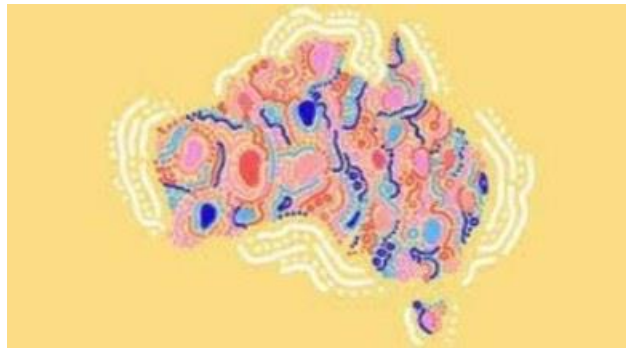




## Koroit and District Primary School - 27th February 2026



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

Thank you to all families who joined us for the Welcome Picnic. Although the weather changed during the course of the day, it was pleasing to see so many families enjoy our school grounds. Thanks to the Parents, Carers, and Friends for allowing our families to enjoy some hot jam donuts and snow cones. A special mention to Joe Gardner, who truly elevated the occasion with his fantastic entertainment and the absolute luxury of live music.

Tomorrow we celebrated our Athletics Day at Brauer Ander. It is a day of celebration as each child put their best foot forward to showcase their development in the area of physical education. Mrs. Lathwell has prepared the children for all tasks from long jump to the running events. Once again, today was about each child doing their very best. Next week's newsletter will include further details regarding outcomes of the Athletics Day.

## 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](#)

### MORPHOLOGY for grades 3-6

**Morphology** is the study of the *structure of words*.

**It's how words are built and how they change.**

For example:

- "Play" → "playing" → "played"
- "Happy" → "unhappy"
- "Dog" → "dogs"

Morphology helps children understand:

- How to add endings like **-s, -ed, -ing**
- How prefixes like **un-** change meaning
- How words can be broken into smaller parts that carry meaning

It's an important part of learning to read, spell, and understand vocabulary.

In the senior grades, morphology becomes more advanced and more intentional. Students move beyond simple endings and begin to analyze and manipulate *word parts*.

Here's what it typically looks like:

### **Working with Prefixes & Suffixes**

Students:

- Add and remove prefixes and suffixes
- Understand how they change meaning
- Use them to figure out unfamiliar words

Examples:

- **predict → prediction → predictable**
- **act → react → interaction**
- **happy → happiness → unhappiness**

They can explain how each part changes the meaning of the word.

**TheirCare**

### ***One less thing to worry about later with Before and After School Care at TheirCare***

*Even if you don't need before or after school care right now, enrolling your child means it's there when you do.*

*Work runs late. Meetings pop up. Appointments happen. Kids get invited places. Life moves fast, and having care already set up makes those days so much easier.*

***The good news? There's no catch.***

- ***It costs nothing to enrol***
- ***You won't pay unless you actually book a session***
- ***Care can cost as little as a few dollars per session (after CCS)***

*So you can enrol, be prepared, and only use it when you need it.*

*Your child will be with caring educators, doing fun activities, and spending time with friends in a safe, familiar space.*

*It only takes a few minutes to set up and future you will be glad it's done.*

 [Click here to enrol](#)

<https://theircare.com.au/families/>

### **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

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/1804ot9ymzf4K3WVilfu3gh9wkdW6kftaHSMtjDlaLMs/edit?usp=sharing>

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**

LETHARGIC, COLD, SHY, BORED, TIRED, SICK, SAD, HURT, LONELY, DEPRESSED

**GREEN ZONE**

CONFIDENT, FOCUSED, PEACEFUL, CREATIVE, FLEXIBLE, HAPPY, READY TO LEARN, CALM, COMPOSED, PEAK, INTERESTED, COMFORT, PLEASUR

**YELLOW ZONE**

WORRIED, TENSE, ANNOYED, CONFUSED, ANGRY, OVERSTIMULATED, FIDGETY, FRETFUL, BUBBLY, OVEREAGER, BELIEVED, FRENZIED, OVERWHELMED

**RED ZONE**

ANGRY, DEVASTATED, ELATED, TERRIFIED, PANICKED, OVERSIZED

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

<b>WISDOM</b>	<b>CREATIVITY</b> • Originality • Adventure • A problem-solver	<b>CURIOSITY</b> • Interest • Excitement • 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 • Resilient new skills	<b>PERSPECTIVE</b> • Vision • Great good advice • Seeing the big picture
<b>COURAGE</b>	<b>BRAVERY</b> • Brave under pressure • Avoids challenges • Faces difficulties • Speaks up for what's right	<b>PERSEVERANCE</b> • Hardworking • Overcome obstacles • Finishes what is started	<b>HONESTY</b> • Trustworthy • Keeps promises • Trustworthy	<b>ZEST</b> • Active • Energetic • Enthusiastic	
<b>HUMANITY</b>	<b>LOVE</b> • Warm and gentle • Prioritises relationships • A good listener	<b>Kindness</b> • Caring • Generous • Compassionate • Nice			<b>SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE</b> • Understands others • Sense of one's feelings & thoughts
<b>JUSTICE</b>	<b>TEAMWORK</b> • Loyal • A team player • Gives responsibility to groups			<b>FAIRNESS</b> • Cares about what's right • Treats others fairly • Fair in his/her judgement	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> • Encourages others • Organises 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 on others • Doesn't brag about accomplishments	<b>PRUDENCE</b> • Careful • Plans ahead • Thinks about consequences before acting	<b>SELF-REGULATION</b> • Self-Controlled • Disciplined • Manages feelings and actions
<b>TRANSPARENCY</b>	<b>APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY &amp; EXCELLENCE</b> • Takes time to appreciate beauty • Appreciates what is good in the world • Appreciates what is good in others	<b>GRATITUDE</b> • Thankful • Shows appreciation • Praises/blames	<b>HOPE</b> • Optimistic • Dreams the best • Excited about the future	<b>HUMOUR</b> • Playful • Doesn't bring up embarrassing incidents • Doesn't have side to things	<b>SPIRITUALITY</b> • Sense of meaning • Sense of purpose • Faith in a higher power • Faith in themselves and the world

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 it's 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.





# Enrol for before and after school care now

**...so you're ready when life happens!**

Whether you're working, have an appointment, or something unexpected comes up, TheirCare supports parents with outside hours school care that's easy to book, inclusive and fun for kids.

- \* Welcoming educators that your kids know and trust
- \* Flexible care to support busy families
- \* Fun, engaging activities and nutritious snacks
- \* Social interaction and time spent with friends
- \* Part of your school community, contributing over \$20M to schools across Australia

Enrol today - it takes just a few minutes. Click **here** or scan the code to get started.



[www.TheirCare.com.au](http://www.TheirCare.com.au) ☎ 1300 072 410



## Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF)

Please feel free to join us at the Athletics Day Carnival. The canteen will be ready for all students. Please see menu below.

**KDPS**

**ATHLETIC'S DAY**

**@ BRAUERANDER  
WARRNAMBOOL**

Events: 9:45am - 2:00pm  
Coffee and canteen available

Wear your house colours

**CORK**

**DUBLIN**

**KERRY**

**LIMERICK**

**FRIDAY  
27TH  
FEBRUARY**

Kerit & District  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Learn • We belong • Together we achieve

The poster features a central graphic of three white silhouettes of runners on a pink and orange background. To the right, there is a silhouette of a high jumper. The text is arranged in a clear, bold font, with the date and event details prominently displayed. The school's logo and motto are in the top right corner.

# PRICE LIST



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

**WE ACCEPT CARD AND CASH**

Thank you for supporting  
Koroit & District Primary School

## Wellbeing

### Attendance and Arrival Time

Arriving at school on time sets the tone for a successful day. Those first few minutes in the classroom are more important than many people realize. Morning routines help students settle in, connect with classmates, organize materials, and prepare mentally for learning.

When students arrive late, even by a few minutes, it can have a ripple effect:

- The beginning of class often includes important instructions, warm-up activities, or introductions to new concepts. Missing these moments can make it harder for students to follow the lesson and fully understand the material
- Walking into a classroom after a lesson has started can feel stressful for the student and distracting for others. It interrupts the flow of teaching and can take valuable time away from learning as teachers help the late student catch up.

- Starting the day calmly helps students feel confident and ready. Rushing in late may leave a child feeling flustered or embarrassed, which can affect their participation and engagement throughout the morning.

### **How Families Can Help**

- Establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine.
- Prepare school bags and uniforms the night before.
- Allow extra travel time for unexpected delays.
- Aim to arrive 5–10 minutes before the bell.

When students arrive on time, they begin their day with confidence, readiness, and a positive mindset. Together, we can ensure every child starts each school day set up for success.

### **BIKE ED with Dave**

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### **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.

### **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.

### **Building works**

Please note that we will have additional builders on site next week. The builders should complete the junior walkway and will move into the roof of the junior building and 3/4. Towards the end of March, the Courthouse will be reroofed. I thank all families with the support during this time. Our school is benefiting greatly from the works being completed.

### **Staffing News**

Miss Maggie Wooles will be away for the next seven days due to her upcoming wedding. Ms Piez will be in the classroom during this period. Ms Wooles will return as Mrs Walkely.

We welcome the return of Mrs Foggenberger on Tuesday of next week after she has recovered from surgery.





## MENU

Wednesday & Friday Lunch Orders



I learn • We belong • Together we achieve

### 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 Bolognaise(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	

### Ice 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.schoollunchonline.com.au](http://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

## Important Dates at KDPS

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

MARCH 2026

# WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 6

MON  
2ND

- Lions Club Eye Test – Grade 6, 3 & Foundation

TUE  
3RD

- Need School Uniform? – Order via our My School Connect Uniform Shop

WED  
4TH

- Lunch Order Day
- Voluntary Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30pm to 4:40pm – bookings via XUNO

THU  
5TH

- Please check XUNO Events for any outstanding payment & permissions

FRI  
6TH

- Lunch Order Day
- Student Leaders Congress – Selected students



## Community News & Events

**Koroit Cares – Fire Relief Fundraiser**

**SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**  
11:00am – 2:00pm  
📍 Koroit Stables • Cash Only

🎸 Live Music  
🍷 BBQ & Sausage Sizzle  
🍹 Bar Open  
🎯 Kids Games & Activities  
🎟 RAFFLE

Amazing prizes donated by local businesses

- Tickets available on the day
- Drawn at 1:45pm

**Proudly Supported By:**

- Koroit CFA
- The Stables Koroit
- Port Fairy Roadhouse (Major Sponsor)
- Cobb's Bakery Port Fairy
- Tower Hill Truffles
- Tower Hill Studio
- The Pickle Project
- Alegria
- Mary Bruce Photography
- Meat at Beany's
- Poppies Café / Fish & Chips
- Koroit Bakehouse
- Black Crow Barbers Koroit
- Koroit Eatery
- Deta Hair & Beauty
- Hampden Veterinary Clinic
- The Colour Angle

...and more joining every day.

**Supporting Fire-Affected Communities**  
All funds raised will be split between  
**Need for Feed Australia & BlazAid**

**Small Town, Big Heart.**  
Everyone Welcome – Near or Far.

**DRAMAFEST**  
*South West*  
 with Jennifer Monk

**Port Fairy Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March**

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

Big Dreams Start in Small Towns.



**OPEN NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY  
 25th MARCH

2026

[www.brauer.vic.edu.au](http://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**

<b>SPP</b> (SP Centre)	<b>ART &amp; DESIGN</b> (54)	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> Wood (13)	<b>SCIENCE</b> (B4)	<b>HEALTH &amp; PE</b> (Tennis Courts)	<b>FOOD TECH.</b> (J2)	<b>DIGITAL SYSTEMS</b> (T1)
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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](http://www.wbcoll.vic.edu.au)



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!



# HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

**HOCKEY SOUTH WEST**

**COME AND TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE  
ALL HOCKEY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

Venue: Warrnambool Hockey Complex  
Albert Park (off Cramer Street)

Scan the QR code to register for a FREE session  
Saturday 14 Feb. 9-10am Wednesday 18 Feb. 4.15-5.15pm  
Saturday 28 Feb. 9-10am Wednesday 4 March 4.15-5.15pm



Enquiries  
[juniors@hockeysouthwest.org.au](mailto:juniors@hockeysouthwest.org.au)





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 5<sup>th</sup> February -  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.warrnamboolbasketball.com.au)