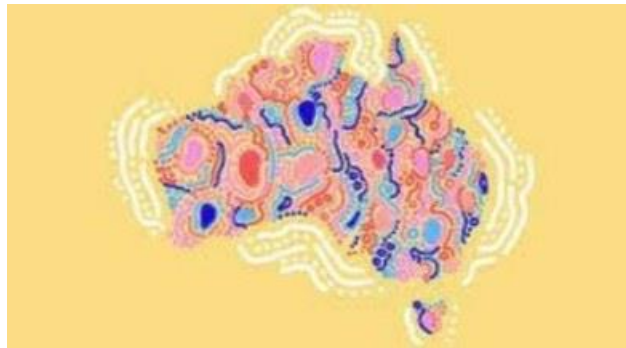




Koroit and District Primary School - 24th July 2026



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

A big thank you to all the families who took the time to meet with our teachers during the Parent–Teacher Interviews. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and gain insight into their social, emotional, and academic development. We appreciate your ongoing partnership in supporting your child's learning journey.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated teaching staff for the time and care they invest in preparing for Parent–Teacher Interviews. Their commitment to ensuring the information shared is current, relevant, and meaningful helps foster positive communication and strong partnerships with our families.

NAPLAN results

All families should have received their child's NAPLAN results last Friday. If you have not yet received your copy, please contact the school office and we will be happy to provide you with a reprinted copy.

To help understand the new reports please refer to the parent information attachment below:

Proficiency Standards Explained

Student achievement in NAPLAN is reported using proficiency standards for each assessment area at each year level. The standards are set at a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students know and can do at the time of testing. There are 4 proficiency levels:

- Exceeding: the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong: the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.

- Developing: the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- Needs additional support: the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

A brief summary of our results are indicated below with a comparison to previous data sets results and all of our students and staff should be congratulated on these consistent or improved performance results. NAPLAN is of course a single measure of student achievement at a particular time period and staff utilise many data sets to guide the weekly teaching and learning program at Surfside. Well done to all for working toward your best effort.

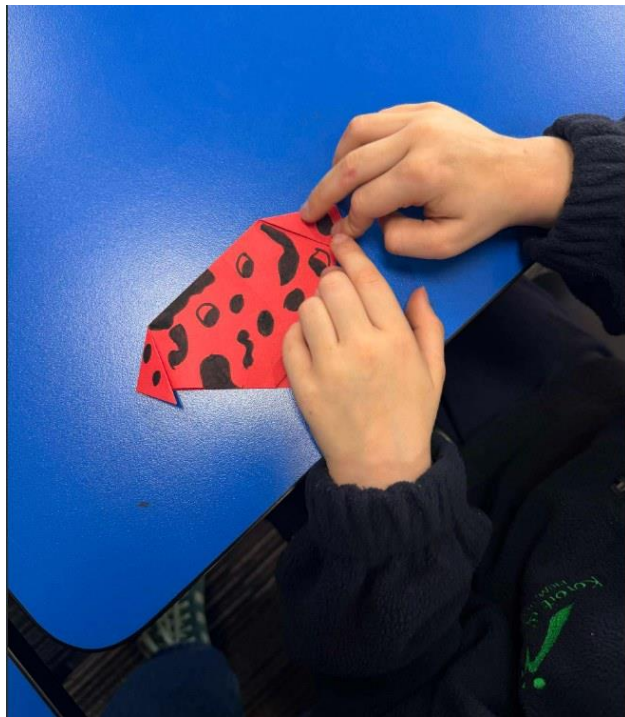
	2024	2025	2026
Year 3 Reading	64% Strong & Exceeding	72% Strong & Exceeding	73% Strong & Exceeding
Year 5 reading	71% Strong & Exceeding	85% Strong & Exceeding	75 % Strong & Exceeding
Year 3 Writing	56% Strong & Exceeding	75% Strong & Exceeding	86% Strong & Exceeding
Year 5 Writing	35% Strong & Exceeding	51% Strong & Exceeding	68% Strong & Exceeding
Year 3 Numeracy	66% Strong & Exceeding	65% Strong & Exceeding	67% Strong & Exceeding
Year 5 Numeracy	57% Strong & Exceeding	61% Strong & Exceeding	59 % Strong & Exceeding

Craft Club

This week, we launched our new **Craft Club** for all students from Foundation to Year 6. Craft Club provides a wonderful opportunity for students to work alongside peers while also allowing staff to connect with students across the school.

Held on the third Friday of each month (with occasional adjustments to accommodate timetable commitments), students rotate through different classrooms to participate in a variety of engaging craft activities. We look forward to seeing the creativity, collaboration, and enjoyment this new initiative brings.







Breakfast Club

Our **Breakfast Club** runs every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**, providing students with a positive start to the school day. To keep this program running, we are looking for more parent volunteers to lend a hand.

Helping at Breakfast Club is simple and rewarding. Volunteers prepare toast, spread butter and a choice of toppings, and enjoy seeing the children start their day with a healthy breakfast. Our Year 6 students also play an important role by helping to set up each morning.

Volunteers arrive at approximately **8:30 am**, and everything is packed away shortly after **9:00 am**—just 30 minutes of your time can make a real difference to our students.

If you are able to help on **Monday, Wednesday or Friday** we would love to hear from you. Please contact **Tanya or Lucy** to join our Breakfast Club team. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure this valuable program continues for all our students.

Life Skills with Lauren

This week, we launched our new **Life Skills with Lauren** program. Students participated enthusiastically, showing a willingness to try new foods, collaborate with peers they may not usually work with, and embrace the high expectations of the program.

Lauren was also excited to receive the first instalment of LEGO resources, which will form an important part of future Life Skills sessions by supporting teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity.

The Life Skills program runs in five-week blocks, with a new group of students beginning the program in Week 6. We look forward to seeing all students benefit from this valuable learning opportunity throughout the year.

End Of Month Assembly

Next week we will hold our end of month assembly at 3:00pm. All welcome!

Reminder of Pupil Free Day

A reminder to families that August 5th is a pupil free day. Staff of KDPS will be attending professional learning on Literacy at Deakin University.

Their Care will be available on this day.

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.

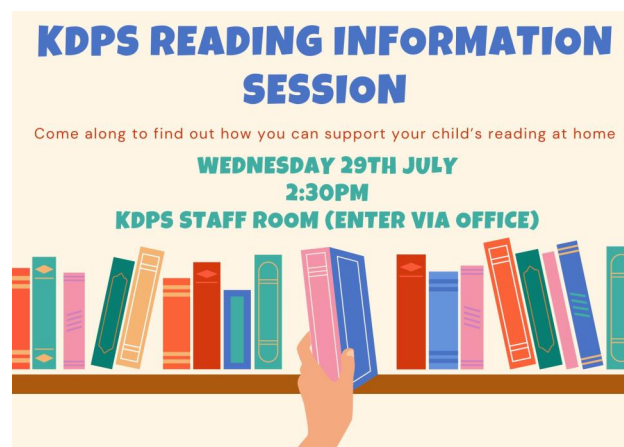
We are excited to introduce a new play space at the back of the centre called **Messy Play!**

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.

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](#).

Upcoming Pyjama Day- Gold Coin donation

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 future.

Save the Date - KDPS disco at Active Sportz



Important Dates - please pop them in your calendar.

29th July - Parent reading session - 2:30pm in staff room

31st July - Pyjama Day - Gold coin donation

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

Connect with Dave



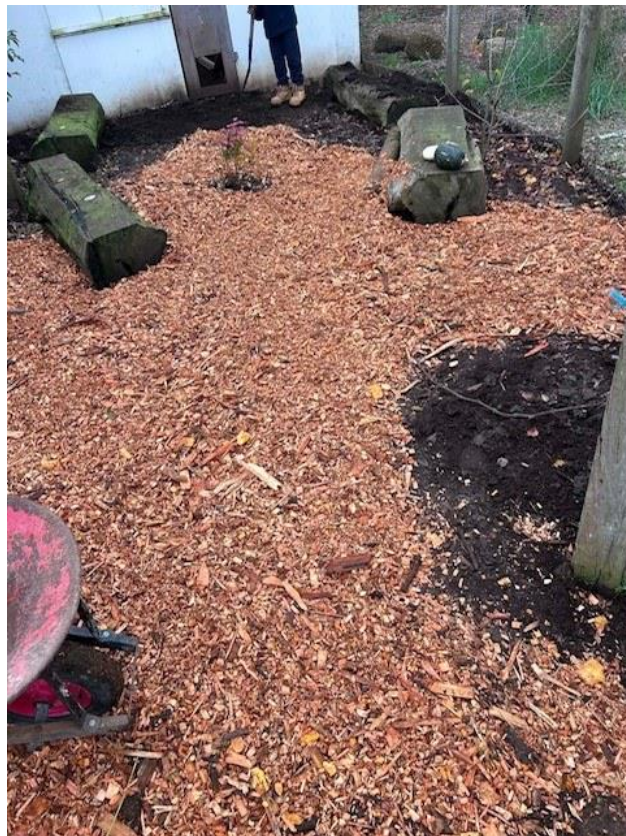


















Parents, Carers and Friends (PCF)

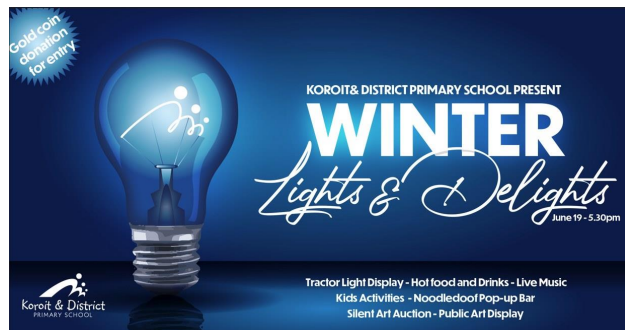
WINTER LIGHTS & DELIGHTS

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

Week 3

MON 27TH	
TUE 28TH	• Willow & Wren Visit KDPS
WED 29TH	• Lunch Order Day • Reading Info Session for Parents 2:30pm
THU 30TH	• Gillin Park Visit – select students •
FRI 31ST	• Lunch Order Day • Pyjama Day – Gold coin donation • Awards Assembly – 3pm start

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BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2

This fortnight, students learn about the science of **kindness**, and how we can use our **prefrontal cortex** (our 'thinking brain') to help us make good choices about our behaviour. Students will learn about the 'feel good' chemicals that are released when we act kindly or receive acts of kindness: **dopamine**, which helps us feel happy and proud, and **oxytocin**, which helps us feel calm and connected to others.

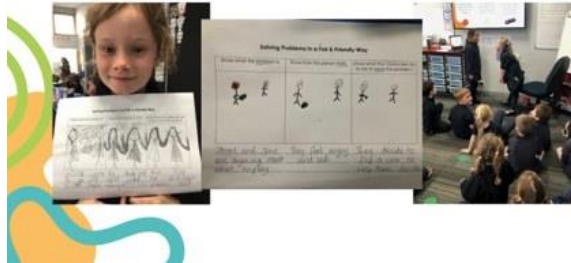
To support this learning at home:

- Notice and name kind actions, for example "That was really kind when you..."
- Encourage small acts of kindness everyday, such as checking in on a friend, helping a classmate with their work, or doing something for a parent or sibling without being asked.
- Practice giving and receiving compliments. Encourage your child to give genuine compliments and support them to say a simple 'thank you' when they receive one.



Big Life with Mel

On Friday of week 2, the grade 2/3s learned about **violence** and different types of actions that can be considered violent. Students discussed how to solve problems in fair & friendly ways. The grade F/1s learned about **permission & consent**. They practiced seeking permission and responding in a kind and respectful way.



Community News & Events



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