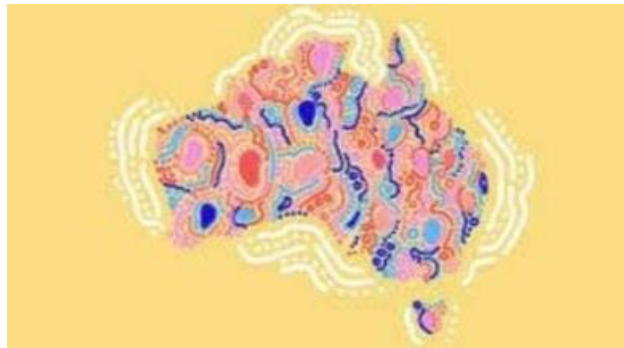




Koroit and District Primary School - 4th September 2026



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 currently on leave and will remain on leave next week. During her absence, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hoy will take the lead, supported by the School Improvement Team.

Around the School This Week – from Mrs Cooper

Following the excitement of last week's concert, students have enjoyed settling back into their regular classroom routines this week, resting their dancing legs and getting back into some focused learning.

Many of our regular school programs have also resumed after being adjusted around concert preparations. Selected students returned to Life Skills with Lauren, participating in cooking activities this week. Mrs Rivett, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Vesey have been busy working with Connect students to create some lovely Father's Day displays at the front of the school, as well as completing some gardening around our school grounds. The beautiful weather has certainly made it a great week to enjoy some additional time outdoors.

Mrs Briarley Rivett has also continued working with students as part of her Mental Health in Primary Schools role, supporting student wellbeing across the school. If you feel your child may benefit from support through this program, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school to discuss this further.

There was also plenty of excitement in our Foundation to Grade 3 classrooms this week, with several new butterflies emerging from their chrysalises. Students have loved watching this special part of the butterfly life cycle unfold right before their eyes.

Our Grade 3/4 students started their week on a delicious note, making lemon slice as part of their Term 3 cooking lessons.

On Thursday evening, Mrs Hoy and Mrs Rebecca Karcew attended the Student Leaders Congress with selected Grade 6 students. This was a wonderful opportunity for our student leaders to connect with others, share ideas and further develop their leadership skills.

On Friday, selected Grade 5/6 students proudly represented KDPS at the Moyne Sports Basketball Competition. Well done to all students involved for representing our school with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship.

We were also excited to deliver the Koroit and District Primary School Fairy House, ready to take its place on the upcoming Fairy Equinox Trail. Families will be able to see our students' creation on display throughout the school holidays.

To finish the week, we were delighted to welcome dads and special people to our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday morning. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us as we celebrated the important people in our students' lives. A huge thank you to our amazing Parents and Friends Committee for organising the event and helping make the morning such a special one for our school community.

It has certainly been another busy and productive week across KDPS, filled with learning, creativity, leadership, wellbeing and community connection.

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!



















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](#)

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.

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.

Student Leaders Congress

On Thursday night, Mrs Hoy and Mrs Rebecca Karcew attended the Student Leaders Congress with Grade 6 students Zeph, Brodie, Tegan, Charlotte, Julida and Summer.

The students proudly presented their leadership project to other schools from across the district, sharing the work they have been doing to make a positive difference within our school community.

Student Congress encourages students to take action on health, wellbeing, sustainability and community challenges by planning and leading real-life projects.

As part of this year's project, our students helped create two new spaces within our school grounds: a Messy Play Zone and a Quiet Zone.

Messy Play Zone

The Messy Play Zone was developed with students involved in the Connect Program. Soil was added to create an area where students can use trucks and cars to dig, build, explore and create. A drawing board was also added to encourage imagination and creativity.

This space provides students with opportunities to learn, connect and play freely.

Quiet Zone

The Quiet Zone provides a calm and peaceful space for students who may need somewhere to relax, reset or enjoy some quiet time during break times.

It gives students another option in the yard and recognises that children have different needs, interests and ways of spending their play time.

Through this project, our students have created inclusive and welcoming spaces where children of all ages can explore, imagine, connect with others and enjoy different styles of play.

Most importantly, the project has helped create more opportunities for every student to feel comfortable, included and able to be themselves at school.

We are incredibly proud of our student leaders for the way they represented our school at the Student Leaders Congress and for the positive contribution they have made to our school community.





5/6 Basketball

Today select grade 5/6 students represented KDPS at the Moyne Basketball. There were wins, losses and some very close games. All the students should be very proud of themselves.







Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Father's Day Breakfast this morning. It was wonderful to see all the special people chatting, having breakfast and enjoying time with the students at school.

Thank you very much to our PCF and Volunteers for organising and cooking the breakfast, without you these things are not possible.













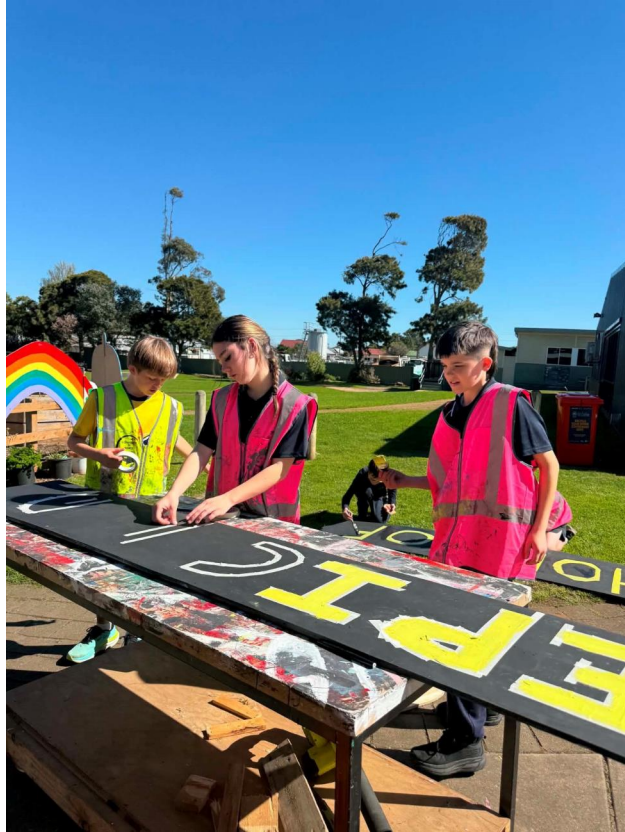












Parent and Carer Survey

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.koroltps.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

- Last day of term - 2:30pm finish

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2026

20th November- Assessment and Reporting Day - Theircare Available

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



Ordering - Lunch Orders and Uniforms

As we approach spring it is time to start thinking about what uniform your children may require for next term. Please place your orders via My School Connect. Any out of stock items will be ordered **next week** on **Friday 11th of September**. If you have any questions regarding uniform items or sizing please contact the office.

Please be advised the next ordering opportunity will not be until December.

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
Chili 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 SAUCE	\$6.00
Hot Dog w Sauce	\$6.00
McMahons Home Made Meat Pie	\$6.50
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$4.50
Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwich	\$5.00
Veggie Burger	\$5.50
Party Pie	\$2.20
Cheese Toastie	\$4.50
Ham and Cheese Toastie	\$4.00
Gluten Free - Ham and Cheese Toastie	\$5.50

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Beef Nachos (GF)	\$6.00
Gluten Free Pasta Bolognese	\$6.00
Pasta Bolognese	\$6.00
Veggie Fried Rice (GF)	\$6.00

SALADS

Cesar 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 PM 500ml Chocolate	\$5.00
Sungold PM 500ml Honeycomb	\$5.00
Sungold PM 500ml Strawberry	\$5.00
Nippy's Chocolate Milk 250ml	\$3.50
Nippy's Strawberry Milk 250ml	\$3.50

FROZEN ITEMS

Dixie Icecream Cup	\$2.00
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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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Important Dates at KDPS

[KDPS School Calendar](#)

SEPTEMBER 2026

WHAT'S ON AT KDPS

Week 9

MON
7TH

TUE
8TH

WED
9TH

THU
10TH

FRI
11TH

- AFL Super Kick – 3:45pm KDPS Oval
- Willow & Wren Visting KDPS

- Lunch Order Day
- First Nations Day

- Please place uniform orders via My School Connect – out of stock items ordered 11/09

- Lunch Order Day
- Assembly 3:10pm start



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.

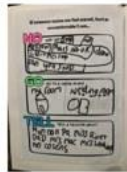
To support this learning at home...

- **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.



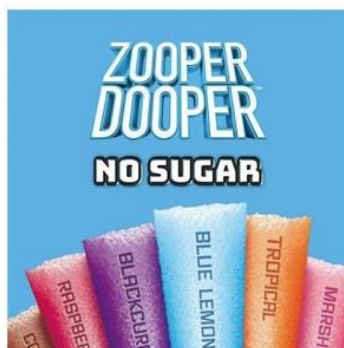
Big Life with Mel

On Friday of week 8, F/1students 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.

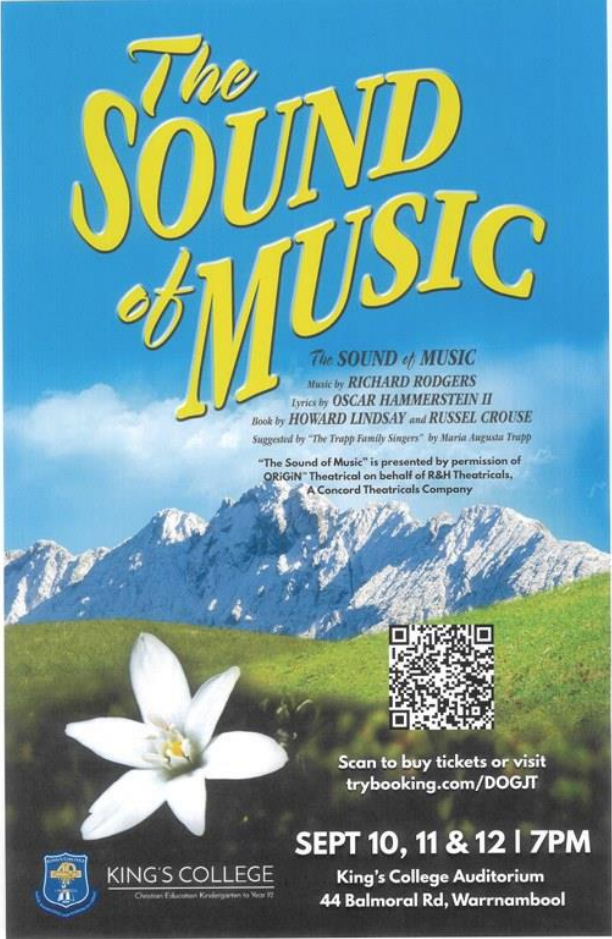


Birthdays at KDPS

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



Community News & Events



The SOUND of MUSIC

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Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**
Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE**
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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**



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**FUNDRAISING TOWARDS
LOCAL PROJECTS**

Fairy & Equinox

A Whimsical Fairy House Trail

19 September – 4 October

Three trails. Over 80 fairy houses. Let the magic begin!
For further information, visit the Port Fairy Visitor Information Centre



  PORT FAIRY AND REGION
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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!



The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with a central white circle containing silhouettes of five performers in dynamic poses. The background is a mix of bright yellow, orange, and red streaks on a blue base. The title 'DRAMAFEST' is in large, bold, purple letters, with 'South West' in a smaller, white, cursive font below it. The text 'SCHOOL HOLIDAY DRAMA CAMP' is in yellow, and the dates '20-23 September | 10am-3pm' and location 'Port Fairy Lecture Hall. For Grade 3+' are in white. A yellow box contains the text 'CREATE. COLLABORATE. PERFORM' and a description of the camp. A white circle on the left lists the price: 'PRICE FULL: \$300 CONC: \$260 scholarship available'. A QR code is in the center, and the text 'BOOK NOW!' is in large, bold, purple letters on the right, with 'Max. 16 participants' below it.

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
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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!

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 NA)

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



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Ages 5-16
All children born in 2021
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ENTRY**

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

RSVP 15TH OCTOBER
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