



Together We Learn

# KOO WEE RUP Primary School

March 2023

## HARMONY DAY

*Everyone Belongs*



On the 23rd of March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day as a whole school. On this day we encourage all students to wear orange, the official Harmony Day colour. All students will be taking part in activities with their class to learn about different countries and their traditions.



**23RD MARCH 2023**



### FOOTY NIGHT

BBQ  
Football Games  
Football Colours

### LAUNCH NIGHT



**MARCH 22ND**



**KOO WEE RUP  
PRIMARY**



**5 PM – 6 PM**



**COME JOIN IN  
THE FUN**



**SECURE A SPOT**



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5997 1272

# Principal's Message

Term 1 has seemingly flown by! As I write this, we are only two weeks from the end of term, however there is still a lot of exciting things happening at Koo Wee Rup Primary School.

Last Tuesday School Council met for the first time this year. I'd like to thank the following parents and staff for volunteering their time to be on School Council in 2023.

Stacey Webb (President)	Tiffany Sharples (Vice- President)	Liana Krone (Treasurer)
Melissa Meldrum	Angela Lacey	Emma Hura
Tamara Magree	Matthew Hodgson (Staff)	Kirrilee Cruse (Staff)
Belinda McNaughton (Staff)		

Throughout the year, if any parents have ideas they would like discussed at School Council, I invite you to approach one of the members listed above so your item can be discussed at a future School Council meeting.

Since the last newsletter we have experienced some sporting success with Bailey from 5/6M moving through to the Division stage of swimming where he finished second place in two events. Well done to Bailey.

Throughout this week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have navigated their way through NAPLAN testing. This is the first year with all testing being completed online, apart from the Grade 3 writing test. It is also the first year where testing has occurred in March rather than May. Results this year will provide our school with some valuable base line data to measure against in the coming years. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a single test (in each subject area) on a single day and is not necessarily a true indication of an individual child's performance. As we know, many factors can influence how we think and act on a particular day and these things may of course impact a student's results on the day. Our teachers who see the students day in, day out, across all subject areas are the ones that make informed judgements on a student's academic performance across each semester so please do not use a single result as an absolute indicator of your child's current academic ability.

I am sure that you have all heard the media talking about the Victorian teacher shortage. This is very real and continues to impact us post pandemic. Whilst we are fortunate to have a full teaching staff, casual relief teachers continue to be in short supply. There are occasions where the teaching agencies simply do not have staff to send out to us. In these instances we do need to split classes.

On the topic of absences, I ask our parents to please be understanding when your child's teacher needs to take a day off. Our teachers, as amazing as they are, are still human which means they do get sick, their children get sick and they may at times have situations in their personal life they need to manage. I know that I would not want a sick teacher teaching my child so I ask that you please respect your child's teacher's need to sometimes take time off. Our teachers are committed to their profession and doing the best job they can for your children and in order to do this, they sometimes need to rest, recover and recuperate just like everyone else.

Late last week we had our new flag poles installed at the front of the school. It is great to finally be able to fly our national flag alongside both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Our Grade 6 cultural leaders have taken on the responsibility for raising and lowering the flags each week.

## Principal's Message

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Our school pet, Bluey the Blue-Tongue lizard has been growing so much. We recently purchased a new home for Bluey that provides plenty of space to grow, forage and hide. Bluey has become a much loved member of our school. Next term our Eco Leaders will be running some fundraising activities to support the ongoing costs for keeping Bluey happy and healthy.

On Mondays at lunch time we have begun our school Garden Club. The last two sessions have seen students clear out dead plants and with the help of Joanne from Bunnings, plant a number of Autumn crops which I look forward to seeing grow. Thank you to Mrs Bencraft and Ms. Lamanna for their assistance with Garden Club.

Work has begun on our Library renovation. We have had a builder in all week this week clearing out the old 1/2K classroom and refurbishing the space. It is anticipated we will move our whole school book collection into this space early Term 2 with students having the opportunity to attend library with their class once a week. This is going to be a terrific addition to our school.

The VSBA (Victorian School Buildings Authority) have indicated to me that works will begin on our new gym next term. I have been informed that a portable toilet block will be delivered onsite during the holiday break in preparation of demolition works to our existing toilet block.

Tonight we are hosting a The Resilience Project parent session. We will be hosting this on a screen here at the school and encourage parents to come along. Please RSVP on 5997-1272. For those that attend in person, your name will go into a draw to win a small The Resilience Project prize. For those that cannot make it in person, please take the opportunity to log on and watch from home. The link has been distributed via the Sentral Parent Portal. I know that each TRP session I am part of I learn something new so they are always worthwhile.

Wednesday evening we are hosting our first The Fathering Project event for 2023 here at the school from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. I invite all the dads and father figures in our school community to come along with their kids for a fun evening of games. The Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed will be putting on a small barbeque. A big thank you to Mr Dillon for organising this event.

This week is Harmony Week. Harmony Week is about celebrating diversity and recognising the many cultures that make up our great country. On Thursday we ask students to wear something orange to celebrate our school's Harmony Day event where students will engage in a number of fun activities related to other countries and cultures around the world.

Friday will be our final assembly for the term. As always, this will start at 2:30pm in the BER.

2023 school photos have been distributed. If you have missed out on ordering please contact Spargo Photography on 5942 5234.



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Next Tuesday (weather permitting) we will be hosting a footy inflatables day to celebrate the start of football season. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy team's colours on this day. The day promises to be a lot of fun. Thank you Mr Dillon for organising this event!

On Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March we are holding a free dress day. We ask that students please bring a donation for the Easter raffle. A big thank you to our Parents and Friends group for organising this! Events such as this simply cannot operate without the support of our volunteer parents. If you would like to assist the Parents and Friends group please contact the Office and we will put you in contact with other members.

Koo Wee Rup Primary School's main annual fundraiser, the Colour Run, is coming up on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April. Please, wherever you can, support your child to gain as many sponsors as possible. Every dollar raised goes back into providing valuable resources for our students. In 2022, the funds raised from the Colour Run enabled us to purchase the Lego Robotics kits, along with other resources to enhance our school's Digi-Tech program. I know these resources are used and loved by the students daily! This year we are adding an inflatable obstacle course to the colour run as well as coloured slime. It is going to be a terrific event. Parents are welcome to come and watch. If you would like to assist on the day please let us know via the Office.

The last day of term is Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. On this day we will be drawing our Easter Raffle and there will be an Easter hat parade. Students are creating Easter hats in Art with Ms. Irvin. Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm on the last day.

I hope that all our families have a safe and relaxing Easter holiday period. Term 2 commences on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. ANZAC Day is the following day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of April.



The Easter Raffle is here again!



**FREE DRESS Easter Raffle Donation Day Friday 31st March**

On this day please donate new items such as eggs, Easter craft and gifts

Raffle tickets \$0.50 each/3 for \$1 (coming home next week)

Please return raffle tickets to the office by Monday 3rd April and take your donation to the classroom on Friday 31st March

**The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Parade from 9am Thursday 6th April**

# School Community News

## Middle School Persuasive Writing

This term the middle school have been learning about persuasive writing. One of our favourite topics was 'Stop Poking our Penguins', based on penguin wild life in Phillip Island. By reading some news articles, we learnt that sometimes tourists could be harming our precious wild life by using selfie sticks to capture up close photos. The students felt very connected to this topic as we are visiting Phillip Island for camp later this year. They learnt to write persuasive texts to stop people from harming our penguins. They were learning to use strong persuasive words and include three arguments in their text.

Read below to see some examples of our writing!

People should stop poking penguins because people are getting selfie sticks and putting them in a penguin's burrow then they take a photo. The flash of the phone can damage the penguins eyes. If this happens it could get lost and be vulnerable to predators.

By Billy Hiam 3/4M



"TOURISTS DO YOU UNDERSTAND?" People love seeing our beautiful penguins. They are so so so cute but we are not scared to comment you. Everyone loves the parade and if you keep doing this the PARADE WILL GET SHUT DOWN!  
By Flexus 3/4D

When tourists poke their cameras and their sticks into the burrows, it can cause the burrows to break and then they won't have a home. So what? If you poke our penguins with sticks and cameras you could get kicked out and could hurt the penguins very bad and we don't want that.

By Blair 3/4W

Lastly, people should stop poking our penguins because after penguins breed the mother will lay eggs. If people keep poking the penguins they could poke the eggs and the eggs will crack, which can make the penguins attack you.

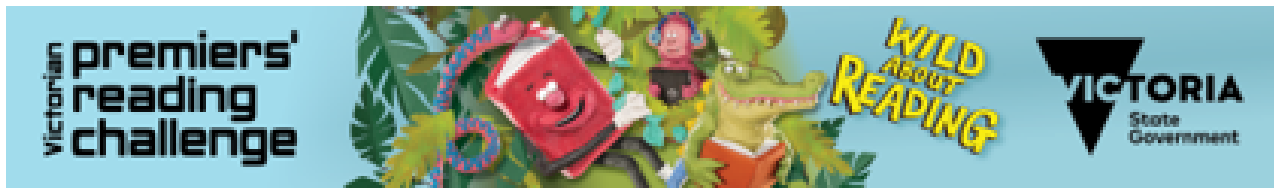
By Jaxon 3/4W

I strongly believe people should stop poking our penguins because it can be dangerous. They get sick and their burrows are getting destroyed. To start with, photo flash can damage the penguin's eyes and they could go blind or become disorientated and become vulnerable to predators.

By Ryder 3/4N

I absolutely agree tourists should importantly stop poking our lovely penguins in Phillip Island. Our penguins must be really upset and mad at these offensive people. It is really shameful people are flashing lights and breaking eggs. I AGREE STOP POKING OUR PENGUINS!  
By Estelle 3/4D

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## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Koo Wee Rup Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Your child will come home with their own personal user name and password stuck in their reading journal. Students are encouraged to enter any books they read at home into the challenge and these books will be verified by their teacher. We are so excited to see how many students will receive a certificate this year.

If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher.

Happy Reading!

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





# School Community News

the Carly Ryan foundation. APP FACTS

## TIK TOK

(Including Musical.ly)



Age rating according to app provider

Tik Tok is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos. Every day, millions of people use Tik Tok as an outlet to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-syncing. The app celebrates creativity with videos recorded in 15 seconds or less and shared across the Tik Tok community.

You have the ability to make cool, short videos—songs or short dialogues – that you can share with the world, and people can see them. Think MTV meets SNL meets karaoke meets Dubsmash meets American Idol meets Instagram.

### Challenges

- 12+ content in the songs lyrics. Swearing and adult concepts in the provided music.
- Pornography, graphic content, suicide notes.
- Tik Tok users can search for other users to view or follow near their own location/city.
- User generated videos can be viewed and shared onto other social media and messaging apps increasing exposure.
- Bullying in comments.
- Users can publicise their messenger usernames or social media profiles on their Tik Tok profile.
- Many underage accounts with large amounts of followers.
- Easy for users to create multiple accounts and hide them from their parents.
- Fake Tik Tok apps on the app store that charge for download or offer followers.

**NOTE:** TikTok offers a live feature for users with 1000+ followers on their profile. This service is intended for ages 16+

### How Do I Delete My Tik Tok Account?

- Open the Tik Tok app and login.
- Tap on the person icon at the lower right of your screen to open your profile.
- Click on the three dots located in the upper right corner.
- Click on 'Privacy and Settings'.
- Click on 'Manage my Account'.
- Add a phone number if you haven't already.

- A verified phone number is a requirement for removing your Tik Tok account.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page where it says 'Thinking about removing your account?' Tap it.
- Tap 'Send Code'.
- Wait for the code to be sent.
- Enter the 4-digit code within 60 seconds of it being sent to you. Then hit continue.
- Read over the implications of removing your account. Hit continue if you agree with the terms.
- Hit 'Delete Account'. You'll be logged out and your account will be deleted.

### How Do I Block a Tik Tok Account?

- Open the Tik Tok app and login.
- Tap on the magnifying glass.
- Search for the user you want to block.
- Tap their name or photo.
- Tap on the ... icon.
- Tap 'Block'.

### How Do I Report a Tik Tok Account?

- Open the Tik Tok app and login.
- Tap on the magnifying glass.
- Search for the user you want to block.
- Tap their name or photo.
- Tap on the ... icon.
- Tap 'Report' and fill out the user report.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: [info@carlyryanfoundation.com](mailto:info@carlyryanfoundation.com)

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## KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Meet service Coordinator:

Naomi Perry

### Programming:

Hope everyone is well settled into the Term. We welcomed Trinity as a casual into our service. Trinity will be working 2 afternoons a week as she has just started her studies at Uni. Week 7 we focused on Native Animals and explored our Bandicoot area. Adam helped Debbie to make yummy damper. Adam has made paper birds for our tree on the wall as this will be our Native Animal wall. On Thursday the children traced and coloured in Bandicoots, Koalas and Kangaroos to put on our tree. We taught the children the chicken dance. The children have enjoyed the boomerang scratch art, playing games of Chess, Snap, Uno. James, Eli, Ryder and Malakai have all enjoyed making houses with Lego. Naomi got some Lemon Myrtle from Cindy at Garfield TheirCare and on Friday Adam and Kyran made the Lemon Myrtle Pancake Batter and then Kyran cooked them for us. Definitely delicious and a beautiful smell.

### Registration and bookings

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register, visit [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au) and search for your school. Alternatively, please call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



### Contact Service

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### Contact Head Office

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### Times

Before School: 6:30am – 8:45am

After School: 3:15pm – 6:00pm

# School Community News



The poster features a blue header with the text 'Join us at the Bunnings Easter Bunny Hop' and a 'FREE' badge in the top right corner. Below the header is an illustration of a Bunnings warehouse entrance with a 'HAPPY Easter' sign, a yellow Easter Bunny food delivery van, and various people participating in the event. A large white Easter Bunny is in the foreground. The Bunnings logo and a hammer icon are also present.

Join us at the  
**Bunnings**  
*Easter Bunny Hop*

**FREE**

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

HAPPY  
Easter

EASTER BUNNY FOOD DELIVERY

A free family event with entertainment and D.I.Y.  
Date: Thursday 30th of March 2023  
Time: 5pm- 7pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Come down to East Pakenham Bunnings to have a fun family Easter event. Sausage sizzle, face painting, kids DIY and more.

You may even see a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny...



Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 59456700 or visit [www.bunnings.com.au/eastpakenham](http://www.bunnings.com.au/eastpakenham)

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

## School Community News



KOO WEE RUP JUNIOR  
FOOTBALL CLUB  
SEEKING UNDER 10's &  
UNDER 8's PLAYERS FOR  
THE 2023 SEASON!

Open for both boys & girls , if your  
child is interested in joining this  
incredible club please contact our  
club president Dwayne on  
0410 556 581



## Middle School News

PROUDLY SUPPORTING



# goodFriday appeal

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## LANG LANG FUN RUN / WALK

Lang Lang Foreshore, Jetty Lane

**Sunday 2nd April 2023**

### Walking for the Kids

2KM

4KM

6KM

Bring the Families, Kids, Prams, Dogs, Friends

**9am registration - 10am start**

Registrations via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CGJTX>



Enquires: 0407 544 335



**1st Lang Lang**  
Scout Group



## Community News

**11 to 15 year olds...**  
**Get involved @ CFA JUNIORS**



**Have a Go Night Thur 9th March**

**Meets every 2nd Thursday 7.00 - 8.30**  
**at Lang Lang CFA**

**No costs involved, completely FREE**

Parents encourage your kids to....

- build self-esteem & confidence.
- develop personal and social relationships.
- develop new skills.
- engage in positive group dynamics.
- build capacity to consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control.

**More info or to register your attendance contact.**

**Rocky 0407 544 335**

Lang Lang United Soccer Club



**COME JOIN  
THE EAGLES**

*Play for  
Fun, Fitness  
and Friendship*

Mini Roos:  
U6, U8 & U10  
Mixed

U12 & U14 Mixed

U17 Mixed & Girls

Senior Women

Senior & Reserve  
Mens

**ONCE UNITED  
ALWAYS UNITED!**

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**Splash's**  
learn to swim

**SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY  
ACCELERATE  
PROGRAM**

**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

Five children are shown at the bottom of the advertisement, smiling and leaning on a red and yellow inflatable ring in a swimming pool.

To book contact your nearest Splash's

Berwick

9707 5922

[berwick@splashs.com.au](mailto:berwick@splashs.com.au)

Clyde North

7009 4030

[clyde@splashs.com.au](mailto:clyde@splashs.com.au)

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Pakenham

9701 3225

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# 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 7-14 | Cost \$99 | 9am-2pm**  
 See our website for more info.



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 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

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# School Community News

## Congratulations to our award winners



## Important Dates:

A reminder that families can check their calendar of events in the **Sentral Parent Portal** for upcoming events

Breakfast Club 8:15am every day

Tuesday 21st March, 6:30-7:30pm - The Resilience Project Parent Session.

Wednesday 22nd March, 5-6pm - The Fathering Project event.

Thursday 23rd March - Harmony Day. Students are invited to wear orange.

Friday 24th March - Assembly from 2:30pm

Tuesday 28th March - Footy Inflatables Day

Friday 31st March - Free Dress (Easter Raffle donation)

Wednesday 5th April - Colour Explosion

Thursday 6th April 9am - Easter Parade

Thursday 6th April 2:15pm - End of term dismissal

Monday 24th April - Start of Term 2.

Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday