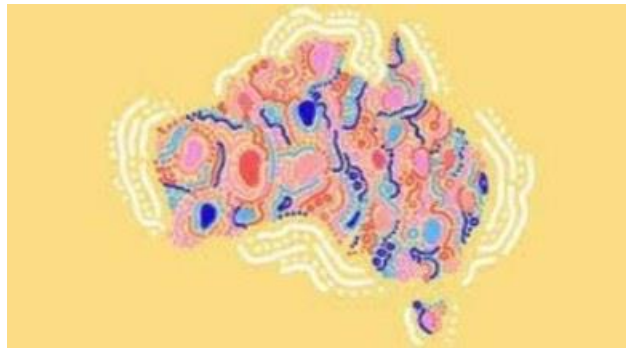




Koroit and District Primary School - 6th February 2026



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

We have had another successful week at School with all children transitioning beautifully into their 2026 classrooms. You will have noticed that we still have a significant amount of building works occurring on site. The school looks fabulous, and our builders have been a delight to work with. The next phase of the build will be the undercover walkway, which will be done in stages to ensure access to the junior building. Thanks to all for the care taken around the works that is happening at this point of time.

Please know that at this early stage of the year, there is no such thing as a silly question. Please pop into the office, and one of our amazing staff will navigate you through the new school year, alternatively reach out to one of our many parents.

Platforms at KDPS

We have two platforms at KDPS. The first is Xuno, where you will access the newsletter, reports, and any parent permissions. We also have Seesaw, which is a space where you can celebrate your child's learning. This is a great starting point for discussion about what your child is learning about in the classroom.

Introducing Leadership Team-More to come next week.

KDPS are very proud to have an established staff to cover all the learning needs of our students, including students mental health and wellbeing.

At KDPS we have **Mrs Briarley Rivett** in the Mental Health in Primary School role (MhiPs) to support our children in a holistic manner. This role entails:

- coordinating targeted mental health support for students by working with regional staff, school wellbeing and leadership teams, teachers, parents/carers and external organisations.
- advocating for student voice and agency in their wellbeing and mental health needs.

Please reach out if we can support your child/ren in any manner at KDPS

We also have **Mrs Amy Cooper** in the Disability Inclusion role. This role supports students and families in the school setting to ensure that we are meeting the needs academically for all. The Disability Inclusion role has a strong focus on inclusive education and ensures reasonable adjustments are in place across the school. I work closely with our Principal, Tanya, Briarley Rivett, classroom teachers and educational support staff to build a strong school-based team around each learner, including students with diverse learning needs. A key part of the role is supporting the process of applying for school-based funding when a student requires substantial or extensive adjustments across a range of areas. Mrs Cooper also work closely with families and external services to support assessment processes and to form a connected care team.

Mrs Hayley Hoy is currently our Learning Specialist. The Learning Specialist has an overall wealth of knowledge in all curriculum areas and is a resource in the school for best teaching practices.



Mrs Amy Cooper

Mrs Hayley Hoy

Mrs Briarley Rivett

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.

Breakfast Club- Helpers Needed

Koroit and District Primary School operate a Breakfast Club on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Volunteers help by preparing bulk toast, with children able to choose butter, jam, or Vegemite.

If you can assist, please let the office know. The role includes coming to school around 8:30, cooking bulk toast in readiness for children to arrive.

A new Year of Learning Webpage

Information and resources for parents and carers to help their children unlock their potential for a new year of learning in 2026

[A new year of learning | vic.gov.au](#)

Supervision of students

Reminder: Students are supervised by teaching staff each morning from **8:40 to 9:00 am**. Children arriving before 8:40 am will be asked to play outside.

At the end of the day, staff are available at the gate and outside the buildings to assist any children who need support. Parents and carers are welcome to wait inside the gate for their child/ren.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is important to us, and I am extremely excited to see our children proudly representing the school in uniform today. Each student will have a coloured t-shirt that they can wear during the course of the week. School hats are a part of our school uniform, and I encourage all families to purchase a school hat from the office at a cost of \$15.

A reminder that if your child/ren do not have a hat they will be requested to sit in a shady area.

[My School Connect](#) - here is the link to place an order via our My School Connect Uniform Shop.

Early and Late Arrival

Please ensure open and timely communication regarding your child's attendance. In line with our policy, if we have not been notified of an absence, the school will make a follow-up phone call after three days.

If your child needs to be collected early from school, we ask that you contact the office before 2:30 pm. This allows sufficient time for communication with classroom teachers and for children to be prepared for dismissal.

Car Parking and Crossing at KDPS

We are very fortunate to have Susan our Crossing Supervisor who ensures our children cross the road safely. Please ensure you and your child use this service and teach our children the safe way to cross the road.

Important Parking Reminder: Parking at KDPS is limited. Please ensure you park appropriately at all times. **AG Warehouse is not a KDPS parking area**—do not park in front of the bowsers to pick up children.

Parking is available near the Op Shop for families who prefer to collect children from the back gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bus Travel

If your child/ren is a bus traveller, please touch base with Steph regarding pick up and updating details for 2026.

Whole School Athletics Day

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.

KDPS Values

One of the focuses for 2026 will be on our KDPS Values. These values are now visually shared with the students and the wider community in and outside the classroom. Our values are: Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Proud, Be Inclusive



Save the Date - Welcome back BBQ

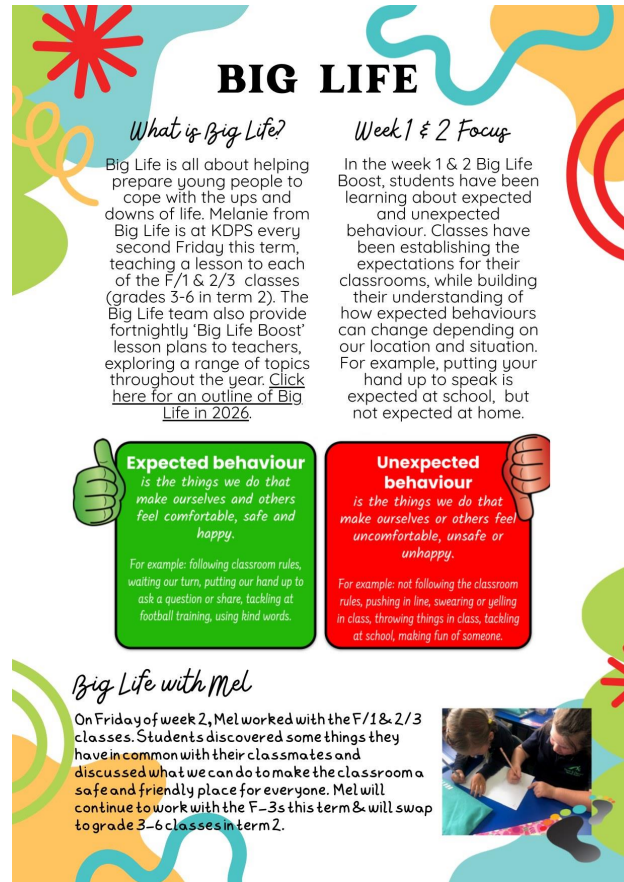
Please save **Tuesday, 17 February** to join us for a relaxed picnic dinner and an opportunity to connect with our school community. Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF) are currently planning a fun-filled evening featuring live music, hot donuts, and snow cones.

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 **5:30 pm onwards**



I learn • We belong • Together we achieve

Big Life



BIG LIFE

What is Big Life?

Big Life is all about helping prepare young people to cope with the ups and downs of life. Melanie from Big Life is at KDPS every second Friday this term, teaching a lesson to each of the F/1 & 2/3 classes (grades 3-6 in term 2). The Big Life team also provide fortnightly 'Big Life Boost' lesson plans to teachers, exploring a range of topics throughout the year. [Click here for an outline of Big Life in 2026.](#)

Week 1 & 2 Focus

In the week 1 & 2 Big Life Boost, students have been learning about expected and unexpected behaviour. Classes have been establishing the expectations for their classrooms, while building their understanding of how expected behaviours can change depending on our location and situation. For example, putting your hand up to speak is expected at school, but not expected at home.

Expected behaviour
is the things we do that make ourselves and others feel comfortable, safe and happy.


For example: following classroom rules, waiting our turn, putting our hand up to ask a question or share, tackling at football training, using kind words.

Unexpected behaviour
is the things we do that make ourselves or others feel uncomfortable, unsafe or unhappy.

For example: not following the classroom rules, pushing in line, swearing or yelling in class, throwing things in class, tackling at school, making fun of someone.

Big Life with Mel

On Friday of week 2, Mel worked with the F/1 & 2/3 classes. Students discovered some things they have in common with their classmates and discussed what we can do to make the classroom a safe and friendly place for everyone. Mel will continue to work with the F-3s this term & will swap to grade 3-6 classes in term 2.



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

2026 Dates

The following are dates that you can add to your calendar for 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

Monday 23rd March

Wednesday 4th March (please note change of date due to Numeracy Conference)

CSEF - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

If you hold a Centrelink pension or healthcare card you may be eligible for CSEF. This can be used towards camps, sporting events and excursions throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact the office for the forms.

Essential Need to Know

- **'No Hat, No Play'** - Please ensure your child/ren has a NAMED school hat to wear. These can be purchased in the office.
- **Uniform Ordering** via [My School Connect](#) - School uniform is recommended. This includes our school jumper, navy polo top or sports top, navy trackies, shorts or skorts, tunics or dress. Please name all items to ensure they are returned.
- **Birthday Celebrations** - Zooper Doopers are our birthday treat of choice. Please provide these to the office labelled and frozen on the day or 2 days prior if not frozen.
- **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. 5565 8332 or koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- **Daily Supervision** starts from *8.40am -3.40 pm*. If you require your child/ren to be at school outside these hours please make use of Theircare for before & after school care.

Important Dates at KDPS


KDPS School Calendar

FEBRUARY 2026

WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 3

- MON 9TH**
- TUE 10TH**
 - Please complete the Photo & Film form and permission on XUNO
- WED 11TH**
 - Lunch Order Day - Orders to be in by 9am
www.schoolsunchonline.com.au
- THU 12TH**
 - Uniform Orders via My School Connect
www.myschoolconnect.com.au
- FRI 13TH**
 - Lunch Order Day - Orders to be in by 9am
www.schoolsunchonline.com.au



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Celebrations at KDPS



Community News & Events



OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
25th MARCH
2026

www.brauer.vic.edu.au



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OPTIONAL
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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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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
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use the QR code**

