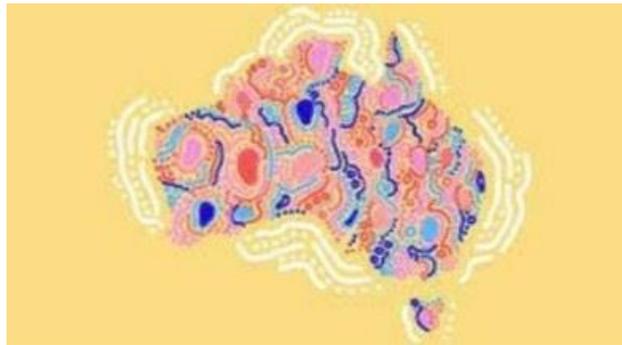




Koroit and District Primary School 8th August 2025



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

Who can believe that we are in August already? Our weeks are flying by, and the end of term will appear before we know it. At the back end of our school, teachers are already looking at booklists for 2026. In consultation with Andrew Parry (Department Strategic Finance Division Advisor) we are looking at the many staffing possibilities for 2026.

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Rivett, and I are working closely together to ensure every child at KDPS receives consistent and meaningful support. As a collaborative team, we engage in open and transparent communication, allowing us to stay well-informed about the needs of all students. This collective approach ensures continuity of care, so that even in the absence of one team member, support for students remains uninterrupted. A reminder that we have Xuno for parent/teacher support also.

We are continuing to reflect on the specific improvements needed within our school environment. Our fundraiser at the beginning of the year was dedicated to enhancing the front of the Junior building, and this remains a key priority. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the VSBA regarding works on the veranda area outside the Junior building, this progress influences developments with our original plans to cover the bin area and the bench seat area.

In the meantime, we are turning our attention to revitalising the school grounds in other ways. This includes repainting the artwork outside the administration area and exploring meaningful ways to prominently display our school values, ensuring they are visible and inspiring for all students.

Disability Inclusion

This week, we conducted our first Disability Inclusion Profile—a comprehensive process that assesses student strengths and support needs across six key domains. Significant preparation is required ahead of this meeting, including the submission of a minimum of 10 pieces of evidence. A critical element of the process is the inclusion of Student Support Group (SSG) meeting minutes, which provide essential context and documentation.

Amy Cooper is currently coordinating and securing many of these important appointments, ensuring the process runs smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to the many parents who return calls and make time to ensure these appointments occur at a time that suits all parties.

Attendance

Last week, we celebrated many children attending school for 100 days or more. We are very aware that it is not always possible to achieve near-perfect attendance however, our school's focus is that learning minutes matter. Please continue to keep the communication lines open with Amy Cooper, Briarley Rivett, and myself to ensure that we are providing a positive learning experience for your child.

Warrnambool Airport for F/1

F/1 students will be heading to the airport as part of their Inquiry.

The airport will provide an overview of its operations and take the children for a drive around the runways, hopefully allowing them to see some Aircraft movements.

We have tentative arrangements with HEMS4 Helicopter and hope to meet the helicopter crew, pilots and facilitie

Our Foundation/Year 1 students will soon be heading to the airport as part of their Inquiry unit. During the visit, they'll receive a behind-the-scenes look at airport operations and enjoy an exciting drive around the runways, with the chance to observe aircraft movements up close.

We also have tentative plans to connect with the HEMS4 helicopter team and hope to meet the crew, pilots, and explore their facilities as part of this enriching experience.

Moyne Shire Depot

Koroit and District Primary School has connected with Moyne Shire, Koroit. Selected grade 5/6 will participate in an excursion to the Koroit Depot on Friday, August 15, with Dave and Mrs Mac from 10:00 am.

This will provide the children with an opportunity to explore the wide range of services and industries offered by the Council and allow for the children to have a tour of the premises at our back door.

Student Free Day

As mentioned previously, we have a pupil-free day for all students at KDPS on August 28th. This day will involve all staff in planning and preparation for many elements of the school day, teaching and learning, behaviour expectations, and wellbeing and engagement. This day is highly organised with a continued focus on teaching and learning.

Theircare will be available on this day.

KDPS Movie night!

Our Awesome PCF are at it again!

'A Big Bold Beautiful Journey'

Tickets are \$25.00 including light refreshments & a drink

6pm, 18th September

Scan the below QR code to purchase tickets.

KDPS Movie Night

18th September **6pm**

Capitol Cinema Warrnambool
Tickets via QR code



Fathers'/Special Person Day

On Thursday the 4th of September our PCF committee will be running a Bacon & Egg Breakfast Event.

Fathers Day & Important Person Breakfast

Thursday 4th September

8am - 8:45 am @ KDPS

Egg & Bacon Roll \$5

Order via QR Code





My School Connect

My School Connect is our main platform for the purchase/ organisation of the following:

- Uniforms - Ordering
- Events e.g., Mother Day/ Father's Day/ Donut Day
- Raffles - When held.
- Volunteering (If you are open to being a Volunteer, register here)

Going forward, please make sure to complete all of the above via MySchool Connect.

[MySchool Connect \(Link\)](#)

KDPS School Fees

KDPS is committed to delivering the highest quality experience for all students. We kindly ask that you review your Xuno Event '2025 Curriculum Contributions' and settle any outstanding payments.

Please contact the office with any questions.

Cost Per Student	Cost	Voluntary
Specialist Subjects - Stationary	\$ 50.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IPAD devices - Provision of devices from shared classroom set	\$ 50.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swimming and water safety program	\$ 45.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Athletics Carnival	\$ 10.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cooking (Grade 3/4)	\$ 10.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Printing & Photocopying of worksheets	\$ 20.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student wellbeing programs	\$ 10.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
First Aid Equipment	\$ 10.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 35.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Total Cost Per Student:	\$ 240.00	

BOOK WEEK- SAVE THE DATE

Book Week – **August 16th – 23rd**

This year's theme for Book Week is "Book an Adventure", celebrating the 80th anniversary of book week. We will be holding a special dress up day on **August 22nd**, so students are encouraged to begin preparing their costumes. A reminder to parents that purchasing

costumes is not required. Op shops, creative adjustments to clothing and representing characters through matching clothing is sufficient.

[2025 Children's Book Week - The Children's Book Council of Australia](http://www.childrensbookcouncil.org.au)



Book Fair

This year our Book Fair will be run by our PCF members!

This year we have a Parent/Carer only time slot, in case families would like to purchase for gifts etc.

The times/dates available are:

Tuesday **19th August**: 8.40 am - 9am, Parents/Carers ONLY 2.30pm-3pm, 3pm -4pm.

Wednesday **20th August**: 8.40am - 9am

KDPS School Values

Koroit & District Primary School are incredibly proud of the progress we've made through our values work. Led by Mrs Vesey, and in collaboration with our dedicated students and staff, we have established a clear set of school values that now underpin our behaviour expectations and shape our school culture. These values are:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Proud**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Inclusive**

To celebrate and promote these values, we are inviting our budding artists to design individual posters that represent each value. These creations can be completed either at home or in school. The posters will need to illustrate the actions of each value.

To support this initiative, we have also included our Behaviour Matrix, which aligns with our values and helps to guide behaviour across all areas of school life. We look forward to seeing the creativity and thoughtfulness our students will bring to this exciting project!

Once completed, deliver to the office.



Expected Behaviours 2025

	I follow SunSmart expectations I use the prompts: to help me solve any problems	I only communicate online with people I already know in person
Be Proud	I take pride in my work I proudly follow teacher instructions I wear our uniform with pride I celebrate the success of others I use feedback to enhance my learning	I take pride in the school grounds I wear my uniform with pride I try to resolve problems on my own or with the yard duty teacher I think before I act I immediately report anything inappropriate to parent or teacher I take turns
Be Inclusive	I let others learn I accept everyone I value and celebrate differences	I ride and walk to school following the road rules I immediately report poor online behaviour to a trusted adult I understand that my parents have a right to know what I access online I speak with pride about my school I am inclusive when participating in sports and events



Expected Behaviours 2025

Expectations	Settings		
	Learning areas	Outside the classroom	In our community
Be Respectful	I can understand adult decisions or seek a trusted adult to support me I look after resources (my schoolbooks and resources within the room) I respect others personal space I respect the opportunity for myself and others to learn I respect everyone's privacy I treat people with kindness and courtesy I listen with understanding and empathy I value our right to learn	I put rubbish in the bin I respect equipment and play spaces I include others I respect students, staff, parents and guests at KDPS I respect privacy I treat people with kindness and courtesy We take care of and appreciate our environment	I will show respect when in the wider community I will be responsible for communicating information to my parents/caregivers
Be Safe	I keep my hands, feet, and objects to myself I make good choices I move safely around the school I understand when others need to feel safe	I wear my hat during the SunSmart months I sit down when eating and eat in the designated areas I use the playground equipment safely I follow the rules of the game	I keep passwords private I only access sites that I am old enough to use and my parents know about I only use kind words and actions online

Family Science Projects

National Science Week – August 11th – 14th-students will be participating in a variety of activities during National Science Week.

Get Creative and inquisitive! Create a science project to present at school.



Essential Need to Know

- **'No Hat, No Play'** starts on the 18th of August. Please pack your child/ren's hat.
- 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
- 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	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



THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

TERM THREE

HIGHLIGHTS

This week our program was alive with imagination as we launched into Buzzing with Creativity week! The children let their ideas run wild as they designed and built incredible inventions, including an epic slide that led straight into a ball pit. Their teamwork and problem-solving were on full display! We also unveiled our brand new sensory station, which offered a calming and engaging space for everyone to explore. It's been a week full of innovation, laughter, and hands on fun!



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

11-15 Science week

28 Pupil free day

SEPTEMBER

11 R U OK DAY?

FEEL GOOD FIESTA



Date: Thursday 11th September
When: After School Care
Where: At Your TheirCare Service!



Join us on R U OK? Day for a magical afternoon of fun and feel-good vibes at our wellbeing party. It's all about happiness and mindfulness as we take part in a selection of calming and self-care activities.

Contact Service

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Important dates for Next week

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

AUGUST 2025

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MON
11TH

- Week 4 - SCIENCE WEEK
- Kinder Visit for select Grade 5 students

TUE
12TH

- Girls in STEM

WED
13TH

- Kinder Visit for select Grade 5 students

THU
14TH

- Airport Excursion - Grades F/1
- Family Science Project Presentations 2:30pm

FRI
15TH

- Connect Students - Meet with Moyne Shire
- Garden Rejuvenation Incursion - 3/4, 4 & 5/6
- Assembly - 3:10pm start



Big Life Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2

Big Life Boost Focus: Kindness

This fortnight students explore **the science of kindness**—learning how acts of kindness positively affect our brains, bodies, and relationships. Through real-world case studies and interactive activities, students have been discovering how kindness releases feel-good chemicals like **oxytocin** and **dopamine**, which help reduce stress, build connection, and boost wellbeing. Students have also been learning that the **prefrontal cortex** (our thinking brain) helps us make kind choices, solve problems, and stay in control. But when we feel angry or overwhelmed, the **amygdala** (our reacting brain) can take over, leading to unkind words or behaviour. That's why it's important to continue practicing how to recognise when we're in the yellow or red zone, and use calming strategies to help the thinking brain take charge again.

Students have learnt about everyday behaviours that demonstrate kindness, such as:

- ✓ Actively listening when someone is speaking
- ✓ Including others who may feel left out
- ✓ Giving genuine compliments or encouragement
- ✓ Using respectful words and tone - even in disagreement
- ✓ Standing up for others who are being treated unfairly
- ✓ Sharing time and resources to support the group
- ✓ Checking in on classmates who seem upset or quiet
- ✓ Managing our own emotions using positive coping strategies

To support kindness at home...

- Talk about emotions - help your child name feelings & discuss ways to calm down
- Notice kind behaviour - point out & praise small acts of kindness
- Model calm responses - show how to handle frustration with kindness & self-control
- Use calming strategies together - like deep breathing, counting, taking a break or getting active
- Check in with reflective questions - "What is one kind thing you did today?" or "How did you help your brain calm down?"



Big Life with Mei

On Friday of week 2, Mei worked with the Grade 5/6s exploring **eSafety** and some common issues that young people their age experience online. Students brainstormed the good and bad things about the online world, watched a short film about cybersafety, and discussed some helpful security tips & ways they can maintain healthy screen habits. The Grade 3/4s learned about the **circle of control**. After discussing some common worries of people their age, students thought about what aspects of those challenges were in and out of their control, and how they can cope & move on from things they can't control.



Celebrations



- Grade 6 leaders attend Opal (Gillin Park)
- Principal award to Alfie for helping to pack up the sports equipment
- Jump Rope for Heart tally so far is \$3145.00 What amazing skipping everyone is doing!







Community News

CDS VIC **VICTORIA**
State Government

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**



Raise funds
and earn
cool prizes



How your child can become a Heart Hero

Parents and
Guardians Guide



JUMP ROPE *for* HEART

Hi!
Pick one of us to be
your avatar when you
register online!
Get ready to unlock
accessories
and dress us up!

Have fun
and learn
new tricks



Sign up at
jumprope.org.au/parents



Rotary
Warrnambool



Giant Second Hand Book Sale

Location

169 Fairy Street Warrnambool

CLEARANCE SALE

Saturday 9th August

Sunday 10th August

10:00 - 4:00pm

Something for Everyone

Modern titles

Books for collectors

Non-Fiction;

Politics, Art, Craft, Theatre,
Royalty, Self-Help, History, Military

All books \$1 each

Cash or Card available

Wheelchair accessible

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