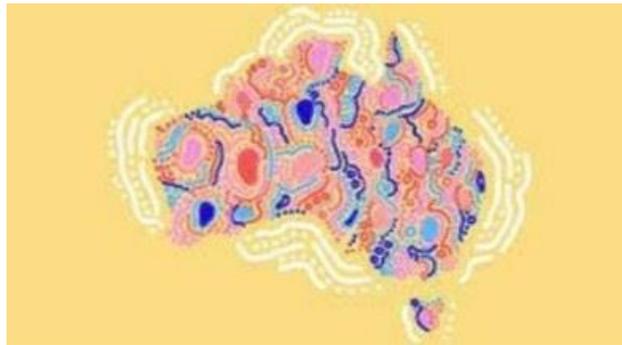




## Koroit and District Primary School 4th July 2025



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

**What a fantastic term it has been!** We've enjoyed a busy and enriching few months, full of valuable learning experiences both in the classroom and beyond. The students have responded positively throughout, and we've seen a noticeable decrease in concerning incidents, with everyone showing great respect for our expectations in all settings. A heartfelt thank you to our parent community for your ongoing support—whether it's through reading with students, helping with sport, attending events, joining breakfast club, or participating in open classrooms. Your involvement truly makes a difference.

Next term we have Occupation Therapy (OT) students attending Koroit and District Primary School. During this time, OT students will work closely with our teachers and staff to provide universal support across the entire school community. This means that all children may be involved in general classroom activities or whole-school initiatives designed to support students' participation, learning, and wellbeing. This is an exciting opportunity for us, and we look forward to this resource within the school.

## Change of Pupil free date

### Please note:

We wish to inform you that our Professional Practice Day has been rescheduled from **Monday, 25th August** to **Thursday, 28th August**. This change has been made in response to a request from *Dunkeld Primary School*, who will be visiting KDPS on the 25th to observe our explicit literacy teaching in action.

This visit presents a valuable opportunity to showcase our commitment to high-impact teaching strategies and best practices in literacy instruction. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we make this adjustment to accommodate this professional exchange.

## Term 3 Connect

In term 3, our Connect program will be running slightly differently, as we focus on the revamp of our Vegetable Garden. Selected grades 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity on Monday & Wednesday each week assisting Dave with the design, implementation and propagation. Fridays will be more flexible allowing a range of students to participate in the garden with both Mrs Vesey and Dave.

Monday Students: Ben P, Ruby P, Harvey P, Luke P, Beckett R, Charlotte Br, Molly F, Declan J, Billy B, Zoe W & Tate F

Wednesday Students: Billy M, Audrey G, Macca A, Zeph F, Jonah G, Hendrex O, Lottie M, Summer V, Jack He, Carey G, Ollie Mo, Scout V

Friday Students: Zayne R

We are hoping that families might be able to support with the supply of seedlings for the veggie boxes. We are also layering the veggie boxes and are in need of the following items.

- Sticks, twigs and leaves.
- lawn clippings
- cardboard and newspaper

These can be dropped at school in the coloured spud boxes near the hall from week two of the holidays.

## Parental Guidance

I hope that many of you had the opportunity to watch **Parental Guidance** on Monday night on Channel Nine. This highlighted the complexities that we now face in living in a very digital space. Once again, this week, it has come to our attention that our students are impacted by the many chat spaces available to them outside school. A reminder to parents that the following programs have age restrictions on them and to access these in grade 6 would mean that we have a fake age to sign up.

- Facebook and Instagram: Minimum age of 13 years.
- Snapchat: Minimum age of 13 years.
- WhatsApp: Initially set at 16 years in the European area, later adjusted to 13 years.
- TikTok: Minimum age of 13 years.
- YouTube: Minimum age of 13 years, with YouTube Kids available for younger audiences.

It is important to set boundaries around the use of ICT for young children. Taking the time to audit time spent on devices, gaming and the like is a great starting point.

- Talk often and early (this trust will help them share their experiences)
- Be involved: set up digital devices in high traffic areas of the home
- Discuss responsible online behaviour: decide together what is ok and what is not
- Devices out of the bedroom allows children to rest as required.

Available to watch at: [Watch Parental Guidance Season 3, Catch Up TV](#)

## Post Office Antics

Unfortunately, this week we have experienced multiple incidents of inappropriate behaviour near the phone box in front of the post office. These incidents have included prank calls, misuse of emergency services, and the use of inappropriate language.

As a result, I have spoken directly with the students involved, and effective immediately, the phone box is no longer to be accessed by any of our students. This decision has been made to ensure student safety and uphold respectful behaviour in our community.

If there are exceptional circumstances that require your child to access this area, please contact me directly to discuss arrangements.

It is important that we ensure the safety of all members of the community. Please feel free to discuss this topic with your child to ensure the emergency services are available for those in need.

## How to access Reports on Xuno

Reports are now available on Xuno:

Open Xuno App

Click on 3 lines on top left

scroll down to 'Reports'

You will then be able to choose the appropriate report eg; 2025 Semester 1

## Year 7 2026

This week Grade 6 KDPS students were given their Year 7 high school acceptance letters. We are proud to share that the majority of our students secured their first-choice placements, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations as they begin this exciting next step in their educational journey.

## Wellbeing Space

Starting Term 3, the wellbeing space in the office area will be open from 8:45am each morning for children who find it challenging to transition into the school day. Mrs Rivett will be available in the space at this time to support students. This provides a calm and supportive environment to help ease the shift from home to school, reducing any anxiety or worries.

## Raising Children Network

*The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help parents and carers raise confident, resilient children. Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, Raising Healthy Minds aims to support children's social and emotional wellbeing with evidence-based information.*

*You'll find information on topics like dealing with worries and making friends, as well as ideas for day-to-day life, like creating family routines, looking after yourself as a parent, and building strong relationships.*

*The app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years. You can tailor information to the age of your child and opt-in to receive helpful tips.*

*Raising Healthy Minds provides simple-to-use information at your fingertips with clear actions you can start today.*

*Download from Google Play or the App Store or go to [raisingchildren.net.au/rhm](https://raisingchildren.net.au/rhm) to learn more and raise a healthy mind*



**Raising Healthy Minds**

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## Term 3 Staffing Adjustments

From Term 3 onwards, the following changes will occur with our staffing:

Amy Cooper will move into the Disability Inclusion role for five days a week in Term 3 - supporting classroom practice, creating reasonable adjustments and data collection etc.

Kane Leggett will begin the PE teaching role in week 2 of Term 3, two days a week while maintaining his Performing Arts role on Friday.

Chelsea Anderson will be employed three days per week Wed-Fri 9:00-1:30, as an Education Support. Chelsea has worked with Miss Bant as a student teacher and will flip between her role as student and ES support during term 3.

Mrs Hoy will be taking long service leave for the first two weeks of term three.

Mrs Foggenberger will also be taking one weeks leave in term three to head to Germany with her husband.

## **Pyjama, Pizza and Popcorn Day**

On Friday our School Captains and Choose Kind leaders organised our PPP day. The students enjoyed pizza from Peppers's pizza, popcorn and a day in their PJ's while watching a movie of choice. Thank you to all our families for supporting this final fun day for Term two.









## 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 to ensure they are returned.
- **Uniform Ordering** via [My School Connect](#) unless you are using the School Savings Bonus then email the office. Please note there are delays on some items of uniform.
- **Lost Property** - is located in the F-2 building. If it is not labelled. Please take.
- **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.**
- Daily Supervision starts from 8.40am -3.40 pm.



## TERM 1 MENU 2024



I learn • We belong • Together we achieve

### 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
Veggie burger (lettuce, tomato, vegie Pattie, tomato relish and mayonnaise)	8.00
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	

#### Icy poles

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

[info@mcmahonfamilycatering.com](mailto: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.schoolsloop.com.au](http://www.schoolsloop.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](http://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



## School Disco

On Friday night, we held our very successful whole school Disco at Active Sportz. The children enjoyed the company of their peers in a safe and secure setting. Thanks to PCF for their contribution to the evening. Special mention to Amie and Steph who managed the lolly allocation and ticket sales.







Important dates for Next week

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[KDPS School Calendar](#)

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## Big Life Boost Weeks 10 & 11

This fortnight in Big Life students are exploring the emotion **frustration** and learning positive ways to cope and keep going when things feel difficult.

At school, we've talked about how frustration can show up in everyday situations — like when we can't figure out a tricky maths problem, or when a classmate doesn't listen to our idea. These feelings are completely normal! In fact, frustration is a sign that our brain is learning and being challenged, which helps it grow stronger — just like a muscle.

We're helping students learn that instead of giving up or allowing their big feelings to stop them from reaching their goals, they can try:

- Using **calming strategies** like deep breathing or taking a short break.
- Flipping their perspective and using **positive self-talk** such as "I can do this" or "I just need more time" to problem solve.
- **Asking for help** or trying a new approach.

With practice, we can develop the strength of **perseverance** — the ability to persist through challenges and setbacks without losing motivation, especially when we feel frustrated or discouraged.

### How You Can Help At Home:

- Talk about it — Share times when you feel frustrated and how you handle it.
- Name the feeling — "It's okay to feel frustrated — it means your brain is working hard."
- Model calm and flexible thinking — Show how to pause and try another way.
- Praise perseverance — Celebrate effort, not just getting it right.

These small steps help children build confidence and emotional strength — in and out of the classroom.

### Big Life with Mel

In week 10 at KDPS, Mel taught the F/1 students about asking for **permission** and saying yes or no in a **kind & respectful** way. Students then created some breathing dragons to help them practice their **strong, steady breathing**.

The grade 2/5 classes learned about **problem solving**. After completing a team challenge, students practiced problem solving by thinking of lots of possible options for a given problem and brainstorming some of the pros and cons of each.

Mel has had a wonderful semester with the F/1 and 2/5 students and looks forward to working with the grade 3-6s next term.



# THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO

### HIGHLIGHTS

This week marks the final week of Term 2, and the children have enjoyed celebrating together through fun group games and creative painting activities. It's been a great way to wrap up the term and reflect on everything they've accomplished.



### IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

**4** Last day of Term Two and end of term celebration

JULY

**21** First day of Term Three

### WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for something exciting for the kids these winter holidays? TheirCare is running awesome holiday programs at Warrnambool Primary School, East Warrnambool, and Port Fairy Consolidated! Packed with fun activities, creative crafts, and warm winter vibes

#### Contact Service

0447 718 996

[Koroit@theircare.com.au](mailto:Koroit@theircare.com.au)

#### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

1300 072 410

[info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)

## Celebrations



Congratulations go to Caitlyn and Elva, who have recently been awarded their Grey Wolf Award, which is the highest achievement able to be attained in the Cub Scout section (8–10-year-olds). This is two years in the making for these girls and has included approximately five weeks (40+ days) worth of camping at numerous events throughout the state and over 60 hours of

community service as well as an additional 100+ hours of projects of their choosing done in their own time - all in addition to the commitment of participating in weekly scouts' sessions. They've cycled and hiked almost every place within a two-hour radius of Koroit, spent most of their time teaching younger Joey Scouts, and in May had to complete a weekend Leadership course. Most of their community service has been spent with the Koroit CFA for their Good Friday Appeals and other fundraising events, a lot of hours cleaning up rubbish around the township and working bees. They were awarded their peak award certificates and badge at a ceremony in the pouring rain on a cold night at the top of the peak climb in Tower Hill about two weeks ago. These awards are given by the Scouts Victoria powers-that-be, so they had to prove their mettle not only to us leaders and parents.

Francesca Toscan also earned her Joey Scout (5–7-year age) peak awards, which took approximately 18 mths to complete.

Thank you to Tyna Lee for sharing this success. Please share any celebrations that occur with us.



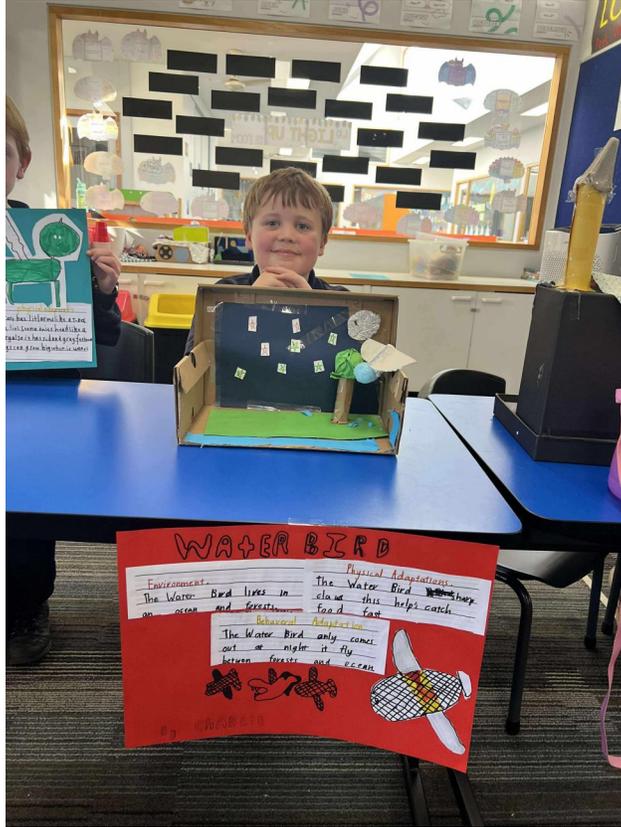


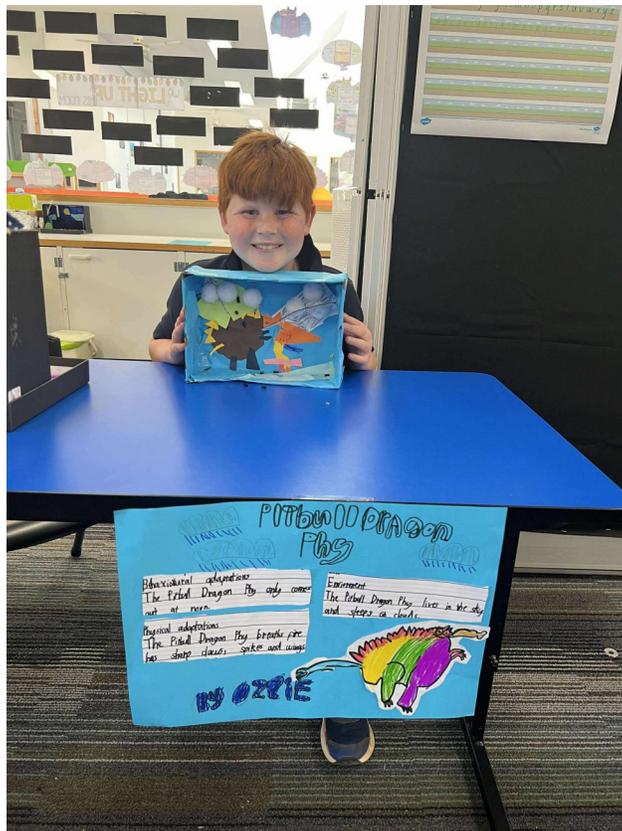
## Open Classrooms

Thank you to all of the many Parents/carers and relatives that came along to our Grade 2/3 & grade 5/6 open classrooms this week. Students were able to show off their hard work throughout the term.









**Thursday STEM incursions @ KDPS!**

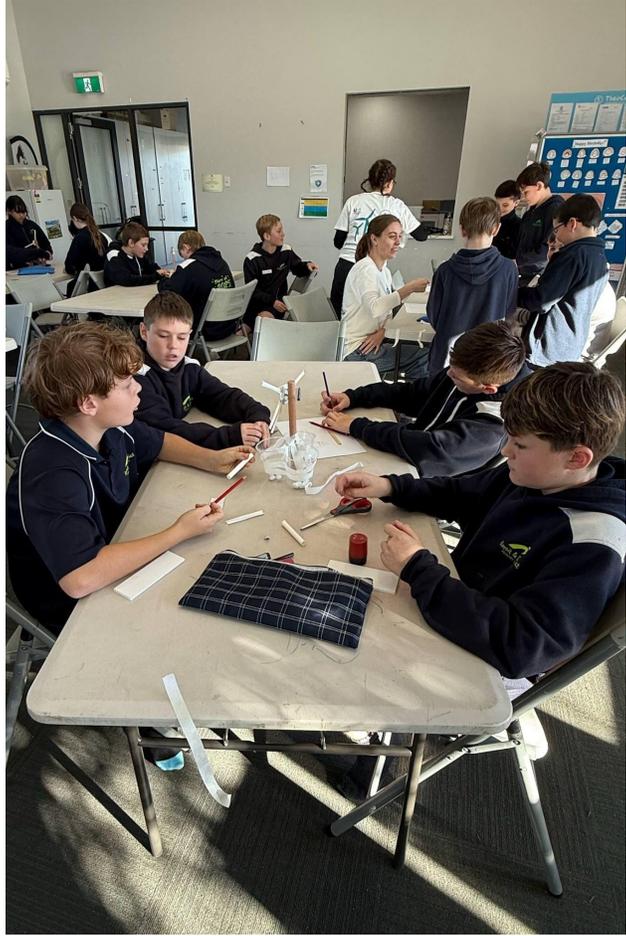
**Grades 3-6** - Students came together to construct a floating offshore wind turbine capable of withstanding the conditions at sea. In the construction of their design, teams were limited by a budget and a selection of provided materials to complete their task. This activity was designed to engage students in a hands-on demonstration of a multi-disciplinary activity and was presented to us by SiRE, Students in Renewable Energy from the University of Melbourne. They

are a student run organisation on a mission to fill the gap in extracurricular activities related to renewable energy.

**Grades F-3** – Students worked together in teams to build a 'Floating house' capable of holding large amounts of weight above the surface of the water. Each team was assigned a budget which they could utilise to purchase different materials to strengthen their design. The winning team's floating house held over 100 marbles before it sank! This incursion was bought to us by EWB, Engineers Without Borders, who work across Australia to deliver hands-on workshops that explore real world problems.

These incursions were both engaging and educational. We are grateful to the University of Melbourne for travelling to our area and taking the time to help our students learn about these global issues.









Community News

  
Koroit & District  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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**HOT JAM  
DONUTS**



**\$3  
EACH**

**2  
FOR  
\$5**

**FRIDAY, JULY 11TH**  
**5PM - 7PM**  
NOODLEDOOF  
128 COMMERCIAL ROAD



All community welcome, with special invitation to farmers, to the Koroit screening of feature film



# “Just A Farmer”

Koroit Theatre, Commercial Rd, Koroit.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Doors open from 6 pm, film commences 6.45pm

Speakers, prizes to be won, food on arrival and supper by Koroit CWA.



Scan the QR code to get your FREE tickets,

Bookings essential for catering.



The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.  
care empower contribute



Thank you to our generous sponsors and supporters

# Parental First Aid & CPR Course

HLTAID 009 Certification



Learn Life-Saving Skills!  
Join Our First Aid & CPR Training

TUESDAY  
AUGUST 12

LOCATION: TBA  
TIME: 6-9PM

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN OVER 3 HOURS:

- Ear, eye+ teeth injuries
- Bites + stings
- Choking
- Burns + fractures
- Asthma + anaphylaxis
- Immunisations
- Fits + fevers
- Drowning + bleeding



## WHY ATTEND?

- Certified instructor with hands-on training
- Earn a certificate of completion
- Essential skills for everyone - you can apply at home, workplace or in public
- Ability to assist others in an emergency situation

### COST:

\*Parental First Aid - \$100  
\*Parental First Aid + CPR Certificate - \$130

*RSVP by: August 5th*  
**Message Mel Lilley:**

0419 752 980  
Event will be cancelled if not enough attendance.

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VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

# DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO Koroit & District Primary School

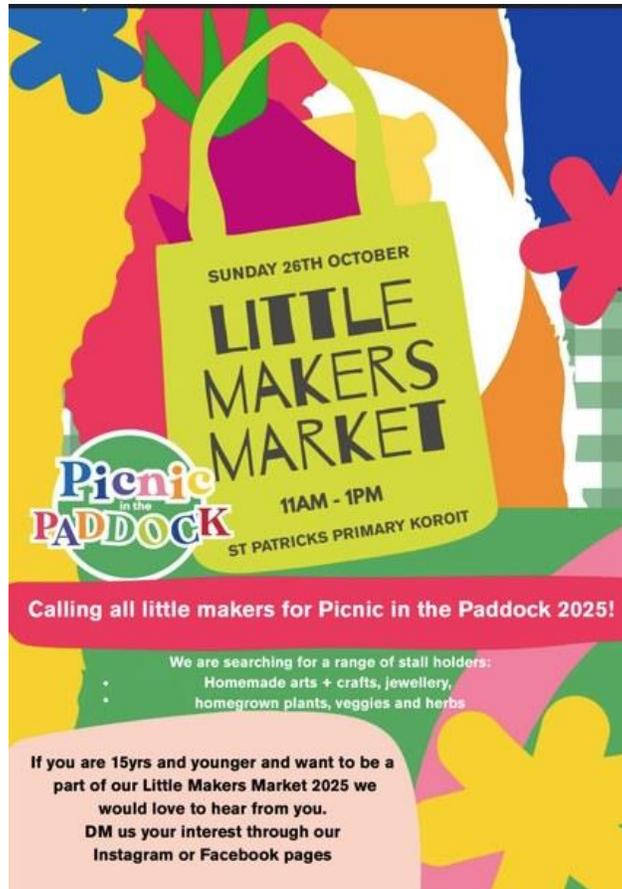
**EVERY CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE**

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

Koroit & District Primary School

Check for the 10c mark 10c

1 - 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.



SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

# LITTLE MAKERS MARKET

11AM - 1PM

ST PATRICKS PRIMARY KOROIT

**Picnic**  
in the  
**PADDOCK**

**Calling all little makers for Picnic in the Paddock 2025!**

We are searching for a range of stall holders:

- Homemade arts + crafts, jewellery,
- homegrown plants, veggies and herbs

**If you are 15yrs and younger and want to be a part of our Little Makers Market 2025 we would love to hear from you.**

**DM us your interest through our Instagram or Facebook pages**



**WARRNAMBOOL  
WINTER  
HUNT**

WOODFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



**THE HUNT IS BACK THESE  
JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!  
TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

**BUY YOUR TEAM TICKET BEFORE  
16<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO EARN A BONUS 20 POINTS!**

**AND TAG A FRIEND IN THIS POST  
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN FREE ENTRY  
TO THE HUNT!**

**\$40 PER TEAM  
5 - 20 JULY 2025**



Making a difference, **South West**  
Recruitments Now Open



**WHY APPLY?**  
Build your personal skills and capacity to influence change, connect with other young changemakers and have the power to make decisions that affect young people.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**  
Anyone aged between 12-19 years living in:  

- Colac Otway Shire
- Corangamite Shire
- Glenelg Shire
- Moyne Shire
- Southern Grampians Shire
- Warrnambool City

**WHAT WILL I BE DOING?**

- Explore challenges young people in Southwest Victoria face.
- Co design and implement projects enhancing education, training, and employment.
- Engage in free training and workshops.
- Contribute ideas and feedback to local youth organisations and projects.
- Boost advocacy and public speaking skills.
- Gain confidence and leadership experience.



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO APPLY NOW



# PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE July School Holiday Program



Bookings Essential 5568 2681 or online [www.portfairycommunityhouse.com.au](http://www.portfairycommunityhouse.com.au)



## The Most Magnificent Nature STEAM Adventure with Tania Moloney

An adventure in creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving — wild fun guaranteed!

Wednesday 9 July  
10:00 am to 11:00 am  
\$10 per child



## Dreamcatcher Magic with Sue McComish

A fun, hands-on craft that catches dreams and sparks imaginations!

Wednesday 9 July  
11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
\$10 per child



## Tiny Toymakers Workshop with Melanie Macilwain

Kids will bring charming wooden toy animals to life with color, creativity, and personality.

Thursday 10 July  
10:00 am to 11:00 am  
\$10 per child



## Sing Your Heart Out with Danielle Stearman

Calling all young melody makers! Join us for a joyful, group singing workshop where you can discover the fun of making music together.

Thursday 10 July  
11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
\$10 per child

Limited spots available so book in early!

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JUNE 27 - JULY 13



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