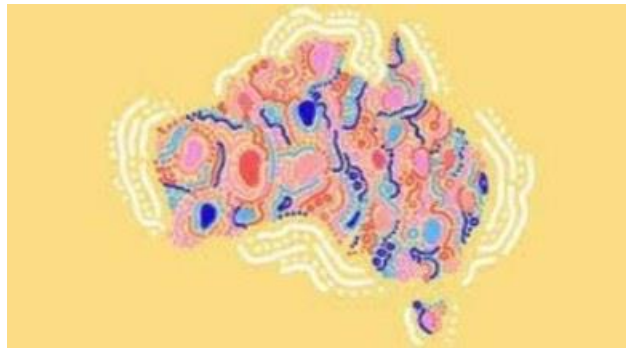




## Koroit and District Primary School - 24th April 2026



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

All schools undertake a review every four years to help shape the direction of their next School Strategic Plan (SSP). We are incredibly proud of the progress made over the past four years, and we'd like to share some of the highlights that were acknowledged during our meeting.

This review marks the beginning of the next phase of our school's journey. It also recognises the significant work happening behind the scenes to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning—work that is truly worth celebrating.

The review process will continue over the coming weeks and will be finalised on 20 May. It will include classroom observations, as well as conversations with parents, teachers and students.

### Numeracy Year 5

Percentage of students in Exceeding or Strong

	Your school	Similar schools	Network	State
2025	67%	67%	62%	69%
3-year average	56%	64%	60%	68%

### Numeracy Year 3

Percentage of students in Exceeding or Strong

	Your school	Similar schools	Network	State
2025	68%	65%	58%	66%
3-year average	61%	63%	59%	66%

### Reading Year 5

Percentage of students in Exceeding or Strong

	Your school	Similar schools	Network	State
2025	86%	71%	67%	74%
3-year average	72%	71%	67%	75%

### NAPLAN Proficiency Level

#### Reading Year 3

Percentage of students in Exceeding or Strong

	Your school	Similar schools	Network	State
2025	72%	64%	61%	69%
3-year average	64%	63%	60%	69%

## Irish Festival

The Irish Festival is an incredible celebration for the Koroit Community, and it is fast approaching. KDPS prides itself on representing the school in the Parade at 12pm. To participate the children will need to have a band on. This year we will walk the parade with pride displaying Irish Colours. I encourage all children to come in Orange, White and Green. Please register on the below link.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hmLcOJWRP44ve5k4ts\\_4INJ86mxj9vlq2TywY7yzRnY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hmLcOJWRP44ve5k4ts_4INJ86mxj9vlq2TywY7yzRnY/edit?usp=sharing)

We are also in need of helpers for assisting with cooking the barbeque on Saturday. If you can assist, please complete the form below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gpITXJR7pODmjd1fL76m6a2ruO60v55IMKjQTc8RISE/edit?usp=sharing>

Details are attached on the poster below

As an introduction to the Irish Festival all children from KDPS have been invited to attend the Koroit Football Club to celebrate Irish Dancing o Friday 1st of May. Children will walk to the oval at 2:30 and return at 3:15. Please note there will be no assembly on this day.



## **ANZAC DAY**

ANZAC Day as we know it was first observed on 25 April 1916, as people came together to commemorate the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli, Türkiye, on 25 April 1915.

This important tradition has now become an opportunity to stop and reflect on the sacrifice and dedication of all our veteran and service community, and the families who support them.

It is a significant day for the department, and we proudly recognise our many staff who have served over the years.

All students have been actively engaged in learning about ANZAC Day, developing a deeper appreciation and understanding of its historical significance. Through exploring the experiences of those who served, reflecting on themes of sacrifice, courage, and mateship, and participating in meaningful discussions and activities, students are building a respectful awareness of the impact of this day on Australian and New Zealand history. This learning fosters empathy, critical thinking, and a sense of connection to the values commemorated on ANZAC Day.

Today, some of our Grade 6 children ran an ANZAC service for our KDPS students. Once again our students represented themselves beautifully at this incredibly important time.

### **Race Day**

A reminder to families that Thursday 7th May is a public holiday for May Race Day.

### **Term 2, 2026**

As parents and carers know, staff at our school who are members of the Australian Education Union (AEU) have been involved in long-running negotiations with the state government and the Department of Education for improved pay and conditions.

Despite an increased number of ongoing negotiations and the commencement of industrial action, including the statewide full day stopwork last term, there is still no fair offer on the table to address the key issues facing public school staff. Victoria's public schools remain the lowest funded in the country, teachers are the lowest paid, with education support staff and school leaders underpaid as well. School staff also continue to face significant workload pressures. Staffing shortages continue to be experienced in public schools across the state.

As part of the campaign, AEU members will be taking further industrial action, including half-day stopworks on a rolling, region-by-region basis. This means each school will be affected once. We understand this can cause disruption for students and families. Staff are taking this action because they care deeply about public education and want to see our schools properly funded, and to receive fair pay and conditions, all of which are critical to a prosperous future for Victoria's public school students.

Union members at **Koroit and District Primary School** will stop work for half a day on the **12th May**. We will continue to keep families informed about any action that may affect our school community.

More information will come to families as we receive it!

### **BOOK CLUB**

This year we are supporting local.

Our Term 2 *Kids' Club Catalogue* will be delivered to schools in the week beginning April 20th from Collins Booksellers.

**What's the same:**

- 10% of all purchases are credited to your school
- Free Legami erasable pen for every \$20 spent
- \$4.00 mystery books
- All processing, collation and delivery of orders is done by Collins!

**What's new:**

- As well as the featured titles in the catalogue, families will be able to ***select ANY stocked kids' book, game, puzzle, toy or stationery item at our store (0-18 age range)***. All purchases will earn your school a 10% credit.
- Separate flyer for senior students at P-12 schools
- Graphics will be provided for inclusion in school newsletters

I encourage all families to support local. We have had an incredibly positive response to the feedback given to Collins regarding high quality texts that are age appropriate. More information about how to order will be on the flyer in term two.

**XUNO EVENTS**

Could I please encourage all families to regularly check Xuno for events and required approvals.

It is not always possible for staff to follow up on outstanding permissions, so your support in checking and responding promptly is greatly appreciated. This will help ensure your child does not miss out on any important activities or events.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**2027 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

From the start of Term 2, 2026: Parents and carers can submit their enrolment applications. This follows the release of 2027 school zones on the department's [Find my School website](#) and the publication of Foundation enrolment information packs.

**By 31 July 2026:** Enrolment applications from parents and carers are due.

3 to 14 August 2026: Schools notify parents/carers of the outcome of enrolment applications.

If you have a sibling commencing in 2027, please inform the office so we can begin estimating enrolment numbers.

Method	Purpose
Xuno	Koroit and District Primary School primary hub for communication between staff, parents, and carers to stay informed and connected. The school encourages two-way partnership, allowing parents to contact teachers/leadership, report absences, access reports, pay for events, and receive updates via app notifications.
School Website	<a href="https://www.koroitps.vic.edu.au/">https://www.koroitps.vic.edu.au/</a>
Facebook	Used for general community updates, and school information, and celebrations
Meeting (Face to Face or phone)	Teachers provide the opportunity to meet in first term. Written reports are scheduled for term two and four
School emails	<a href="mailto:Koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au">Koroit.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a> - checked each morning and during the day
Reports	Written reports are scheduled for term two and four
Assemblies	Every second Friday. Next assembly 27 <sup>th</sup> of March and fortnightly after this time.
SSG Meetings	As scheduled by Amy Cooper- not all children require SSG meetings

## Curriculum News

### Upcoming Personal Development for grades 3-6

This term we will be running personal development for all grade 3-6 children. Mel Schultz will be taking our lessons as part of our Big Life structures. A sequence of learning has been sent out on Monday of this week on Xuno.

Please reach out if you have any questions

### Dolly's Day

Do It For Dolly Day is an annual Australian National Day of Awareness dedicated to ending bullying, honouring 14-year-old Amy "Dolly" Everett. We encourage all children to wear blue on Friday 8th of May and **bring along a gold coin donation** to raise money for anti-bullying, education and support programs.



## **MOYNE CROSS COUNTRY & SOCCER**

Congratulations to the students that represented our school at the Moyne Cross Country and Soccer today. Everyone should be very proud of themselves for their achievements including our 2 students who finished in the top 3 of their Cross Country race.



# Every day in school counts...

and every minute counts...



## ZONES toolbox



- take deep breaths
- run or move my body
- take a break
- find a quiet place to sit
- have a cold drink
- remove my jumper
- remove my shoes & socks
- push myself firmly into the corner of the room
- ask for help
- count
- think about the size of problem & the size of my reaction

## ZONES toolbox



- 5-7-8 breathing
- 5 senses
- Use a fidget toy
- Move your body
- Go to the toilet
- Have a drink or snack
- Count backward from 10
- Focus on your circle of control
- Use positive self-talk
- Dial up our growth mindset
- Help someone or ask for help
- Think- is it a scary safe or scary dangerous problem?
- Draw or colour in
- Be in nature or get some fresh air
- Listen to music

## ZONES toolbox




- Expected behaviour
- Dial up our curiosity and ask a question.
- Move our body or stretch
- Change tasks
- Brain break
- Fruit break
- Have a drink
- Tidy up
- Talk to a friend
- Listen
- Learn

## ZONES toolbox




- Change the activity
- Brain Break
- Move our body
- Have a drink or snack
- Put our jacket or jumper on
- Talk to a trusted friend or adult
- Ask for help
- Use a fidget toy
- Fresh air
- Belly Breathing
- Focus on what went well
- Help someone

Our Zones of Regulation describes our emotions that are divided into similar energy levels or alertness. This term students are working on ways to positively cope and care for their emotions, so that they can remain engaged in their learning throughout the day at school.




**Blue zone** describes low or slow energy levels/alertness. Eg. Sad, tired, bored, disinterested.



**Green Zone** describes emotions where we are ready to learn, good to go, happy, calm, in flow.







**Yellow Zone** describes emotions that are higher energy/alertness that mean we are starting to lose control of our emotions and might need to do something to calm ourselves down. Examples include: excited, frustrated, worried, upset, wriggly.



**Red Zone** emotions describe emotions where we can lose control and we are at risk of our & others safety. Eg. furious, Ecstatic, flipping our lid, overjoyed.

*You can support your child to work on ways to cope and care for their emotions at home by talking about ways you care for your different emotions and zones. And by practicing positive coping strategies with your child, to help them care for their emotions. Either when they are experiencing that emotion or when they are calm.*

**Ways to care:**

-  **Blue zone** – something to lift their energy – eg. change the activity they are doing, have a sleep, drink of water, have a cuddle with a special adult or teddy, ask for help.
-  **Green zone** – having a snack, drinking some water, going for a walk/ride/run, jumping on the trampoline, talking to a friend or family member, colouring in, going out in nature.
-  **Yellow zone** – Taking some deep belly breaths, listening to music, talking about their feelings, watching a tv show, colouring in, moving their body – jumping on the trampoline, pushing, pulling, skipping, using a weighted blanket, finding a quiet place to read, writing a thank you letter.
-  **Red Zone** - Stop what they are doing and find a safe space to have quiet time, take shoes and socks or jumper off, take cold drink, take some deep belly breaths or do a mindfulness activity, find a quiet and safe space outside, cuddle a teddy or into a snuggly doona.

## PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2026

**25th May** - Professional Practice Day (*approved by School Council*) - Theircare Available

**5th August** – Literacy CoP - Theircare Available

**20th November**- Assessment and Reporting Day - Theircare Available

## LUNCH ORDERS

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

In Term 2 the platform for lunch orders will be changing to [Smart Schools - Lunch Orders](#) please see the attached information regarding this transition. All login details and credit balances will carry across but there may be some teething issues in the first couple of weeks so your patience will be appreciated.



We are currently seeking volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gpITXR7pODmjd1fL76m6a2ruO60v55IMKjQTc8RISE/edit?usp=drivesdk>

There are plenty of ways to get involved, including helping with the barbecue, serving, clean-up, and preparing treats like donuts and snow cones.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We would greatly appreciate each family contributing a little of their time to help make this event a success!

## Important Dates at KDPS

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### *KDPS School Calendar*

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APRIL/MAY 2026

# WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 2

**MON 27TH** Koroit Irish Festival - This Weekend

**TUE 28TH**

- Please check XUNO Events for permissions and payments

**WED 29TH**


- Lunch Order Day
- Kinder Visit - Select Grade 5 students
- School Council Meeting - 7pm

**THU 30TH**

- Need School Uniform? - visit the My School Connect Uniform Shop to place an order

**FRI 1ST**

- Lunch Order Day
- Divisional Athletics - Select students
- Irish Dancing Excursion @ KFNC

**KOROIT IRISH FESTIVAL SATURDAY 2ND**  **KOROIT IRISH FESTIVAL SUNDAY 3RD**

Community News & Events





# KICKSTART GIRLS

Whether you're a seasoned player or trying it for the first time, now's the perfect time to get involved! Have fun, challenge yourself, and enjoy the thrill of the game.

Fresh air, muddy knees and big smiles are all part of the package. Lace up your boots, bring your mates, and give it a go.

## KOROIT UNDER 12 GIRLS

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY | 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
VICTORIA PARK

**FREE COME AND PLAY SESSION**



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KOROIT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



# KOROIT NETTA NETBALL



### Age Groups

- 5-6 years
- 7-8 years
- 9-10 years

## THURSDAYS OF TERM 2 5.15PM

\$50 cash on first night of Netta  
Use QR code to register

9 SESSIONS  
FROM THURSDAY 23 APRIL  
TO THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2026  
\*NO SESSION ON MAY RACES  
5.15-6.00PM  
KFNC NETBALL COURTS

Any enquires to  
Emily on 0438 279 883





The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

## **KOROIT AUSKICK CENTRE**

**STARTING THURSDAY APRIL 23 | 4:30PM**

Victoria Park, Koroit

Contact Auskick Coordinator Michael Lane For More Information

PH: 0498 016 164



**FIND  
YOUR CLUB**

PORT FAIRY



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PORT FAIRY SOCCER CLUB  
**2026 MiniRoos and MiniTillies**

Terms 2 & 3. 12 sessions

Ages 4-11

Commencing 21st April

Tuesdays 4.15pm-5.15pm

All abilities welcome



**Register Now**

MiniRoos (mixed)



MiniTillies (girls)

