



Together We Learn

KOO WEE RUP Primary School

December, 2022



Christmas Concert

Monday 19th December

From 5:30pm Family Picnic (BYO Food/Drinks)

6pm Class Carols

Christmas Raffle drawn throughout the night

Raffle tickets to be sent home this week

Principal's Message

With only a few days left of the school year I can feel everyone taking a collective sigh... We made it! After experiencing two of the most challenging years we will probably face in our lifetime, it has been rewarding, yet exhausting to get through a 'normal' year this year. As we all pivoted back to relative normality there has been an urgency to catch up on what has been missed however the reality is that we actually need to pause, take a breath and stride forward from where we are. For some of our students this has meant their starting point this year was not quite at the 'expected level' for their grade, but that's okay because some students, particularly those that found it hard to engage in the online environment did miss up to two years of learning. For some of our teachers, 2022 has been their first year of teaching in a classroom filled with students and all the associated challenges that accompany that; personality dynamics, time constraints, behaviour management, meetings, excursions, camps and the general busyness that comes with school life. So, if you have made it to December and you are feeling tired, you are not alone. We are all feeling it too.

2022 has brought with it, its own challenges. In particular staff illness and a distinct lack of casual relief teachers available to replace. I'd like to pause here and take this opportunity to thank the flexibility and the adaptability of our staff here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School in managing and rolling with whatever challenges have come their way this year. 2022 has also been a year with much to celebrate; whole school events kicked off early in the year with our swimming carnival followed by our colour explosion run which was a massive success. Thanks to all our families and the generous support we were able to purchase some fantastic resources for DigiTech which I have loved seeing our students explore and create with through the second half of the year. Our students have experienced success in the sporting arena in 2022 with a number of students participating at Division, District and even Regional level in swimming and athletics.

Since my arrival at KWRPS in 2020, the school has been navigating its way through a capital works building project. Thankfully, this project is now drawing very close to finality. Last Friday evening I was thrilled to finally receive the occupancy certificate, meaning our Grade 1/2 students could finally move into their new classrooms. On Monday our teachers spent the day setting up this space in preparation for Transition. As I write this, it is Monday night and I simply cannot wait to see that new building filled with children for the first time tomorrow. Seeing the children exploring and learning in that new space is going to be something very special! The 1/2 learning space is fitted out with brand new furniture as we move toward a more student centred approach to our teaching. In the new rooms, students will experience a range of flexible furniture options including stand-up tables, coffee tables and 'lily-pad' floor cushions, ottomans, stools as well as some 'normal' student tables. The aim is that students will work using the furniture that suits them and their individual learning styles. The builders will revisit us over the holiday period to finish off a few bits and pieces so that the building is 100% complete for day one 2023. The new year will see the beginning of our gymnasium build which will be extremely exciting!

Principal's Message

Coming up over the next week we still have a number of exciting and important events. On Thursday evening we will host our Grade 6 Graduation. This is always a very special evening, one that fills me with pride as we celebrate and bid farewell to our oldest students. Friday is a busy day with our 50-nights of reading reward for Term 4 accompanied with 'Tradie Day' to raise money for the KWR Men's Shed who have been great supporters of our school throughout the year. This is our opportunity to give a little back and to say thank you! Friday afternoon we will hold our final assembly for the year. At this assembly we will be announcing our 2023 student leaders.

On Monday, our Grade 6 students are heading to Gumbuya World for their Celebration Day. This is followed by our Christmas Carols event in the evening. During the Carols, we will draw our Christmas Raffle. There are some fantastic prizes available and again, I'd like to thank our school community for their generous donations.

End of year student reports will be published via the Sentral Parent Portal later this week. Please keep an eye out for them!

Finally, on Tuesday, the school year will draw to an official conclusion with students being dismissed at 1:30pm. School will resume for students in Grades 1 to 6 on Tuesday January 31st. Foundation students will start on Friday 3rd of February, following their one-on-one testing sessions earlier in the week. As a school we will be taking curriculum days on Friday the 10th of February and Friday the 17th of February also. On both of these days staff will be undertaking professional learning facilitated by external consultants.

As I sign off, I'd like to once again thank the KWRPS community for their ongoing support throughout this year. I hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday period. See you in 2023!

Take care,

Ben Zimmerle

Principal

Principal's Message

Remember to order your child's book pack by Tuesday December 20th for free delivery

**Koo Wee Rup Primary School, Koo Wee Rup,
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Specialist School News



Mamma Mia! Hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of the school year. We have had a *'fantastico'* term in Italian, topping it off with our infamous Italian day! Throughout the day, the students were involved in a range of Italian activities, including a performance by Dammi il Cinque Productions and enjoyed eating a slice of pizza and a gelato.



Throughout this term, we have mainly focussed on familiarising ourselves with the cultural aspects of Italy. The students in Foundation and Year 1/2 enjoyed exploring the map of Italy, where it was located on a world map and identifying that it is in the shape of a long legged boot. We located Rome, the capital city of Italy and pinpointed some famous Italian landmarks and icons such as the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Monte Bianco and the city of Venice where you can take a gondola ride and be serenaded by a gondolier.



The Middle and Senior school students explored Carnevale, a traditional Italian celebration held in Venice, Italy. They explored the origin of Carnevale, when it is celebrated and how the characters of the Commedia dell'Arte (Comedy of Professional Arts) are still very popular and widely used for Carnevale disguises. Through self-directed projects students designed and created a Venetian mask and chose a prominent Commedia dell'Arte character and worked on identifying their origin and describing their traits and characteristics.



Wishing you all a BUON NATALE and FELICE ANNO NUOVO!

Signora Donisi

Specialist School News

We have had such an exciting term in Digi Tech!

LEGO Spike:

Students from year 1-4 had their turn at using our LEGO kits this term. They were assigned a partner and kit which they needed to be responsible for to ensure all of the pieces remained organised. It was very impressive to see the care and respect every student showed towards their equipment and making sure all of their items were ready at the start of each lesson and also packed away correctly.

Students needed to work cooperatively to follow the steps to complete the build using an app and then how to connect different motors and sensors to operate their construction. We created cars, security sensor lights and rides which we then needed to code in different ways using block coding. Students were engaged in testing theories and working out distances and angles to make their codes and vehicles reach different targets. So many great opportunities to link to mathematical areas and draw on our knowledge. It was so impressive to see the students working together with such exceptional cooperation skills and working to support each other.

Students particularly enjoyed adjusting their builds by adding personal touches and decorations to turn their builds into their own creations.



Stop Motion:

Another big focus across the school was creating Stop Motion videos using different materials and equipment such as Lego or clay.

Students developed particular skills associated with Stop Motion, such as moving their materials in many small increments, keeping their iPad still and adding interest and audience engagement by using skills such as synchronisation and telling a story. Students were supported to export this to video format and add music and title slides.



Specialist School News

Term 4 in ART

with Ms Irvin



What a great last term we have had! Beginning with the Art Show and all the preparation, students assisted with the curation and installment of their pieces. We were grateful to be able to show others our best artworks and judging from the smiles on the students, friends and family's faces on the evening, everyone had a lovely time.

Moving on from the Art Show, we explored the theme 'Non-Objective Art' – which is art without objects, without people, without trees without animals. 'Non-Objective Art' is more than abstract art, it has the elements of colour, shape, line and pattern, without representing 'any thing or any object'.



Foundation students looked at the art elements of shape, line, colour and pattern this term. They explored the colour wheel, mixing and naming primary and secondary colours. Students looked at units of repeat and created a beautiful book titled 'My Book of Patterns' which they all took home to share.

Year 1/2 students made the connection between shape, colour and mood and emotions. They looked at Matisse and created collages for moods such as happy, frustrated and excited, matching geometric and organic shapes with appropriate colours to portray the chosen mood. Year 1/2 learnt all about Wassily Kandinsky, his synesthesia and how he changed the art world around 100 years ago.



Year 3/4 students explored paper sculpture, drawing and printmaking techniques this term. Inspired by Alexander Calder, they created 3D paper sculptures. Students looked at Wassily Kandinsky and drew beautiful pieces inspired by his 'Composition VIII' from 1923, showing mono-tonal value in a number of their shapes. Using their knowledge of 'Non-Objective Art' and artists such as Sonia and Robert Delaunay, they created a relief print.

Year 5/6 students explored the Bauhaus School of Art, Design and Architecture. Here, they looked at the style and artists who revolutionised the art world and design in the home. Looking at a new artist from the Bauhaus School each week, they created a Bauhaus inspired collage, where they were to show a limited colour pallet, geometric shape, a-symmetrical balance and unity.



Specialist School News

This Term in sport, the students learnt about Striking & Fielding Games such as Baseball & Cricket. Gymnastics was taught to our Foundation - Middle School Students. Our Middle - Senior School Students participated in a unit on understanding 'Game Sense' Where they played a mixture of games and learnt the key movements such as; defending, attacking, space, passing and all the key words and movements that come with the sport/game.

During the term:

- T/20 Cricket Blast Program - Our Middle & Senior School Students competed against 5 other schools within the district. Our Senior School Students did an outstanding job and won the tournament trophy. Excellent effort by all shown on the day.
- Inter-School Sports Carnival - Our students competed against the Lang Lang District Schools. Our Cricket Team did an outstanding job and made it all the way to Regionals where they finished 2nd overall.
- Learn to Surf Program with OffShore Surf - Our Senior School went off to Inverloch where they completed in a surf program.
- Our new sports uniform has been purchased for 2023 and beyond. We are so lucky to have great support from the local community who have donated a large portion of the cost associated with purchasing the uniform. Our students are super excited to be wearing this uniform and we cannot wait to see the uniform when it arrives.



School Community News



KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meet service Coordinator:

Naomi Perry

Programming:

The end of Term and the year is nearly here. Thankyou to all the families for a fantastic year getting to know you all. We welcomed new staff of Debbie and Jade Laird who I enjoy working with daily. Next year Jade will move to another school in which she will be the coordinator there. We will miss her but she will flourish in the role.

We close on the 20th of December and then will reopen for the Holiday Program at 7am on the 9th of January.

The children all enjoyed donating a tin of food to the Santa Run last Wednesday. A great way to be an active part of our Community.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Registration and bookings

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register, visit theircare.com.au and search for your school. Alternatively, please call **Customer Support on 1300 072 410.**

Meet the Team:



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Times

Before School: 6:30am – 8:45am
After School: 3:15pm – 6:00pm

School Community News



Splash's

learn to swim

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACCELERATE PROGRAM

Jan. 7th-10th
April 11th-13th
July 4th-7th
Sept. 25th-28th

It is a well researched fact
that a short burst of intensive
learning accelerates
motor skill development



School Community News



Moonlit Sanctuary

the best way to see Aussie animals

KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out Moonlit Sanctuary's Keeper Club holiday program.

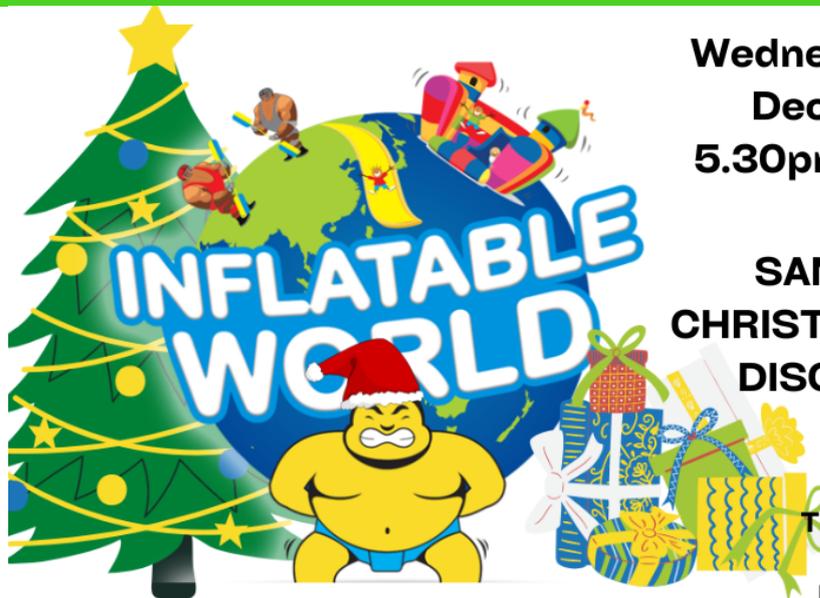
In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 8-14 | Cost \$99 | 9am-2pm
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December

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CHRISTMAS EVENING SESSION



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Important Dates:

A reminder that families can check their calendar of events in the
Sentral Parent Portal for upcoming events
Fortnightly from Friday 7th October Assembly
Breakfast Club 8:15am Tuesday and Thursday from October 11th to
15th December

Thursday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation

Friday 16th December - Reading Night reward

Friday 16th December - Tradie Dress up Day

Monday 19th December - Year 6 Celebration Day

Monday 19th December - Christmas Carols

Tuesday 20th December - 1:30pm End of year dismissal