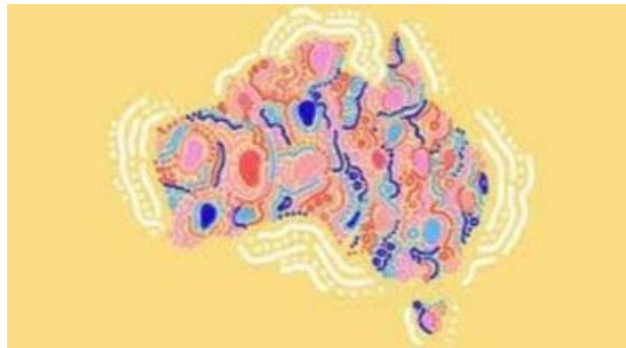




Koroit and District Primary School - 11th September 2026



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

Leadership Update

Mrs Tanya McPherson is set to return towards the end of next week. We thank Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hoy for taking the lead, and the School Improvement Team for their support during her absence.

Around the School This Week – from Mrs Hoy

As we approach the final week of term, it is wonderful to see so much learning coming together across our school.

Our learning communities have been busy:

- Our Foundation/Year 1 students have been learning how people have cared for Country, land and animals over time, with a focus on the important knowledge and practices of First Nations Peoples.
- Our Year 2/3 students enjoyed making fairy bread as part of their learning about fractions.
- Our Year 3/4 students have been developing their persuasive writing skills while exploring farming and sustainable agricultural practices.
- Our Year 5/6 students have been exploring the Arctic and learning about the endangered animals that live in this region.

We hope all our families enjoyed a lovely weekend celebrating Father's Day and the important people in their lives.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs McPherson back from her leave next week. We look forward to hearing about her adventures.

Mrs Vesey and our First Nations student leaders recently enjoyed a wonderful First Nations leadership day. Activities included adding their names and drawings representing themselves to a collaborative possum-skin cloak, listening to stories and music, and examining artefacts with Uncle Brett Clarke. Students also learned and participated in traditional dances, which they will perform at the end-of-year celebration in November.

These special days are planned with leadership, culture and connection in mind for our Grade 5/6 First Nations students. They provide valuable opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and perspectives while strengthening their confidence and connections.

We also came together as a whole school to enjoy first lunch and celebrate the success of our school concert. Concert awards were presented to students in recognition of their wonderful performances, enthusiasm and contributions. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their achievements together.

Our table tennis tables are out and already proving very popular. It has been fantastic to see students playing together, developing their skills and enjoying another active option during break times. There has certainly been no shortage of enthusiastic competitors!

We are looking forward to our STEM GALS presentation this coming Monday. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to share and celebrate their learning, creativity and achievements in STEM.

With one more newsletter still to come before the end of term, we look forward to sharing further celebrations and updates from across our school next week and a reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm next Friday.

Fairy Equinox Trail

Saturday 19 September – Sunday 4 October

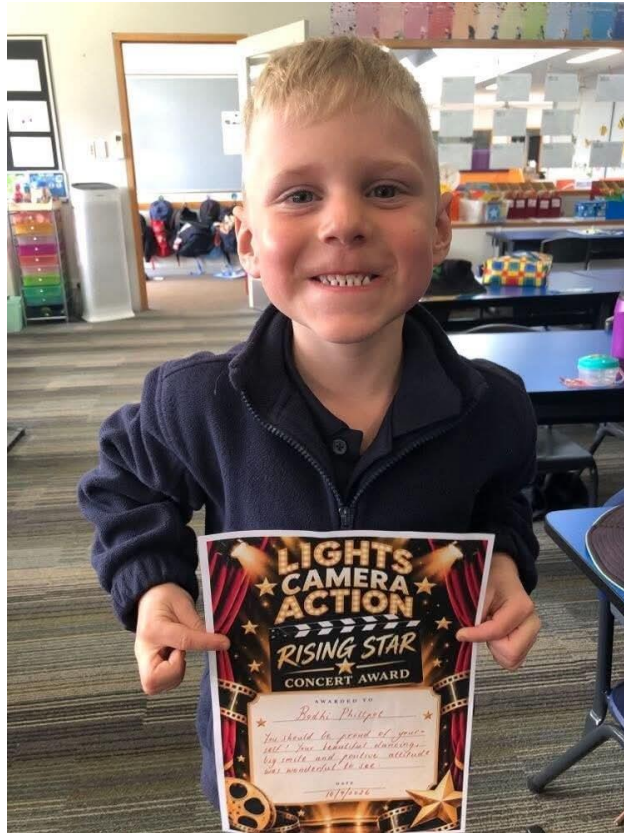
Explore the Fairy Equinox trails across Port Fairy, Koroit and Mortlake, where more than 80 fairy houses decorated by local schools, community groups and residents will be waiting to be discovered.

Families can pick up a free Fairy Equinox map booklet and follow the trails to see how many magical houses they can find. The trails are free to explore and will be available throughout the school holidays.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the Koroit and District Primary School fairy house along the way!

Concert Awards

On Thursday select students were awarded a "Rising Star" award for their participation in our whole school concert. Congratulations to the recipients.





No Hat, No Play

Students are now required to wear a broad brimmed hat whilst outside as part of our No Hat, No Play policy. If you require another school hat you can purchase them in the office for \$15.00 or via the below link for our online uniform shop.

[My School Connect Uniform Shop](#)

Footy Colours & Pie Day

On Friday the 18th of September we will be having a "Footy Colours and Pie Day". Please come dressed in your team colours to celebrate the last day of term. Party pies can be ordered through [Smart Schools - Lunch Orders](#) please note the **last day to order will be Wednesday the 16th of September**.

FOOTY COLOURS AND PIE DAY



**Come to school dressed in any
football colours to celebrate
the end of term 3.**

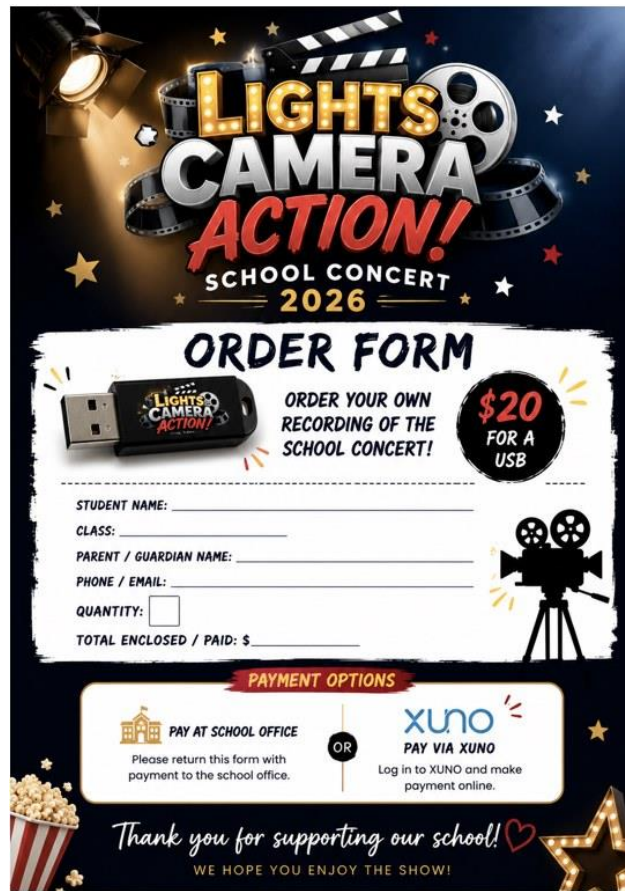
Pies to be ordered through the
lunch order portal online
by Wednesday 16th
<https://smartschools.com.au/>
\$2 per pie or
2x pies and a drink for \$6



Concert USB

It is not too late to order your concert USB. If you wish to place an order this can be done via the XUNO event or completing the form in the office. Cost is \$20.00.

If you have already placed your order they are ready for collection from the office. If you have any issues with the USB please let us know.



**LIGHTS
CAMERA
ACTION!**
SCHOOL CONCERT
2026

ORDER FORM

ORDER YOUR OWN
RECORDING OF THE
SCHOOL CONCERT!

**\$20
FOR A
USB**

STUDENT NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PHONE / EMAIL: _____

QUANTITY: ☐

TOTAL ENCLOSED / PAID: \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

 **PAY AT SCHOOL OFFICE**
Please return this form with
payment to the school office.

OR

 **PAY VIA XUNO**
Log in to XUNO and make
payment online.

Thank you for supporting our school! ♥
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SHOW!

Grade structures for 2027

In the next few weeks, we will be working on our grades for 2027. If you have a wellbeing concern for your child, regarding friendships please complete the form in the office so that this can be addressed when looking at grades for 2027.

While we take all parent concerns into consideration, please understand that not every request can be accommodated due to class sizes, cohorts, teacher and the options available to us.

Roadworks on High Street - 14/09 to 25/09

Please be advised roadworks along High Street, Koroit from Mills Street to Horne Street will be commencing on Monday 14 September 2026 for approximately 2 weeks, ending on Friday 25 September 2026.

During these works a temporary road closure will be in place during the day along High Street from Wrights Road to Mills Street.

During the road closure a detour route will be provided along Wrights Road, McVicar Street and Mill Street.

Access to local properties and business will still be permitted.

Xuno Approvals

We are continually following up on Xuno approvals on the morning of excursions. Please ensure that you are on top of school events and ensure that approval is completed **48 hours prior to the event**.

All events that occur outside of the school ground will have a Xuno notification and approval. This is a part of our child safety requirements.

Parent and Carer Survey

Please take the time to complete the parent and carer survey that was sent via Xuno in the past week. We would love as many families to participate as possible. The survey will be open until the 18th of September.

Link has been shared via email and is not allowed to be shared on this platform.

Bushfire Preparation Information

In preparation for the upcoming bushfire season we would like all families to note the below information. It is critical that we have all contact details up to date including mobile phone numbers. Please reach out if you need to update any of your information.

Newsletter and website article: Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 List

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **South West fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Xuno message and Email.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website <https://www.koroitps.vic.edu.au/>, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE ARTICLE: SCHOOLS IN CATEGORY 3 ON THE BUSHFIRE AT-RISK REGISTER AND THE CATEGORY 4 LIST | Updated June 2025

Important Dates - please pop them in your calendar.

18th September - Footy Colours & Pie Day - please make sure you get your orders in by the 16th of September

- Assembly 2pm start

- Last day of term - 2:30pm Finish

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2026

20th November- Assessment and Reporting Day - Theircare Available

Ordering - Lunch Orders and Uniforms

UNIFORM ORDERS

For polo tops, sports tops, jumpers, bags, hats and beanies please order via My School Connect.
[My School Connect Uniform Shop](#)

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch order days are Wednesday and Friday each week. Orders are to be in by 9am on these days. [Smart Schools - Lunch Orders](#)

Koroit And District Primary School		
Lunch Menu - McMahon Family Catering		
Order online through Smart Schools. Menu prices are current as 16/06/2026.		
HOT FOOD		
Beef and Cheese Burger	\$8.50	
Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$8.50	
Chicken, Cheese and Honey Mustard Panini	\$8.50	
Chilli Chicken Tender Wrap	\$8.50	
Gluten Free Toasted Ham and Cheese sandwich	\$5.50	
Ham, Pineapple and Cheese Panini	\$8.50	
Home Made Sausage Roll w Sauce	\$5.50	
Hot Dog w NO SALICE	\$6.00	
Hot Dog w Sauce	\$6.00	
McMahons Home Made Meat Pie	\$4.50	
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$5.00	
Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50	
Veggie Burger	\$2.20	
Party Pie	\$4.50	
Cheese Toastie	\$5.00	
Ham and Cheese Toastie	\$5.50	
Gluten Free - Ham and Cheese Toastie	\$5.50	
WEEKLY SPECIALS		
Beef Nachos (GF)	\$6.00	
Gluten Free Pasta Bolognaise	\$6.00	
Pasta Bolognaise	\$6.00	
Veggie Fried Rice (GF)	\$6.00	
SALADS		
Caesar Salad	\$8.50	
Greek Salad	\$8.50	
SOMETHING SNACKY		
Caramel Slice	\$4.00	
Fresh Baked Muffin- Berry	\$4.00	
Fresh Baked Muffin- Chocolate	\$4.00	
GF Caramel Slice	\$5.00	
Home made slice- Hedgehog	\$4.00	
Lemon Slice	\$4.00	
Mint Slice	\$4.00	
Fresh cut fruit salad	\$6.50	
Fruit, Yoghurt and Muesli Cup	\$6.50	
Carrot Sticks	\$1.50	
Jelly and fruit cup	\$2.00	
Hedgehog Slice	\$4.00	
WRAPS AND ROLLS		
Chicken and Salad Roll	\$8.50	
Chicken and Salad Wrap	\$6.50	
Ham and Salad Roll	\$8.50	
Ham and Salad Wrap	\$6.50	
Salad Roll	\$6.50	
SANDWICHES		
Chicken and Salad Sandwich	\$7.50	
Egg and Lettuce Sandwich	\$5.50	
Ham and Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50	
Ham and Salad Sandwich	\$7.50	
Jam Sandwich	\$4.00	
Cheese and Vegemite Sandwich	\$4.00	
Salad Sandwich with Egg	\$6.50	
COLD FOOD		
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$6.50	
Gluten Free Caesar Salad	\$7.50	
Greek Salad Gluten Free	\$8.50	
Salad Sandwich	\$6.50	
DRINKS		
Fresha 100% Apple and Blackcurrent Juice 250ml	\$4.00	
Fresha 100% Apple Juice 250ml	\$4.00	
Fresha 100% Orange Juice 250ml	\$4.00	
Fresha 500ml Apple and Blackcurrent	\$5.00	
Fresha Orange and Mango Juice 500ml	\$5.00	
Fresha Orange Juice 500ml	\$5.00	
Fresha spring Water 600ml	\$3.00	
Sungold FM 500ml Chocolate	\$5.00	
Sungold FM 500ml Honeycomb	\$5.00	
Sungold FM 500ml Strawberry	\$5.00	
Nippy's Chocolate Milk 250ml	\$3.50	
Nippy's Strawberry Milk 250ml	\$3.50	
FROZEN ITEMS		
Icee Icecream Cup	\$2.00	

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme

Did you know that you can donate your 10 cent container refunds directly to our school?

All you have to do is deposit your eligible 10 cent containers into any of the container deposit refund points, scan our unique barcode and you have helped fundraise for our school. It is that simple!

Koroit & District Primary School



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**EVERY CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE
CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE**

Do something good today by recycling your
drink containers in the dedicated bins

Koroit & District Primary School



Connect at KDPS













Important Dates at KDPS

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

SEPTEMBER 2026

WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 10

MON
14TH

- STEM GALS – Public Launch 4:30–6:30pm at Deakin, Warrnambool Campus

TUE
15TH

- Grade 5/6 – Zoo's Victoria Incursion
- AFL Super Kick – 3:45pm KDPS Oval

WED
16TH

- Lunch Order Day
- Last day to order for Party Pie Day

THU
17TH

- Grade 2/3 – Dairy Incursion for Inquiry

FRI
18TH

- Footy Colours & Party Pie Day
- Assembly 2pm start
- Last Day of Term – 2:30pm Finish



BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 7 & 8

This fortnight students have been practicing **perspective taking**. Students have used storybooks and real life scenarios to notice and understand how other people are thinking and feeling. Developing this skill promotes **empathy** and stronger relationships at school, at home and in the community. It also helps students **manage their emotions**, respond thoughtfully, and practice problem-solving, cooperation and kindness in their everyday interactions.

To support this learning at home...

- **Discuss feelings:** talk about how characters in books/films might be feeling
- **Role-play games:** Practice acting out different perspectives
- **Reflect:** After conflict, talk about how each person might have felt
- **Model:** Demonstrate active listening at home, allowing time to understand before responding
- **Read together:** Choose stories that explore characters' feelings & thoughts.



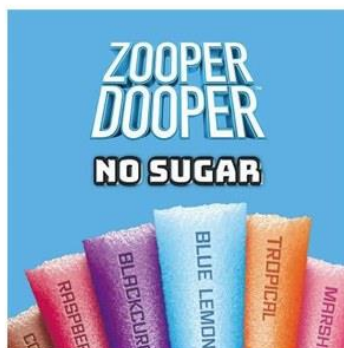
Big Life with Mel

On Friday of week 8, F/1 students discussed their hopes for the future, sharing some of the adventures and roles they would like to experience when they grow up. Grade 2/3s learned about safe & unsafe secrets and how to handle tricky situations using the No, Go, Tell model.



Birthdays at KDPS

Due to food allergies and intolerances the preferred treats at KDPS for birthday celebrations are NO SUGAR Zooper Doopers.



Community News & Events



You're not alone

Strengthening Parents Support Program (SPSP) is a free service funded by the Victorian Government.

We support parents and carers of children between the ages of 0 - 18 with a disability or developmental delay.

Our supportive group and program offer a safe space to share experiences, find information and hear from experts on a range of topics. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with other parents and carers facing the same challenges and share a similar parenting journey.



Connect to parents and carers

Sessions can be provided on line or in person.

For coffee catch ups, find social support and connection with other parents and carers.



Date & Time (in person)

To be confirmed

Date & Time (on line)

Monday 7 September 2026
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Location (in person)

To be confirmed

Location (on line)

Teams Link

To find out more and to register, call Gen today on 5561 8111



(03) 5561 8111



Shop 8, 103 -111
Percy Street,
Portland



www.mpower.org.au

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Fairy & Quinox

A Whimsical Fairy House Trail

Fairy Party

Friday 18th September 3:30pm
Fiddlers Green, Port Fairy

- Music • Bubbles • Fairy Floss •
- Face Painting •

Dress up as your favourite whimsical character and join us for the fun!





DRAMAFEST
South West

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DRAMA CAMP

20-23 September | 10am-3pm
Port Fairy Lecture Hall. For Grade 3+

CREATE. COLLABORATE. PERFORM

Over four days, young performers will work together as an ensemble to create their own original theatrical performance from the ground up. Through drama, improvisation, character development, storytelling, writing, movement and theatre-making, participants will contribute ideas and help shape the show they ultimately perform.

Led by award-winning performing artist Jennifer Monk, the camp is designed to give young people a genuine experience of creating theatre as an ensemble. And on the final day...THEY PERFORM IT LIVE!

For four days, they won't just learn about theatre. They'll MAKE it.

PRICE
FULL: \$300
CONC: \$260
scholarship
available



BOOK NOW!
Max. 16 participants

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE Spring School Holiday Program

Bookings Essential 5568 2681 or online www.portfairycommunityhouse.com.au



Crafty Kids with Sue McComish

Craft is cool in this hands-on workshop where kids use recycled materials and their imagination to bring their creative ideas to life!

Wednesday 23 September

9:30 to 10:30 am

Aged 8 years and above
\$10 per child



African Djembe Drumming with Yvonne Biasol

This is a fun, beginner workshop for kids to create basic rhythms of drumming to beats as a group.

Wednesday 23 September

10:30 to 11:30 am

Aged 6 years and above
\$10 per child



Let's Explore Light & Shadow with Nurture in Nature

Join us indoors and out as we chase shadows, play with dappled sunlight, and experiment with torches and shadow puppets!

Thursday 24 September

10:00 to 11:00 am

Aged 4 years and above
\$10 per child



Little Lantern Makers with Community House

Come ready to get colourful, imaginative and create a lantern good enough to illuminate your space and brighten your day.

Thursday 24 September

11:30 to 12:30 pm

Aged 4 years and above
\$10 per child

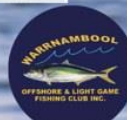
Limited spots available so book in early!

UNDER 16 JUNIOR FISHING CLASSIC

19th September - 27th September



Any Fish can win a prize!
\$10 Entry
Includes Club Membership!



WEIGH IN & PHOTO CATEGORIES

IZES! GIVEAWAYS! PRIZES! GIVEAWAY

All details at WWW.WOLGFC.COM



In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing footy goods



4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA)

WARRNAMBOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

4-7 YEAR OLDS



7-12 YEAR OLDS



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WARRNAMBOOL ALL GIRLS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

OCTOBER 1ST | 9AM-3PM

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

4-7 YEAR OLDS



7-12 YEAR OLDS



DISCOUNTED PROGRAM!

WE ARE NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS

Join us for

SEASON 2026-27

REGISTER TODAY

WE ARE
LITTLE ATHLETICS



Fridays 4:30pm
9th Oct 2026 - 19th Feb 2027
(excludes school holidays)

Port Fairy Showgrounds

\$135 per child
Free 2 week trial
for new members

Ages 5-16
All children born in 2021
are eligible to register

Register online:
<https://lavic.com.au/membership/>



FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. www.artisticat.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$18 a class after the free trial (exc GST)
The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!

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REGISTER ONLINE

LIMITED PLACES

AGES 12-25



SCRIPTING & STORYBOARDING

SATURDAY SEPT 26TH, 1PM TO 4PM
REARDON THEATRE, PORT FAIRY

FILMING

SUNDAY SEPT 27TH, 1PM TO 4PM
REARDON THEATRE, PORT FAIRY

EDITING

TUESDAY SEPT 29TH, 1PM TO 4PM
ONE DAY STUDIOS, WARRNAMBOOL

POST PRODUCTION & SOUND

THURSDAY OCT 1ST, 1PM TO 4PM
ONE DAY STUDIOS, WARRNAMBOOL

REGISTER HERE



20 BUCK FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 2026



SENIORS LIVE MUSIC MIX TAPE TRIO

**FREE
ENTRY**

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026
KOROIT SENIOR CITIZENS HALL
HIGH ST KOROIT
MUSIC 1PM FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA

RSVP 15TH OCTOBER
5568 0151

MOYNE HEALTH ALONG WITH
MOYNE SHIRE WISH TO INVITE
SENIORS OF MOYNE TO AN
AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND
CONNECTION



Warrnambool & District Orchid Society

ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW



SAT & SUN OCT 3 & 4

**OLHC HALL, SELBY RD - \$5 entry (U16 free)
SATURDAY 9 til 4 // SUNDAY 9 til 3**

**Beautiful displays and scents; plant sales;
growing media sales; workshops at 12 &
1:30 (orchid care & native orchids);
info on orchids you can grow locally**

**NEW IN 2026: Group Tour Day. Friday 2nd.
Group bookings only. wboolorchids@gmail.com**

