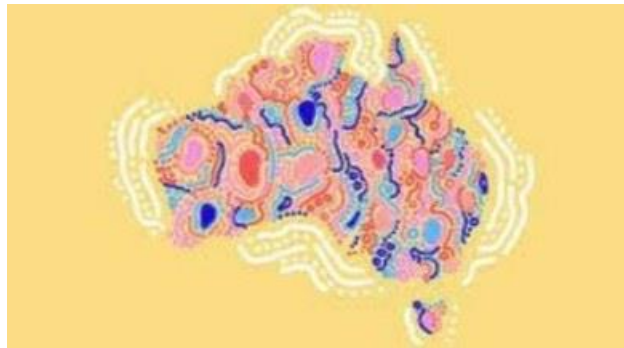




## Koroit and District Primary School 4th April 2025



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

This week, the grades 2-4 children headed off to Ballarat Wildlife Park on Monday. The children enjoyed viewing the many native Australian animals, including free-roaming Kangaroos, Koalas, Wombats, Tasmanian Devils, Eagles, Giant Tortoises, Crocodiles and Alligators, and a large display of Lizards and both venomous and non-venomous Snakes.

The grade three and four children participated in their camp, following the excursion. Our camp involved setting up a range of tents in the wind, with the help of the Koroit Scouts and Cubs. Tyna Lee has been an integral part of the planning, and we appreciate the effort made to provide our children with the opportunity to camp outside and due to the wind, camp inside the hall in tents. The children are to be commended for their persistence, dedication and adaptation during the evening.

Thank you to our staff. Camps are not possible without the ratio of staff. Thank you to Mrs Lathwell, Ms Higgins, Ms Bant, Ms Wooles and Mr Leggett for their support to make a camp possible. Thanks must also go to Richard McPherson and Les Lathwell for feeding the children on the night.

On Wednesday morning, we had our first Emergency drill for 2025. This was a lockdown drill for all. The children and teachers were very organised during this practice. Evacuation drills vary, and our next lockdown drill will be a fire in the hall which will require all staff and students to evacuate off-site (the football oval)

On Thursday morning, we held our Big Life Walk. F-3 children walked up to the gardens and walked the loop, while the 3-6 children walked the football oval. Big Life commenced ten years ago, working to support young people, families and school staff to build their skills and capacity to be resilient in the face of adversity and times of uncertainty. Utilising a tier one, strengths-based approach, Big Life has the vision of safeguarding young people against mental health challenges. Our Big Life walk raised \$110.65.

Thank you to all families and extended families for their contribution to the colour explosion. Firstly, it is a fantastic event that brings all families together. Secondly, it allows us to have specific fund-raising targets and finally it is a fabulous way to celebrate a successful term of learning. Please follow our Facebook page where we will post images of the day.

We are looking for **reading parent helpers for term two** and beyond. Please let the classroom teacher/ Office know if you are able to assist in the classroom with reading. The role of the reading helper will be to provide individual or small group reading support to students, enhancing their literacy skills and fostering a love for reading. Please note that you will require a current Working with Children Check and to complete a Volunteer OH&S Induction. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Please note: The Irish Festival is just around the corner. Please see the flyer below regarding the parade. We encourage as many children as possible to join us to ride in the parade. You can decorate your bikes in Irish colours at home or we will have a working decorating opportunity at school.

Finally, a thank you to all parents and children for their effort this term. It has been a great start to 2025!

## Essential Need to Know

- There was a reported case of head lice at KDPS last week. Please be vigilant when checking hair.
- Please update your residential address to Amie / Steph please.
- Sugar Free Zooper Doopers are our Birthday treat of choice for School Celebrations!
- First day of Term 2 is Tuesday **22nd April**

- **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**.
- Whole school Cross Country- Wednesday 23rd April. **Foundation – Grade 2:** 1 lap of the Gardens course (1km). **Grade 3 & 4:** 2 laps of the Gardens course (2km). **Grade 5 & 6:** 3 laps of the Gardens course (3km).
- 24th April- Danielle and Scott to celebrate all things Irish in the KDPS hall.
- ANZAC DAY- public holiday

### Department Information

- **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)** [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund) 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](https://www.vic.gov.au/state-school-relief) - For more information - please contact the office. 55658 332 or 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.

### 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.

#### [2026 Foundation Fact Sheet](#)

### 2026 Year 7- Enrolments -

In the first week of term 2, 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. Family Photo ordering closes on the 27th of April.

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

## 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?

Access Key: K4C9JGV7



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

## Easter Raffle



- **Our Easter Raffle has raised \$471.00 towards Loved & Shared!**

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Kim Humphrys

Leanne Noble

Sophie Ordner

Erica Clifford

Sarah Sullivan

Namaya Zimmer

Sam Moulden

Olivia Gardner

Leanne Noble

Amie Timewell



April O'Keeffe

Melissa Franc

Amie Timewell

Marlo Skene

Erica Clifford

Kim Humphrys



### **KDPS Colour Explosion**

Thank you to our amazing KDPS Community, for all of your hard work fundraising for the Colour Explosion! We have raised close to \$6,000.00 for KDPS so far!!!



- **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,)
- Large bottles Tomato Sauce
- Large Mayonnaise x 4
- Large Bottle BBQ Sauce

Join us for the 2025

## **Irish Festival Parade!**

Decorate your bike or scooter and helmet  
with an Irish theme for this year's  
Irish Festival Parade!



Bikes/scooters can be decorated at  
school or at home in Irish colours.  
Bike/scooter decorating at school on  
Wednesday 23rd.  
Riders will meet at school before the  
parade.  
Students will return to school after the  
parade.  
Please see newsletter closer to the  
event for times and other details.







## Important dates for Next Term!

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

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

**23rd April** - Cross Country at KFNC - Whole School: **Foundation – Grade 2:** 1 lap of the Gardens course (1km), **Grade 3 & 4:** 2 laps of the Gardens course (2km), **Grade 5 & 6:** 3 laps of the Gardens course (3km).

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

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

**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](mailto: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!**

  
**BIG LIFE BOOST WEEKS 9 & 10**

This fortnight's Big Life Boost focuses on **Strength Spotting** - helping students identify and use their personal strengths while recognizing the strengths of others. This builds confidence, resilience, and positive relationships. When children understand their strengths, they feel more capable and motivated to take on challenges. It also helps them develop empathy and respect for others, fostering a supportive, inclusive, and connected environment.

**How You Can Support Strength Spotting at Home:**

- Notice and name strengths - Print the **Strengths Poster** (below) that we have been using at school to help with these discussions.
- Celebrate effort, not just results - Praise your child/ren for using their strengths, even if things don't go perfectly.
- Ask strength-based questions - Try questions like "What strengths did you use to solve that problem?" or "How did your kindness help someone today?"
- Share your own strengths and talk about how you use them in everyday life.

<b>WISDOM</b>	<b>CREATIVITY</b> • Imaginative • Adaptable • A problem solver	<b>CURIOSITY</b> • Interested • Exploratory • Open to new ideas	<b>JUDGMENT</b> • A critical thinker • Thinking things through • Open-minded	<b>LOVE OF LEARNING</b> • Eager to learn new things • Researcher • Lifelong learner	<b>PERSPECTIVE</b> • Wise • Good advice • Sees the big picture
<b>COURAGE</b>	<b>ROBERT</b> • Brave • Accepts challenges • Faces difficulties • Stands up for what's right	<b>PERSEVERANCE</b> • Hardworking • Determined • Pushes what is difficult	<b>HONESTY</b> • Tells the truth • Keeps promises • Trustworthy	<b>ZEST</b> • Active • Energetic • Enthusiastic	
<b>HUMANITY</b>	<b>LOVE</b> • Warm and gentle • Friendly • A good listener	<b>KINDNESS</b> • Caring • Generous • Compassionate • Nice			<b>SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE</b> • Understands others • Aware of other feelings & thoughts
<b>JUSTICE</b>	<b>TEAMWORK</b> • Loyal • A team player • Shares responsibility in groups			<b>FAIRNESS</b> • Cares about what's right • Treats others fairly • Does not let bias stand against certain groups	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> • Encourages others • Organizes groups • Sets a good example
<b>TEMPERANCE</b>		<b>FORGIVENESS</b> • Gives others a second chance • Accepts others' faults • Doesn't hold grudges	<b>HUMILITY</b> • Modest • Puts others first • Doesn't brag about accomplishments	<b>PRUDENCE</b> • Careful • Plans ahead • Considers consequences before acting	<b>SELF-REGULATION</b> • Self-controlled • Disciplined • Manages feelings and actions
<b>TRANSCENDENCE</b>	<b>APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY &amp; CULTURE</b> • Finds awe and wonder in nature • Appreciates art • Inspired by the goodness of others	<b>GRATITUDE</b> • Grateful • Shows appreciation • Feels blessed	<b>HOPE</b> • Optimistic • Envisions the best • Enthusiastic about the future	<b>HUMOR</b> • Playful • Brings laughter to others • Sees the funny side in things	<b>SPIRITUALITY</b> • Sense of meaning • Finds the meaning in life • Feels connected to life

## Celebrations



We extend our gratitude to all families for their support during the first term of 2025. This term has been productive and engaging, characterized by a stable environment and a positive atmosphere for everyone involved.

# 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**

Check for the 10c mark



*1 - 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.*




*2 - Available to donate in the office. Monday morning, the tins will be taken to each classroom, if you want to send along coins for this worthy cause.*



# KOROIT


## NETTA NETBALL

**Age Groups**  
5-6 years  
7-8 years  
9-10 years



**THURSDAYS**  
of Term 2 | 5pm

**\$50** For the Term  
\$50 cash on first night of Netta  
Any enquires to Emily on 0438 279 883



**8 SESSIONS**  
FROM THURSDAY 8TH MAY  
TO THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025  
5PM-5.45PM  
KFNC NETBALL COURTS





**nab AFL Auskick**

# GOOD CLEAN FUN

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

## KOROIT AUSKICK CENTRE

LOCATION: Victoria Park, Koroit  
DAY & TIME: Thursdays, 4:30pm - 5:30pm Starting 24th April.  
10 WEEK PROGRAM - \$ 91, Open to all Children aged 5 - 12  
ALL WELCOME

Further information Contact Centre Coordinator

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE



**To find out more call**  
Michael Lane 0498 016 164

**AFL PLAY**

**TheirCare**  
where kids love to be

**MAD FUN**  
AUTUMN Holiday Festival  
featuring... YOU!

Book now at [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)  
Save up to 30% with the Child Care Subsidy

### Holiday Program Important Information!

**What to bring**

- ✓ A valid photo ID for each child
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each parent/guardian
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each sibling
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each grandparent
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other adult
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other child
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other adult
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other child

**Don't forget!**

- ✓ Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each child
- ✓ Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each parent/guardian
- ✓ Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each sibling
- ✓ Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each grandparent
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- ✓ Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each other child

**Personal belongings**

Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each child

**TheirCare provides**

- ✓ A valid photo ID for each child
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each parent/guardian
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each sibling
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each grandparent
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other adult
- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other child
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- ✓ A valid photo ID for each other child

**Unsupervised changes to activities**

Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each child

**Child Care Subsidy**

Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each child

**Changes to your booking**

Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each child

**Fee for changes to your booking**

Please ensure you have a valid photo ID for each child

**There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.**

**1. Child Care Subsidy**

The amount you can get depends on:

- your family's income
- the type of child care you use
- the age of your child
- the hours of supervised activities you and your partner do

**2. Additional Child Care Subsidy**

This is extra support for some families including:

- grandparents / great grandparents
- families receiving financial hardship support
- those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies [on myCare](#)

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

**Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!**

**Calendar of Events:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 APR LE Bookstore	8 APR Singing Stars	9 APR K.A.J. Science	10 APR Play the Orchestra	11 APR Subbie - O - Fun
14 APR Tales of the North	15 APR The Great Big Day	16 APR Singing Stars	17 APR The Great Big Day	18 APR The Great Big Day

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](https://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)



# 2025 COLOUR RUSH

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6:30PM

BBQ & Football Kicking  
Competition with Prizes!

FEATURING:  
AFLW PLAYER KATE DARBY



SPEAKER:  
Brendan Nottle  
Collingwood  
Football Club  
Chaplain



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OF CLOTHES

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