us to return them when misplaced.

If possible, we also recommend packing a spare pair of socks in your child's bag, and if you're able, a pair of indoor slippers for classroom use. These small additions can make a big difference in keeping your child warm and dry throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Personal Development Resources

Please see a list of resources shared by Leanne who conducted our Personal Development sessions for grades 3-6.

Some Parent Puberty Resources – a good place to start

References –(books)

“What’s happening to me” (Usborne). Male & Female version. “Secret Boys Business” (Stewart, Angelo, Anderson).

“Secret Girls Business” (Stewart, Angelo, Anderson). 2 versions this one aimed at approx. Year 5 level.

“More Secret Girls Business” (as above). This version more detailed aimed at late primary early secondary girls.

“Secret boys business” by same authors above all found on website below. This company also produces the cartoon posters we use in the student sessions. Students will identify with these characters in the books as they are the same in the posters.

The Secret Girls/Boys books have special needs versions- found on the website

www.secretgb.com

“Talk soon. Talk Often” – A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex. (Government of Western Australia Dept of Health & Latrobe University Victoria)

“Catching on Early” (State Government Victoria- Department of Education & Early Childhood Development). “The Amazing true story of how babies are made” (I have a copy here, available at Kmart)

Local Council library can be a good place to start if you don’t want to buy anything without having a good look before you purchase.

Resources – suggested age groups

Aged 5 to 8

“It’s not the Stork; A book about Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies Families and Friends”.

Robie H. Harris & Michael Emberley

“Everyone’s Got a Bottom- A Storybook for Children Aged 3-8 years. Family Planning QLD

Aged 8 to 12

“Boys & Puberty; Almost Everything Boys will Ever Need to know About Body Changes and other Stuff!” (Also a girls version by WA Dept of Health)

“Hair in funny places” Babette Cole

“Lets talk about where babies come from” Robie H. Harris

“What's the big secret- Talking about sex with boys and girls” Laurene Krasny & Marc Brown

“Let’s talk about sex; growing up, changing bodies, sex and sexual health”, Robie H. Harris
Teenagers

“Puberty Girl” Shushann Movsessian

“Relationships, Sex and Other Stuff; A few things teenagers will need to know about relationships, sex and other stuff”. WA Dept of Health

“Puberty Book; A Guide for Children & Teenagers “ Darvill & Powell

“Girls Stuff,” Kaz Cooke

Internet references

It is advised that you search these sites before sharing them with your child. These are a good start, and many have free resources for you to access. There are many more, these are some of my go to ones. Do your own research but this will get you started.

<https://amazingbabies.tv/> 3 animations available for purchase for parents- Family resource kit for \$29.00

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

www.GetThefacts.health.wa.gov.au

www.safe4kids.com.au

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/development>

<https://shvic.org.au/for-you/for-parents-and-carers/sex-education-talking-to-young-people>

<https://amaze.org/>

Always have a look at these resources yourselves 1st before sharing with your child then you can make an informed decision on what you are happy to share with them and at what age. If you have discovered your own great resources we’d love you to share them with us!

*Any child that has access to the internet should have had a discussion with their carer about inappropriate content and how to deal it with in your household. There are lots of resources out there! All the best with your adolescent!

Noodle Week

In the first week of June, our School Leaders are organizing a special lunch event called Noodle Days! Students who wish to participate can bring a labelled cup of noodles, which will be heated at school.

Dates include:

Monday 2nd June- Grade 5/6

Tuesday 3rd June- Grade F/1

Wednesday 4th June- Grade 2/3

Thursday 5th June- Grade 3/4

F-3 Swimming

[Register as a Swimming Volunteer Here!](#)

F-3 Swimming is approaching - Please make sure to approve the Xuno event, return the swimming capability form & complete payment.

If your child is in Grade 1 or Foundation - Please **DO NOT** order a lunch order on the following dates: Friday the 13th of June, Wednesday the 18th of June & Friday the 20th of June. The students will not be back in time to receive.

KDPS Uniform

The next Uniform order will be sent off on **Friday the 30th of May**.

1. Order using SSB - please email your order to: koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au
2. If you have used your SSB - please order via [Uniform Orders](#)

We also have Beanies heading into the colder months.

Please note that the following items may be out of stock until the **END of June**:

Polo Tops - size 8, 10, 12 & 14

1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumpers - size 10 & 14.

Tunic Orders - Please send in your Tunic orders - we will submit an order on Friday the 30th of May.

Essential Need to Know

- School uniform is recommended. This includes our school jumper, navy trackies or shorts, tunics, dresses, shorts.
- Please name all items of clothing
- Uniform Ordering via [My School Connect](#) unless you are using the School Savings Bonus then email the office
- **Uniform Delays** - The following items will not be in stock until **END of June** - **Polo Tops** - size 10 & 12, **1/2 zip polar fleece jumpers** - size 14.
- **Lunch orders** can be ordered through [My School Lunch Online](#) on Wednesday and Friday's (Menu below)
- Sugar Free Zooper Doopers are our Birthday treat of choice for School Celebrations!
- **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.
- **State School Relief** [Resources - State Schools' Relief](#) - For more information - please contact the office. 55658 332 or koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- **CSEF** - [Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund Website](#) **Applications DUE by 4th July.**
- **Lost Property** - is located in the F-2 building. If it is not labelled. Please take.
- Daily Supervision starts from 8.40am -3.40 pm



TERM 1 MENU 2024



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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	

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

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 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.



McMahon
Family Catering

HOW PARENTS ORDER FROM BOOK CLUB

The parent ordering platform is called LOOP. Our website has many resources for parents to set up and order through LOOP.

Parents wishing to order products through Book Club can follow the following step-by-step instructions:

1. Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/LOOP
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous Issues
7. Make a payment via credit card
8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school



Big Life Boost Weeks 5 & 6

In the classroom this fortnight, we have been exploring how strong emotions can sometimes cause us to **"flip our lid,"** a concept based on how our brain reacts when emotions become overwhelming. When this happens, our "thinking brain" (prefrontal cortex) shuts down, and our "feeling brain" (amygdala) takes over. This can lead to behaviours like yelling, shutting down, or storming off. Through our lessons, we are learning how to recognize the hidden emotions that build up underneath these reactions like sad, worried, embarrassed or shame, and use calming strategies to bring our "thinking brain" back online.

Here are some evidence-based strategies that can help your child manage strong emotions.

1. **Deep Breathing** - Encourage slow, deep breaths (e.g., inhale for 4 seconds, hold for 4, exhale for 4) to help calm the nervous system.
2. **Counting to 10** - Taking a moment to count helps to pause emotional reactions and gives the brain time to calm.
3. **Talking to Someone Trusted** - Encouraging your child to talk about their feelings with a trusted adult can help them process and understand emotions.
4. **Physical Activity** - Movement or stretching can release built-up energy and help reset emotional responses.
5. **Taking a Break** - Sometimes, stepping away from a stressful situation allows the brain to reset and regain control.
6. **Positive Affirmations or Self-Talk** - Encourage your child to use positive phrases like "I am calm," "I can do this," or "I am in control" to help shift their mindset and reinforce their ability to stay calm.

You can support your child at home, by recognizing when they might be starting to "flip their lid" and gently guiding them to use one of these calming strategies. By practicing these techniques together, we can help our children build emotional resilience and stay in control, even during challenging moments.

Big Life with Mel

In week 6, Mel from Big Life worked across the F/1 and 2/3 classes. The F/1 students revised what they know about **strengths**, then read a book about **family** from First Nations perspectives.

Students discussed how all families are different, and drew a picture showing ways their families help each other. The grade 2/3s learned some **relaxation strategies** and provided helpful advice to a character, Wibbly, who was feeling stressed about making new friends.





KDPS TheirCare

TERM 2

NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Hello May!



This week we kept active and on the move for Sports Week! The children had a fantastic time trying their hand at netball, basketball, and football, along with plenty of energetic play on the playground. It's been great to see everyone giving it their best shot, showing great teamwork, and having loads of fun outdoors.

Next week, things will be heating up in the kitchen as we launch into Mini MasterChef Week! We have a range of delicious baking activities planned get ready for some sweet and savoury creations from our budding little chefs!





National Sorry Day & Reconciliation Week



We are proudly honouring National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week at all TheirCare services this May!

Children will take part in an array of engaging activities including art, sensory experiences and Indigenous games that not only entertain but also educate. Yarning Circles will provide a platform for meaningful conversations, plus, your children will get hands-on experience making delicious Damper!

Book your children into service from 26th-30th May to inspire them with the values of inclusivity and understanding.

LET'S GLOW!

Date: Friday 13th June

When: After school care

Where: At Your TheirCare Service!

Book your child in for our WeCare celebration on Friday 13th June for an unforgettable Glow Crazy themed party! This exciting event not only promises an afternoon of glowing fun but also supports incredible charities like the Starlight Foundation and the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

With the winter school holidays fast approaching, we are so excited to open bookings for our WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS Holiday Program on Friday 23rd May!!




CONTACT SERVICE:

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koroit@theircare.com.au

TC HEAD OFFICE:

1300 072 410

info@theircare.com.au

www.theircare.com.au







School Photo Ordering

For those that have not ordered school photos - Your individual codes have been sent home with your child in the form of a bookmark. For Family orders- please reach out to the office for your family code.

55658332 or koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Catch up Photos are on the 13th of June.



It's not too
late to order!
**Now is your
Second
Chance!**



Don't lose your precious memories!

Second Chance is the unique post delivery process for parents who missed the first chance to order school photos. With new packages options and reduced prices, our photos are **more affordable than ever before.**

Second Chance ordering is easy:

- Your child receives a bookmark with photo sample and a unique access key
- Visit our website and click 'Order School Photos'
- Enter your unique access key
- Select from our huge range of standard and customisable packages
- Finalise your order with one of our payment options
- Your school photos will be posted directly to your home!



1800 750 586 | leadingimage.com.au |     

PCF

The next PCF event is coming up! The KDPS Disco!!!

Please follow the below link to purchase your tickets!

[KDPS Disco Night Tickets Link](#)



Friday the 6th of June - The PCF team are at it again, hosting the winter sports Canteen! Please see the menu below.

PRICE LIST

Canteen

Dim Sim	\$1.00
Hot Dog	\$3.50
Juice Box	\$1.50
Water	\$1.00

Available 10 am - 2 pm



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1 - Thank you, PCF, for our updated soft balls!

Important dates for Next week

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

JUNE 2025

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MON 2ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reconciliation Week 27/05 to 03/06Grade 5/6 Noodle Day - Bring a cup of noodles to heat and eat at lunch time
TUE 3RD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade F/1 Noodle Day - Bring a cup of noodles to heat and eat at lunch time
WED 4TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 2/3 Noodle Day - Bring a cup of noodles to heat and eat at lunch time
THU 5TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 3/4 & 4 Noodle Day - Bring a cup of noodles to heat and eat at lunch timeFirst Nations Leadership Day - select students
FRI 6TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 5/6 Winter Sport - Koroit Football Netball Club

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Celebrations

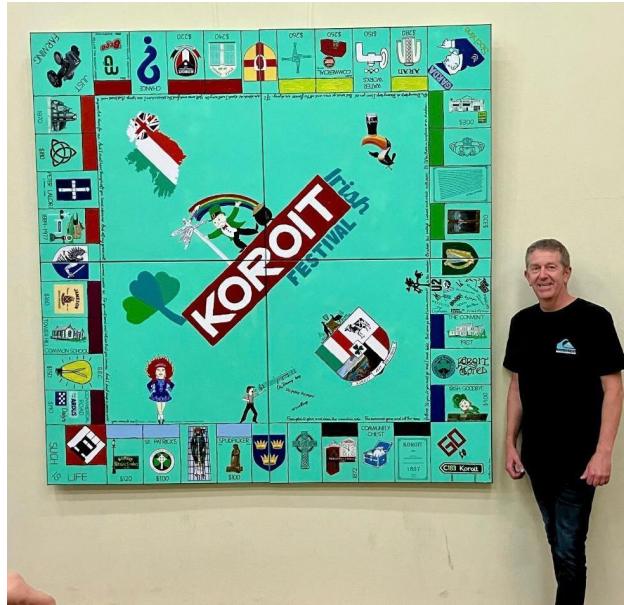


Kingston has successfully progressed to the next round of cross country in Melbourne! This is a huge effort, and Kingston should be incredibly proud of himself.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Billy Earnshaw for his generosity to KDPS. Billy is a local artist who won a prize in the Koroit Irish Festival's Koroitrait competition for his

Koroitopoly art piece. Billy has given each student a poster of his work and 2 stickers also featuring his artwork, as a token of community pride, expressing that we all should feel proud of our beautiful town and area. You can see the original artwork of Koroitopoly hanging on the Koroit Theatre walls. Thanks Billy!



Community News



2 - We have a lonely Scooter & helmet in the office- possibly left from the Irish Festival parade - please reach out if this is yours.



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

Check for the 10c mark



3 - From term 2 Bins will be available onsite to deposit your eligible containers into. This will be managed by the Connect team.
Bring in your suitable containers - Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

WARRNAMBOOL & SURROUNDS

ALL GIRLS 5 WEEK PROGRAMS

Geelong Cats AFLW Player Visits attending as part of the AFLW Community Camp



REGISTER NOW





4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Warrnambool ALL Girls Auskick
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Starting 11th June - Wednesday -
Jones Oval (10 Ward St)
COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 41146020

Register & WIN

Signed Geelong Cats Jumper
1 of 4 opportunities in a Guard of Honour at Geelong Cats Home Game



REGISTER NOW



7 - 12 YEAR OLDS

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

Warrnambool & Surrounds ALL Girls SUPERKICK
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Starting 11th June - Wednesday -
Jones Oval (10 Ward St)
COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 41146020



