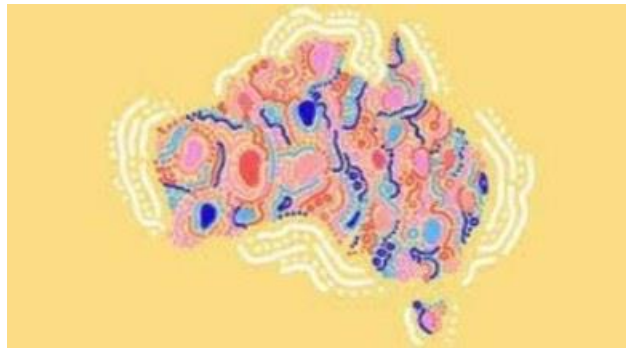




Koroit and District Primary School - 13th March 2026



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

NAPLAN

This week, the grade three and five children sat NAPLAN assessments. Wednesday certainly provided the children with an opportunity to show their resilience and patience. Our grade three children had a smooth run with the focus on Narrative structure. Due to the slow wifi connection difficulties our timetable was changed for reading, language conventions and numeracy.

I couldn't be prouder of the children and the effort that was put into this assessment process.

Thank you to the many parents that ensured that children arrived on time. This year we have the least number of catch-up assessments due to your effort and persistence with this.

St Patrick Days

Next Tuesday is St Patrick's Day. Our School Captains recently met to plan a day of celebration for the whole school.

On Tuesday, 17 March, we encourage all students to come dressed in green to join in the fun. Throughout the day, our school leaders have organised special activities, including a leprechaun hunt, where students will search the school for the many leprechauns hiding around the grounds. 🍀

2027 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning the process for 2027 school enrolments.

If you know families who are starting to consider schooling options, we warmly encourage you to share our school with them. We are proud to provide a learning environment that nurtures each child's academic, social and emotional growth.

Under Department of Education guidelines, schools can begin accepting Foundation enrolment applications from Term 2. From this time, parents and carers can submit enrolment forms directly to the school office.

Families considering enrolling their child are encouraged to contact the office to arrange a school tour—a wonderful opportunity to see our classrooms in action and experience the welcoming atmosphere of our school.

If you have a sibling starting school in 2027, please contact the office to register a future enrolment.

Head Lice

We have had a reported case of head lice.

Head lice do not live or breed on furniture, carpets, clothes or soft toys and cannot be spread through sharing items of clothing, for example, hats.

However, it is best practice for schools to:

- encourage parents to tie their child's hair back if it is long
- implement learning activities that minimise head-to-head contact during head lice outbreaks.

Please see the **XUNO Event "Headlice Policy"** and approve or decline as necessary.

Early Reminder of Pupil Free Day

Please mark in your calendars **March 25th as a Pupil Free Day**. All staff will be attending professional learning on Numeracy.

School Uniform

When students wear the KDPS Primary School uniform, they represent their school and contribute to a shared community that demonstrates pride and belonging. A consistent uniform also promotes equity among students, helping everyone feel included and focused on learning.

Families are reminded that students are expected to wear the KDPS uniform each day. Clothing from local sporting clubs or other organisations should not be worn at school during the school day.

Appropriate uniform items for everyday school wear include school polo shirts, jumpers, tracksuit pants, shorts, or school dresses. Sports tops representing our house colours are also approved items of the school uniform.

We appreciate families' support in maintaining a consistent approach to the school uniform. Your support helps ensure that KDPS continues to present as a proud, respectful, and united school community.

Potential Strike Action

Families may be aware through media reports that there is industrial action planned for Tuesday 24th of **March** involving teachers across Victoria. This action is part of ongoing negotiations between the Australian Education Union (AEU) and the Victorian Department of Education regarding employment conditions and the current agreement.

At this stage, the school is continuing to monitor the situation and is working with the Department to understand what this may mean for our school operations on the day. Industrial action can vary between schools depending on staff participation, and our priority will always be to ensure student safety and communicate clearly with families.

We ask families to be aware that normal school programs **will be** affected on Tuesday 24th of March. As soon as we have confirmed information about how this may impact our school, we will provide an update to families.

We appreciate your understanding and patience while this process unfolds and will continue to keep our community informed.



Curriculum News

[Strengthening number sense at home | Mathematics | Arc](#)

[Cultural Diversity Week 2026: 21 - 29 March | multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au](#)

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/head-lice/policy>

GRADE 3-6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Next week, the grade 3-6 children will begin their swimming lessons for the year. Please ensure that bathers and towels are packed. Extra food for swimming days is highly recommended. Swimming dates include. Swimming is a skill for life and essential for all children. Please reach out if you have any concerns so that we can promote a successful swimming program.

Our grade 3-6 swimming program is scheduled for 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 23rd of March, 24th and 26th of March.

STUDENT LEADERS CONGRESS

Mrs Hoy and Dave Holscher took six Grade 6 students to the Student Leaders Congress last Friday. During the event, students heard from a range of speakers who spoke about the importance of community, the impact of how we make others feel, and the value of recognising and sharing what we admire in others.

As a next step, the students will work together to plan and lead a project that supports student health and wellbeing within our school community.

We understand our ZONES of Regulation

Leah Kuypers' The Zones of Regulation help students identify and understand their emotions by grouping them into 4 different levels of energy or alertness. Students are currently practicing to recognise zones in themselves and in others. Students learn that all zones are ok.

BLUE ZONE (Low Energy): Includes emotions like Lazy, Lethargic, Cold, Shy, Bored, Tired, Sick, Sad, Hurt, Lonely, and Depressed. A 'REST AREA' icon is present. Description: 'This zone is used to describe the lowest level of energy. You don't really feel fully awake and alert. It's hard to get going in the morning, you have trouble concentrating, you feel tired, unmotivated or sick to sleep.'

GREEN ZONE (Calm): Includes emotions like Content, Relaxed, Pleasant, Creative, Proud, Happy, Easy to Talk, Calm, Curious, Focused, and Grateful. A 'GO' icon is present. Description: 'This zone is used to describe when we feel calm and in control. We are in the zone when we're focused and ready to learn.'

YELLOW ZONE (Alert): Includes emotions like Worried, Nervous, Anxious, Excited, Proud, Embarrassed, Frustrated, Disappointed, Nervous, Scared, Believed, Stressed, and Surprised. A 'SLOW' icon is present. Description: 'This zone is used to describe when our energy is higher and we are more alert. It's when we're excited, nervous, or worried. It's when we're focused and ready to learn, but we might be a bit shaky or nervous. It's when we're excited, nervous, or worried. It's when we're focused and ready to learn, but we might be a bit shaky or nervous.'

RED ZONE (High Energy): Includes emotions like Angry, Intense, Elated, Terrified, Frenzied, and Overjoyed. A 'STOP' icon is present. Description: 'This zone is used to describe extremely high energy and excitement. It's when we're really excited, nervous, or worried. It's when we're focused and ready to learn, but we might be a bit shaky or nervous. It's when we're excited, nervous, or worried. It's when we're focused and ready to learn, but we might be a bit shaky or nervous.'

As we progress, students will identify the zone that they are in and learn to recognise if that zone is helpful for them in reaching their current goals. If it is, then knowing strategies to help them maintain that level of alertness or energy, and if not, knowing what positive coping strategies they can use to lift or lower their energy – so they can reach their goals.

Ways you can extend this conversation at home

- Do regular "zone check-ins" ("What zone are you in right now?")
- Refer to the zones out loud so children hear the language used naturally
- Use zones when talking about your day (before school, after sport, bedtime)
- Spot zones in characters from books, tv shows or movies
- Use a simple zones chart or visual on the fridge or wall
- Keep language neutral and kind – all zones are normal



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Thank You from Susan

Thank you

I would like to sincerely thank the KDPS families, staff and community for the beautiful message in the newsletter and for the many kind words, hugs and support following the passing of my Mum. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to me and my family during this difficult time. We truly appreciate the care and compassion shown by such a wonderful community.

With heartfelt thanks,

Susan Hand and family.

Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF)

KOROIT PRIMARY SCHOOL BULB FUNDRAISER 🌷

Keep an eye out for the bulb fundraiser catalogue coming home in your child's school bag! Our school receives **40% of every sale**, with funds going towards exciting new developments at Koroit Primary School. Please share the catalogue with family and friends — every order makes a difference. Sales close **10th April**, and bulbs will be delivered 2–3 weeks later, just in time for planting. You can also shop online right away via the link below:

PCF PLANNING MEETING

Please join us for the Parent's, Carers and Friends AGM & 2026 Planning Meeting.

Monday 16th March at 7pm in the Staff Room at KDPS.

All event suggestions, fundraising opportunities and feedback is welcomed. If you would like to be involved but can't make it in person, please get in touch with Chloe Brown on 0417180973.



ATTENDANCE

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2026

25th March- Numeracy professional learning held in Warrnambool for all staff.

5th August – Literacy CoP

20th November- Assessment and Reporting Day

Professional Development Day to be confirmed.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF EVERY STUDENT

We believe that when parents, families, and schools work together, we create the strongest foundation for students' mental health and wellbeing. If you require support with any concerns, please feel free to reach out to Amy Cooper, Briarley Rivett or myself.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS

The local high schools are holding their open nights over the coming weeks for interested families of Grade 5/6 students. Please see the attached flyers for details.

Every day in school counts...

and every minute counts...



OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
25th MARCH
2026

www.brauer.vic.edu.au



OPEN NIGHT

MONDAY MARCH 23
4:30 pm



Plan your night around your arrival time, with Group Tours and Come & Try classes offered before and after our Information Presentation.

Visit our Subject Stalls to chat to our staff.

WHAT'S ON & WHEN

Discover Live student music performances around every corner!

4:30 & 5:00pm GROUP TOURS

Departing from the Front Office at regular intervals.

4:30pm - 5:15pm COME & TRY CLASSES

SPP (SP Centre)	ART & DESIGN (54)	TECHNOLOGY Wood (13)	SCIENCE (84)	HEALTH & PE (Tennis Courts)	FOOD TECH. (32)	DIGITAL SYSTEMS (11)
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5:30pm - 6:00pm PRESENTATION at our College Hall

6:15pm GROUP TOURS

From College Hall following Presentation

Enjoy a sausage (or two) at our Family BBQ!

6:15pm - 7:00pm COME & TRY CLASSES

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We hope you enjoy exploring Warrnambool College & discovering all the opportunities we have to offer.



Scan for more information or phone: 5564 4444 or visit: www.wbcoll.vic.edu.au



2026

Open Night

Tuesday
March 31st
6.30-9.15pm



OPEN EVENING

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

THE EDMUND RICE CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH
4PM-8PM

EMMANUEL COLLEGE
WARRNAMBOOL, Victoria 3240

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch order days are Wednesday and Friday each week. Orders are to be in by 9am on these days.

[School Lunch Online](#)

Please use the above link, register, complete details including your child/ren class (this is very important to ensure their lunch goes to the correct classroom) and place your order.

BUILDING WORKS

This week, we continue to have many builders on site. Our painters are also finalising the many paint works that are part of the new build. The next phase is for the courthouse to have new roofing. We hope to have the front of the school open to parents at the start of next week.

STAFFING NEWS

On Thursday we welcomed back Miss Maggie Wooles who will now be known as Mrs Maggie Walkley.



MENU

Wednesday & Friday Lunch Orders



<u>Cold</u>		<u>Snacks</u>	
Fresh cut fruit salad	6.00	Carrot sticks	1.50
Caesar salad/Greek salad #	7.50	Homemade biscuits	1.50
Salad wrap with chicken or ham	5.50	Jelly and fruit cups	2.00
Salad roll	6.50	Fruit yoghurt and muesli cups	5.50
Salad roll with ham or chicken	7.50	Hedgehog slice	3.50
Jam sandwich #	3.50	Lemon and coconut slice	3.50
Cheese and vegemite sandwich #	3.50	Chocolate Muffin	3.50
Egg and lettuce sandwich #	4.50	Berry Muffin	3.50
Ham and cheese sandwich #	4.50		
Salad sandwich with egg #	6.00	<u>Drinks</u>	
Salad sandwich with ham or chicken #	6.50	Fresh ^a water	3.00
		Fresh ^a 100% Orange juice 250ml	3.50
		Fresh ^a 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	
		<u>Ice poles</u>	
		Dixie Cup	2.00
<u>Hot</u>			
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, veggie Pattie, tomato relish and mayonnaise)			
Ham, Cheese and Pineapple Panini(toasted)	8.00		
Chicken, Cheese and Honey Mustard Panini	8.00		

McMahon

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.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students on winning Age/Year Champion for Athletics:

U12 Boys - Andrei Boholano

U12 Girls - Ebony Kemp

U11 Boys - Kingston O'Keefe

U11 Girls - Eva Hill

U10 Boys - Jack Hedges

U10 Girls - Sari Deckert

U9 Boys - Vance O'Keefe

U9 Girls - Amelia Nash

Grade 2 Girl - Dakota Lea

Grade 2 Boy - Alfie Sullivan

Grade 1 Girl - Fleur O'Keefe

Grade 1 Boy - Leo Toscan

Foundation Girl - Elsie O'Keefe

Foundation Boy - Bodhi Phillipot

Important Dates at KDPS

KDPS School Calendar

MARCH 2026

WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 8

- MON 16TH • Grade 3-6 School Swimming
- TUE 17TH • Grade 3-6 School Swimming
- WED 18TH • Lunch Order Day
• First Nations Day - Select Students
- THU 19TH • Grade 3-6 School Swimming
- FRI 20TH • Lunch Order Day
• Grade 3-6 School Swimming

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Community News & Events



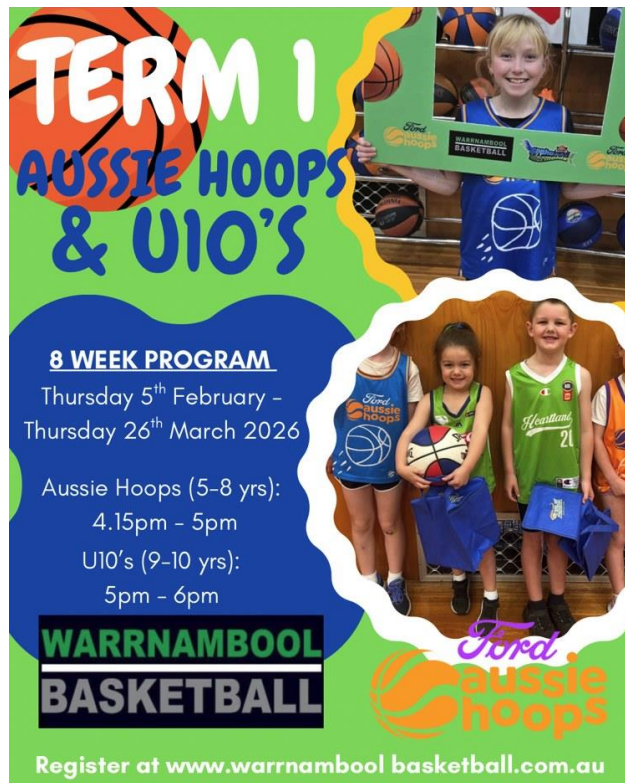
good Friday appeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

THE KOROIT COMMUNITY IS CELEBRATING 50YRS OF SUPPORTING THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL.

COMMUNITY EVENT DETAILS

Koroit Community: 50yrs of Good Friday Appeal Support
Event: Koroit Fire Brigade Walk & Tin Shaking
When: Friday 3rd of April 2026
Time: 8:30am meet for 9am start
Where: Fire Station
Requirement: Adults need a valid WWC check (Volunteer checks are free)
Contact: Amy, ph 0448257102, amy.arden@hotmail.com

Herald Sun 7



TERM 1 AUSSIE HOOPS & U10'S

8 WEEK PROGRAM
Thursday 5th February - Thursday 26th March 2026

Aussie Hoops (5-8 yrs):
4.15pm - 5pm
U10's (9-10 yrs):
5pm - 6pm

WARRNAMBOOL BASKETBALL

Ford aussie hoops

Register at www.warrnamboolbasketball.com.au



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