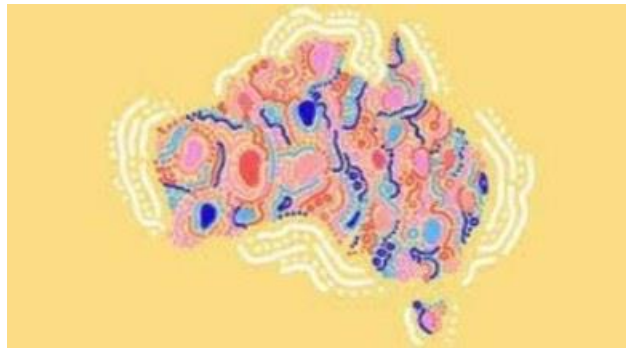




Koroit and District Primary School - 20th February 2026



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

What a mix of weather systems we have had this week. As mentioned, we have rescheduled the Welcome Picnic until Tuesday 24th of February. The format will be exactly the same, but hopefully the weather system will improve. Can't wait to see you there!

Today, we held house meetings to ensure every child clearly understands and feels connected to their house team. Building that sense of belonging is an important part of preparing for Athletics Day.

Athletics Day is a celebration of encouragement, participation, and team spirit. Regardless of which house students are in, the focus is always on supporting one another and giving their best effort. In previous years, this day has truly warmed my heart — seeing children cheer, encourage, and support their classmates is something very special and a reflection of our strong school culture.

Athletics Day does rely on the support of our parent community to run smoothly and successfully. I strongly encourage all families to get involved and support in any way they can. Your presence and assistance will be greatly appreciated.





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**\$3.00 EACH OR
TWO FOR**

\$5.00



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SNOW CONES



\$2.00
EACH



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Curriculum News

Phonics Guide

This guide explains what phonics is, why it is important, and how you can support your child's learning at home.

[understanding phonics a guide for parents carers and families.pdf](#)

NAPLAN 2026

[NAPLAN 2026 Information for parents and carers](#)

BIGLIFE

[Click here for an outline of Big Life in 2026](#)

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.

Parent Teacher Interviews (Voluntary)

This time is scheduled to connect with your child’s classroom teacher, discuss how your child is settling in, and share any questions or wonderings you may have. This year, meetings will be held face-to-face; however, a phone call option will also be available on

Monday 23rd February and Wednesday 4th March. Bookings can be made via Xuno by logging into your Xuno Family account and selecting Parent–Teacher Interviews, choose your child, then select and book an available time slot with the teacher. If you choose an online interview, this will be conducted by phone, and the teacher will contact you at the scheduled time.

Foundation children will have a parent meeting scheduled on 4th of March. Please do not book in using Xuno unless requiring more than 10 minutes. Booking can be made:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KHTU5RuUHTvSOoiz51luBYsr9bAwsYrE6gmsdP5jLdM/edit?usp=sharing>

Grade 3-6 Swimming Program

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

BIKE ED with Dave

If you are interested in your child participating in the Bike Ed program, please book your child/ren using the following booking form.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1804ot9ymzf4K3WVilfu3gh9wkdW6kftaHSMtjDIaLMs/edit?usp=sharing>

Grade 3-6 - 16th-28th of March on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Grade F-2- 2nd -13th of March on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

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
 LAZY, LETHARGIC, COOL, SHY, REST AREA
 BORED, TIRED, SICK, SAD, HURT
 LONELY, DEPRESSED
 This zone is used to describe low levels of energy. You may feel slow, tired or have trouble concentrating. You may have trouble getting started, and you may have trouble staying motivated.

GREEN ZONE
 CONFIDENT, FOCUSED, PEACEFUL, CREATIVE, FLOW, GO
 HAPPY, READY TO LEARN, CALM, COMPOSED, PEAK, CONTROL
 INTERESTED, COMFORT, PLEASUR
 This zone is used to describe when we feel calm and in control. We are able to focus and concentrate on what we are doing and we are able to regulate our emotions.

YELLOW ZONE
 WORRIED, TENSE, ANNOYED
 CONFUSED, UNCOMFORTABLE, BUBBLY, ANGRY
 SCARED, OVERSTIMULATED, FIDGETY, FRETTER, BUBBLY, OVERSTIMULATED
 BELIEVED, FRETTER, OVERSTIMULATED
 This zone is used to describe when we are alert and energized. We are able to focus and concentrate on what we are doing and we are able to regulate our emotions. We may feel nervous or excited, but we are still in control of our actions and feelings.

RED ZONE
 ANGRY, DEVASTATED, ELATED, TERRIFIED, PANICKED
 OVERSTIMULATED
 This zone is used to describe when we are overstimulated and our emotions are out of control. We may feel angry, frustrated, or overwhelmed. We may have trouble concentrating and we may have trouble regulating our emotions.

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

BIG LIFE

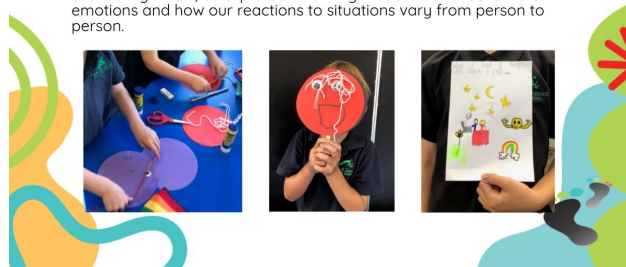
Weeks 3 & 4: Character Strengths

WISDOM	CREATIVITY • Originality • Flexible • A problem solver	CURIOSITY • Interested • Open-minded • Open to new ideas	JUDGMENT • A critical thinker • Thinking things through • Open-minded	LOVE OF LEARNING • Eager to learn new things • Respects new skills	PERSPECTIVE • Wise • Gives good advice • Sees the big picture
COURAGE	BRAVERY • Brave when • Faces challenges • Takes difficult • Speaks up for what's right	PERSISTENCE • Hardworking • Overcomes obstacles • Finishes what is started	HONESTY • Trustworthy • Keeps promises • Trustworthy	ZEST • Active • Energetic • Enthusiastic	
HUMANITY	LOVE • Warm and gentle • Prioritises relationships • A good listener	KINDNESS • Caring • Generous • Compassionate • Nice			SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE • Understands others • Aware of own feelings & thoughts
JUSTICE	TEAMWORK • Loyal • A team player • Gives responsibility to groups			FAIRNESS • Cares about what's right • Treats others fairly • Fair in his/her judgement	LEADERSHIP • Encourages others • Organises groups • Sets a good example
TEMPERANCE		FORGIVENESS • Gives others a second chance • Accepts others' faults • Doesn't hold grudges	HUMILITY • Modest • Puts others on others • Doesn't brag about accomplishments	PRUDENCE • Careful • Plans ahead • Thinks about consequences before acting	SELF-REGULATION • Disciplined • Manages feelings and actions
TRANSCENDENCE	APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY & EXCELLENCE • Finds beauty in the world • Appreciates beauty in the world • Appreciates beauty in the world	GRATITUDE • Thankful • Shows appreciation • Praises blessings	HOPE • Optimistic • Dreams big • Excited about the future	HUMOUR • Playful • Finds something funny in others • Doesn't take things too seriously	SPIRITUALITY • Open to new ideas • Finds meaning in life • Finds meaning in life

In the week 3 & 4 Big Life Boost, students have been recognising and celebrating their **character strengths**. 'Strengths' describe the good qualities within us that we 'dial up' in different situations, such as fairness, humour, bravery, patience, kindness, leadership and generosity. Using our strengths can help us to do hard things.

Big Life with Mel

On Friday of week 4, Mel worked with the Grade F/1 students as they practiced showing different emotions with their faces and bodies. We discussed why its important to try to see how the people around us are feeling. The 2/3s explored what might cause us to feel different emotions and how our reactions to situations vary from person to person.



Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF)

Welcome Back Barbeque

Please save **Tuesday, 24th February** to join us for a relaxed picnic dinner and an opportunity to connect with our school community. Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF) are currently planning a fun-filled evening featuring live music, hot donuts, and snow cones.

Bring a picnic blanket and your own takeaway or picnic of choice, then take time to enjoy the setting, unwind, and meet new people. The event is open from **5:30pm onwards**

Athletics Carnival

On Friday 27th of February we will be having our whole school athletics days at Brauerander Park, Warrnambool. Please see the XUNO event for more information. If you can not access XUNO please make contact with the office. If you are able to volunteer some time with an event please reach out or complete the below roster on My School Connect.

[Athletics Volunteer Roster](#)

More information will be released closer to the day.

Koroit Field Days

PCF is looking for a few volunteers (Parents or Grandparents welcomed) to help supervise the **Kids Zone** at the upcoming **Koroit Field Day Saturday 21st February at Victoria Park.**

The role is simple, helping with supervising craft activities like colouring, glue, paint, paper and scissors, and refilling supplies as needed.

Volunteers can choose **minimum 1-hour time blocks** between **10:00am and 3:00pm** (2 hours preferred, but we can be flexible).

Please fill in the below Google Doc to volunteer your time.

[Field Day Volunteer Google Doc](#)

Thank you for your support.



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HOT DOG	\$3.50
DIM SIMS	\$1.00
PARTY PIES	\$2.00
SNOW CONES	\$2.00
JUICE BOX	\$2.00
WATER	\$2.00

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Wellbeing

Please reach out if you or your child requires support. We have an incredible team around the learner. Mrs Rivett works with small groups, individually and with the classroom teachers.

Dave Holscher is currently leading our Bike Ed program and also assisting Mrs. Vesey in the veggie garden. Next term, Dave will be running the '**Connect**' program, primarily designed for students in grades 2–6. However, please feel free to get in touch if you believe your child would benefit from participating.

School Sores Report

We have had a report of school sores. Children with school sores (impetigo) must not attend primary school and children's service centres until appropriate antibiotic treatment has commenced. It is highly contagious and is transmitted from person to person through direct contact with impetigo lesions, fluid from lesions or contaminated objects and surfaces such as clothing, sheets and linen. Some people can be asymptomatic carriers of bacteria and spread infection. Nasal carriage is particularly likely to transmit disease. [Impetigo \(school sores\)](#). Please be vigilant and if unsure seek medical support.

Staff changes next week

Next week we have some staff absent. Mrs. Trotman is heading to a destination wedding and Mrs. Foggenberger will be away due to surgery. As always, we ensure that we have familiar staff for our children. Miss Lumsden and Mr. Flamingo will be in for Mrs. Foggenberger and Miss Piez will replace Mrs. Trotman.

Introducing our Junior Team

KDPS works in learning communities. Our Foundation team includes Mrs Foggenberger and Miss Bant, and our grade2/3 team includes Mrs Lathwell, Mrs Sheehan and Miss Higgins. We are aware that we have multiple Grade 3 classes this year. However, due to the large number of students across the year level, excursions and incursions will be organised and run within learning communities rather than as a whole Grade 3 cohort. The grade 3/4 camp is an exception to this.

FOUNDATION REST DAYS

A reminder to parents of Foundation students that Foundation students in 2026 are not required to attend school on Wednesdays. This is a scheduled rest day and will continue until the 4th of March. However, we respect parent choice and welcome flexibility if you feel your child would benefit from additional rest periods

LUNCH ORDERS

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

[School Lunch Online](#)- THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY 27TH DUE TO ATHLETICS DAY

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. Here is the menu.

Safety at School and at the end of day

At KDPS, our staff take great pride in ensuring that every child feels safe and secure at school. Student safety is always our highest priority. At the end of each day, we have multiple staff members on duty to support a safe and smooth dismissal for all children.

We kindly ask for your support in modelling best practice when using the crossing and surrounding areas. Children are always watching and learning from the adults around them, and your example helps reinforce safe habits.

We also ask that families please use the designated parking areas for pick-up. We understand and genuinely empathise with the challenges created by limited parking due to the current building works. We know this can be frustrating and inconvenient at times. However, the designated spaces are in place to ensure the safety of all students and families.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

Building works

Please note we will have additional builders onsite next week. As we all know this will impact parking however we have asked all trailers to be parked at the back of the oval.



Important Dates at KDPS

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

FEBRUARY 2026

WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 5

MON
23RD

• Hockey Roadshow in PE

TUE
24TH

- Welcome Picnic – 5:30pm onwards (Weather Permitting)
- Somers Camp Students Depart W'Bool 7am

WED
25TH

- Lunch Order Day – Orders to be in by 9am
- School Council Meeting – 7pm

THU
26TH

- Please check XUNO Events for any outstanding payment & permissions

FRI
27TH

- NO Lunch Orders (Canteen available at Aths)
- Whole School Athletics Day – Brauerander, Warrnambool



Community News & Events

Koroit Cares – Fire Relief Fundraiser

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
11:00am – 2:00pm
📍 Koroit Stables

- 🎸 Live Music
- 🍷 Bar Open
- 🍖 Sausage Sizzle
- 🎯 Games & Activities for Kids

Every dollar raised goes directly to support families and communities affected by recent fires.

RAFFLE RAFFLE

Every dollar raised goes directly to support families and communities affected by recent fires.

Family-friendly event – Everyone Welcome!

Stand together. Give generously.
Help our communities recover. ❤️

The poster features a background of firefighters in yellow gear working at a fire scene. In the foreground, there are images of a barbecue grill with sausages cooking and children playing a board game.

DRAMAFEST
South West
 with Jennifer Monk

Port Fairy Thursday 12th of March

<p>3.45 – 4.45pm: Drama Club \$16.50 (Prep–Grade 2)</p>	<p>5 – 6pm: Drama Lab \$16.50 (Grade 3–6)</p>	<p>6.15 – 7.30pm: Acting Studio \$20 (High School)</p>
		

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OPEN NIGHT


WEDNESDAY
25th MARCH
2026

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The community of Koroit and surrounds, are invited to our

Garden Launch Celebration!

Special guests, sausage sizzle, other yummy treats, and
lucky door prizes*

The Koroit Community Garden is located on High
Street between the Koroit Library and Senior Citizens
Buildings, come for a wander today!

"Come and Do" sessions: If you'd like to join us for
regular spot of gardening and connection, come along on
the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am. We might
tackle some maintenance tasks, planting future
harvests, or work on new garden infrastructure.

*there is no door, it's a garden!



Held on the **second Saturday each month** from 10-11am
at the Koroit Theatre - 149 Commercial Rd.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE.

Providing a place to connect and to share produce, seeds, plants, preserves, flowers and conversation. We welcome both seasoned gardeners and those new to gardening. Come along to share your gardening successes and failures, gather new information and friends!

If you are just starting out and don't have anything to swap, please sign up to volunteer on swap days for set up and pack up.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE &
KEEP UP WITH OUR EVENTS!



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



Relay for Life - Warrnambool
Let's come together
to support our
loved ones affected
by cancer



Sat 21st Feb
2026
12pm - 10.30pm

For more details, to
register OR donate
use the QR code

