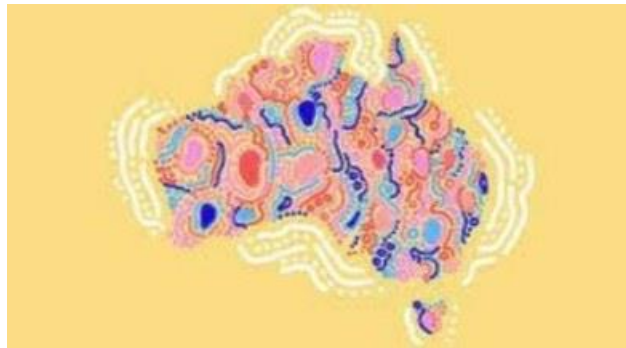




Koroit and District Primary School - 17th July 2026



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

Welcome to Term 3! It is going to be a very busy term with preparation underway for school concert. Mrs Rivett is working through the events of the night with enthusiasm and big ambitions.

NAPLAN Results 2026

Grades 3-6 children will have received their NAPLAN results today.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

These tests do not measure the unique qualities of your child/ren and the kindness they show in their daily interactions. They do not recognise their perseverance and dedication to the task.

However, they do measure literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards.

As always please reach out if you have any concerns regarding the NAPLAN information sent home.

Union Action

Please note Thursday 23rd of July has been scheduled as a stop work day as part of the VGSA campaign. At this point of time all students will not be required at school on Thursday. As we all know there are offers on the table for teachers at the moment so please keep abreast of communication from the school.

Theircare will be available for families if they require this service. Bookings can be made by following this link: [Families - Their Care](#)

- Please note children will require a full packed lunchbox like a school day, with their water bottle. Afternoon tea of fresh fruit and a light snack will be provided.

Xuno Event Approvals and Payments

With many camps and excursions coming soon please note the below information regarding XUNO Events.

Xuno Event Approvals & Payments – Important Update

We would like to let families know about an important update to how events and payments are managed through Xuno.

There has been a change to the approval process for events with a cost. Parents/carers are now **unable to approve an event without completing payment at the time of approval.**

If your family has **CSEF, SSB, or a credit available**, you will see an option in Xuno to **request the use of these funds**. Once selected, a request is sent to the school for review. The school will then **approve or decline the request** based on available funds.

After you receive notification from the school, you can then **proceed with the approval process** in Xuno.

If at any time your family is experiencing financial hardship in relation to event costs, please reach out to **Tanya** for a confidential chat. We are here to support all families.

We appreciate your support as we implement this updated process to ensure accurate and efficient management of events and payments. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Planning for 2027

Planning and preparation for 2027 begins at the end of July when our enrolments are locked in.

Please keep us informed of any upcoming changes, travel plans, or other significant events that may affect your child.

It is important that we stay up to date with any social concerns or changes. Forms will be available in the coming weeks for you to complete regarding friendship requests, as well as to provide information or raise concerns about any complex behaviours.

Wet Weather- Messy Play Space

With the wet weather upon us, we kindly ask that you pack a complete change of clothes for your child each day, including a spare pair of socks. While we do have a small supply of second-hand clothing available, our stock is limited and may not always include the appropriate sizes or items needed.

Thank you for your support in helping keep your child comfortable throughout the day.

We are excited to introduce a new play space at the back of the centre called **Messy Play!**

This dedicated area provides children with the opportunity to bring along their favourite cars and trucks (or use some of the donated vehicles) to create exciting tracks, ramps, and imaginative worlds. Designed to inspire creativity and collaborative play, the space encourages children to explore, experiment, and engage in open-ended imaginative play while having lots of fun.

With this in mind of you have waterproof pants please pack them. Alternatively a change of clothes and socks would be highly recommended.

Head Lice Report

Please be vigilant as we have had a recent report of head lice in the school.

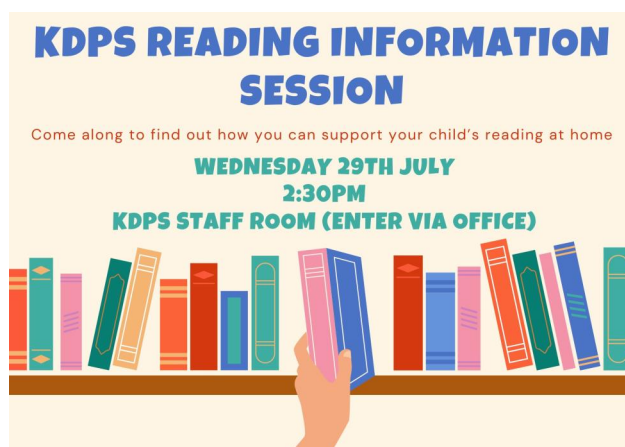
Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at (insert name of school). Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

What can you do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair. Please visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and search for "head lice (nits)" for advice on finding, treating and preventing head lice.

Reading Information Session- Foundation/1

Erin Foggenberger and Olivia Bant will be hosting a Reading Information Session in the staff room at 2:30pm for interested parents. This session will provide families with practical strategies to support reading at home while offering an insight into the teaching practices at KDPS.



National Emergency Warning

We've been advised that a national test of [AusAlert](#) will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm.

AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all [compatible mobile devices](#) will receive a [Critical Alert](#). Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in lockers or bags during the school day. Students who use their mobile phone as part of a documented exception can continue to do so. If appropriate, they can turn their phone off during the test.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at [AusAlert: children and teens](#). Information is also available in other [languages](#).

Make-up and Hair Colour at School

We have a number of senior students who are exploring with make up at school. Please note as per policy:

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only.

To keep the focus on learning and ensure a consistent approach to student presentation, we ask that students do not wear makeup to school. We appreciate families' support in helping students arrive ready to participate with confidence.

Upcoming Pyjama Day

National Pyjama Day is all about getting cosy for a good cause, wearing your comfiest pyjamas - at work, school, and anywhere in between - while raising funds and awareness for children in foster care. This year we are celebrating Pyjama Day on Friday 31st July. Every dollar raised supports The Pyjama Foundation's *Love of Learning Program*, helping kids in care - Australia's most educationally at-risk group - build brighter futures.

Parent Teacher Interviews

- **Parent Teacher Interviews - 20th and 22nd of July**

I encourage all families to take the time to book in for Parent-Teacher Interviews to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher. The reports provide an overview of student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum standards; however, they do not capture the valuable conversations around individual learning progress, personal growth, strengths, areas for development, and future learning goals. Parent-Teacher Interviews provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning journey in greater depth and to celebrate their achievements together.

Please note that there is an option for a phone interview. Please indicate whether you will attend in person or online (phone)

Booking Instructions:

- Log into your XUNO account
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Select your student, time and whether you want an "online" interview if wanting a phone call
- Click the Book button

Welcome to our Occupational Therapy Students

This term we have Lilly Carey, Isabelle Dixs and Karla Creasey who will be commencing placement at KDPS until the 4th of September.

Occupational therapists working in or consulting with schools can have a very broad role. As our occupational therapy students are still learning, their role and scope of practice will look a little bit different to that of a qualified occupational therapist. Occupational therapists are health professionals that support people to engage in everyday activities that are meaningful to them. For children, this might relate to working towards developmental milestones, participating in play, engaging in learning activities and developing meaningful connections. At school, an occupational therapist will look at how a child, or groups of children, participate in activities within the school environment and can work towards supporting independence, skill development and a sense of wellbeing.

Hello staff & parents of Koroit and District Primary School,

We are very excited to be a part of your community for the next 8 weeks and have already received such a warm welcome from the staff and children. As Year Three Occupational Therapy students, we are here to use our skill set alongside the expertise of the staff & students to contribute something meaningful to the school community through the combined lens of occupational therapy and education. Thank you so much for having us.



Connect

Connect continues to be a highly sought-after role. Students in Years 3 and 4 were invited to apply, and we were pleased with the high level of interest shown. The following students have been successfully selected for Connect in Term 3.

	Monday- Term 2	Wednesday	Friday-Term 2
9:00-10:00		Caitlyn Lee Chelsea T Blara Nora	Charlie H Archie J Georgie E Ivy H
10:00-11:00	Marlo S Connor Amelia N Wren	Piper Penny B Bonnie G Marlowe St	
11:30-12:30	Franklin Jack F Alby C Clancy M	Grade 4	Max F Theo Ozzie Bobby
12:30-1:30	Bethany Zara Francesca Annabella	Grade 4	Caleb Alby J Aden Whittington Sonny Saragi

Life Skills with Lauren

Mrs. Barker will be introducing a new educational program in Term 3, running on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Life Skills with Lauren will provide small groups of students with the opportunity to work together in a structured and supportive environment while developing practical and social skills. Activities will include cooking, social play, Lego Club, and following directions.

This five-week program has been designed to support student learning and wellbeing, similar to our Connect and Mental Health in Primary Schools programs. Please see student names that will be participating for the next five weeks

Thursday Continued	
12:30-1:00	Games Jazmine Alfie Tate R Ziggy Oskar M
1:00-1:30	Mervyn Lucy M Elsie H? Lenny Ryan

	Thursday
9:00-10:00	Classroom support
10:00-10:30	Elvis Finnley Iris Indy M Caleb
10:30-11:00	Jr Charlie J Alby J Caleb
11:30-12:00	Ethan Elsie O'Keefe Archer <u>Bohdi</u>
12:00-12:30	Charlie Clatworthy Leo Jaxon Fergus

	Tuesday- Cooking
9:00-10:00	Set up and Prep
10:00-10:45	Caleb Indi S Max F Kira
11:30-12:15	Hope Penny Charlotte W Charlie S
12:30-1:15	Angus Franklin Haylie D Zac Hamish

Save the Date - KDPS disco at Active Sportz



Important Dates - please pop them in your calendar.

23rd July - AEU Strike Action - Theircare Available

4th August - KDPS Disco at Active Sportz, Warrnambool

5th August – **Pupil Free Day** - Literacy CoP - Their care Available

11th August - 2027 Year 7 Acceptance Slips DUE

15th August - Winter Lights & Delights

27th of August - School Concert - Doors open 6:30pm, Show starts 7pm

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2026

20th November- Assessment and Reporting Day - Theircare Available

WINTER LIGHTS & DELIGHTS

New date is Saturday 15th of August. We have grand plans for this event however it will require additional sets of hands. We hope to light up our school. Please let Tanya or Brooke know if would be able to assist with light set up.

We are also looking for families that have old, vintage cars that would be interested in putting them on display.

We are currently looking for more market stalls. If you are interested in holding a stall at Koroit and District Primary School's Winter lights, please contact the school or Kim Humphrys on 0418 962 522.

Stall holders **must have** their own public liability insurance.



Important Dates at KDPS

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

JULY 2026

WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

MON 20TH	• Parent/Teacher Interviews
TUE 21ST	• AFL Kick to Kick – Grade 2–6
WED 22ND	• Lunch Order Day • Parent/Teacher Interviews
THU 23RD	• AEU Strike Action – Theircare Available • Please check XUNO for all upcoming or outstanding permissions and payments
FRI 24TH	• Lunch Order Day • NAIDOC WEEK Activities

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 **Superkick**

NAB AFL Superkick is for kids aged 7-12.
The main goals are having fun, making
mates and growing footy confidence.
Mud is just a bonus.

KOROIT & DISTRICT PS SUPERKICK CENTRE

STARTING TUESDAY AUGUST 18 | 3:45PM

Koroit & District PS Oval

Contact Tristan Gibbs | PH: 0476 980 108

**ALL GIRLS
GROUPS
AVAILABLE**

 **FIND
YOUR CLUB**