



Together We Learn

KOO WEE RUP Primary School

Wednesday 18th May, 2022

Education Week at Koo Wee Rup Primary School

Monday May 23

Book character dress up day. Students come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. The school will participate (weather permitting) in a whole school parade from 9:15am—Parents welcome to attend.

Tuesday May 24

Students will participate in a range of Maths games as they rotate between teachers within their year level.

Mystery book read-aloud. Mr Zimmerle will read a known picture story book aloud over the PA system. The first class to correctly guess the title wins the book for their class library.

Wednesday May 25

Grandparents afternoon from 2:30pm to 3:15pm. Students are encouraged to invite their grandparents or special guest to visit their classroom to share work and play games.

Simultaneous storytime at 11:30am—My Family Tree by Josh

Thursday May 26 and Friday May 27

Students will have the opportunity to attend a Professor Maths incursion where they will explore a range of problem solving activities with Professor Maths himself! More information regarding this to come home soon.

Throughout the week we will also be hosting daily readings of shortlisted books via Facebook for parents and students to listen to and vote on their favourite book.

We will also be hosting the Lamont Book Fair during Education Week where parents can attend and purchase books for their children. This will be located in our BER shared space. This will run daily from 8:15 to 8:45am and 3:15 to 3:45pm.

Principal's Message

As I write this we are just about at the halfway point of Term 2. Time seems to be flying at the moment. Our teachers are now in the midst of writing mid-year reports. Student reports will contain a cohort specific blurb that will provide parents with an overview of the content taught in each of the subject areas, including specialist subjects. Within the report, teachers will then highlight a student's individual point of progress; at-level, working toward the expected level, or working above the expected level in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Number, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Additionally, teachers will comment on a specific skill or concept the student has demonstrated to support their level of attainment. The English and Mathematics portion of the report will conclude with an area of future learning that the student should focus on as they transition into the second half of the year. This may not necessarily be a deficit, but something the student should be aiming for in order to extend themselves. Parent teacher interviews will be scheduled for the beginning of Term 3. More information regarding these will be sent home closer to the time.

With the cooler weather well and truly upon us now, we have experienced quite a bit of student and staff illness. Casual staffing to replace absent teachers remains a challenge for all schools. On many occasions it has been unavoidable to split or combine classes. A number of our part-time teachers have been incredibly flexible through this time working extra days or taking classes instead of undertaking their normal role, whether that be tutoring or a specialist role.

Yesterday we had 22 students representing Koo Wee Rup Primary School at the District Cross Country event. Mr Dillon, Miss Bulmer and Mrs Bencraft attended with those students yesterday. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of the students who competed yesterday. We now have 11 students who will progress to the next stage.

A reminder that this Thursday is a student free day. Our teachers will be undertaking a common professional practice day. Their Care is available for families that require their child/ren to be supervised for the day.

On Tuesday the 24th of May at 6:00pm we will be hosting our 2023 Foundation Information Night. We encourage all new families to attend this as it provides an informative overview of children's transition to primary school here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School.

Starting Monday the 23rd of May is Education Week. We have a busy schedule planned for the week, kicking off with a dress day and parade on the Monday morning. Included in this newsletter is a flyer with further details of the week that includes the Professor Maths Incursion and a grandparents afternoon on Wednesday 25th of May from 2:30pm. Each day throughout Education Week we will be sharing some great picture story books that will be read aloud by our teachers. These videos will be posted via our Facebook page.

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Last Monday evening The Resilience Project held an online parent session facilitated by Martin Heppel from The Resilience Project. This was a fantastic presentation by Martin and we have been fortunate in that the session was recorded for those that missed the session. I have included the link below. This will remain active until the 23rd of May. I understand that families that have had children at Koo Wee Rup Primary School for a number of years may think 'we have seen this before' however I can assure you that this is an all new presentation. The session was thought provoking, at times challenging and confronting, but highly engaging and thoroughly worthwhile. I urge all families to take the time to watch the session.

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/u_XIYTXaQBkNzlcJO5z3_hKCZ4_Wk6wJAxSIzn6KI_KRDWR7td-FWbbmnZ-ziD8.vO4gemYaonhsjghj

Over the last few newsletters I have been sharing cyber safety articles from the Carly Ryan foundation. This week I've elected to share the fact sheet on Messenger Kids. This is a fantastic app that allows children to connect with each other online. Like all online chat, there are potential pitfalls however when setup correctly Messenger Kids allows parents a great deal of control. Firstly, parents have the ability to control who is within their child's friends list meaning you know exactly who your child is interacting with online. You can also have the app setup so that when a friend calls your child it will also call on your device, whether that be a smartphone or a tablet. You can then intervene and decline the call if it is an inappropriate time. It also provides you with the knowledge of who they are chatting / video chatting with at any given time. My child uses this app and he loves the independence of being able to call me without having to use Mrs Zimmerle's phone. You could add grandparents, cousins and friends. It is a great way to keep connected and provide children with limited access to their social network that is safe, when the controls are implemented appropriately.

Many of our families, particularly those with older children that have attended the secondary school, will have known Mrs Barker. Mrs Barker had been part of the Koo Wee Rup Secondary School music program for many years. Kindly, Mrs Barker regularly ran music lessons for students from the primary school that were interested. At a previous assembly we farewelled Mrs Barker and thanked her for her inclusion of Koo Wee Rup Primary School students over a number of years. On Sunday the 5th of June, Koo Wee Rup Secondary College is hosting their official farewell to Mrs Barker after 53 years in education. A flyer is attached to the newsletter for any families that would like to attend.

At last Friday's assembly we said farewell (for now) to Mrs Ward who is about to start her family. We were incredibly lucky to be part of Mrs Ward and her husband Jake's gender reveal which was incredibly exciting for everyone. A video of this was uploaded to our school FaceBook page. With her departure Miss Irvin will be taking over the role of Art teacher here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School. Miss Lamont is returning from having her baby last year to take on a part-time tutoring role. Miss McMillan and Mrs Adams will both be leaving us soon to have their babies. We are currently undertaking the recruitment process for both of these positions.

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Messenger Kids is a new version of the popular app Messenger which allows children to be in a safe environment to connect with their friends and family. Parents are also in control of management ensuring their child can communicate positively and safely. Messenger Kids is made so the user does not need a phone number to call or text other users.

Messenger Kids is designed for kids between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. Due to US federal law users under the age of 13 cannot legally sign up for Facebook, so this version of Messenger must be set up through an adult Facebook account.

Does Messenger Kids cost anything?

Messenger Kids is free on the app store. A parent or child simply needs to search for it in the search tab on the Apple Store or Android Marketplace and click 'install' or 'download'.

Set up guide:

1. Download the Messenger Kids app to your child's phone or tablet.
2. Authenticate your child's device using your own personal Facebook login.
3. Create an account for your child by adding their name.
4. Parental controls (such as accessing data from your child's account) are available in the Parent Portal on your main Facebook app.

How to add friends?

1. Click to select your child's account
2. Click 'Choose Contacts'

You can search for people you'd like to add or select a category (example: family members, other kids, your friends), then click add. If you can't find one of your child's friends, click 'invite' to send an invitation to their parent so they can download the Messenger Kids app.

What to do if a user is bullying or harassing:

Your child has the option to mute the conversation or to block a user in an instant if they feel unsafe or threatened. Alternatively, the parent can delete the contact so the child can no longer hear from this user. You can also report the user to Facebook within the app.

Messenger Kids Tips:

- Monitor who your child connects to
- Keep an open dialogue with your child to ensure they are enjoying the application safely
- When adding friends, verify the user together to instill critical thinking skills in your child

Like any social media Messenger can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who they are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: info@carlyryanfoundation.com

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Foundation Update

This semester we have met some fun new characters through Milo's Birthday Surprise to help us learn the Stage 1 and 2 sounds that letters represent. Now we are starting to blend the sounds together to read words and Little Learners books! This term we have started reading independently, in small groups with our teachers, as well as sharing our favourite stories with our Reading Buddies. We have now met Tim, Pip, Sam and Tip through our Little Learners Love Literacy stories and we are excited that we have begun to read these books on our own! We have loved beginning to bring these home in our reading wallets to share with our families as well.

Along with our readers, we have also begun to bring home some of our favourite books from the library. While we are learning to read ourselves, we still love to hear stories read aloud to us! These books are the perfect opportunity for this!



Junior School Update



What an impressive start to Term 2 for our Grade 1 and 2's! Students have come back from the holidays refreshed and ready to learn. Thankfully so because their teachers have a busy term planned for them. We have been learning about narrative writing through creating some incredibly adventurous stories.



We began maths this term by learning how to make graphs to record each other's responses to some of our most pressing questions. In Integrated, we have started discovering our place in the world which has seen students become so inquisitive about themselves, where they live and everything about the history of us in Australia and the Earth.



These last few weeks in maths we have been focusing on 2D shapes. We have learnt about all different shapes, where they are in our environment, their sides, corners and what happens when we flip and turn them. Students put all this learning together to create some of the scariest and most interesting shape monsters we have ever seen! Using their range of knowledge about 2D shapes students had all kinds of unique ideas from triangle eyes, to oval bodies and even rhombus hands.

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AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where: Koo Wee Rup Primary School

Assembly Area

Date: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May

Time: 8:15-8:45am & 3:15-3:45pm

Don't miss out!

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'Footsteps into Foundation 2023' Parent Information Night Tuesday 24th May 6-7pm

Please join us on Tuesday 24th May from 6 pm for a brief overview of the wonderful programs in place at our school.

Our 'Footsteps into Foundation' transition program has been established for new Foundation enrolments.

It involves 9 planned transition sessions as well as a parent information session. More information and dates will be available on the night.

As Principal of Koo Wee Rup Primary School, I invite you to visit our welcoming and friendly school and see for yourself the high quality teaching and learning programs on offer for all students.

Enrolments are now being accepted. If you are wishing to enrol before the information night, enrolment packs are available at the school.

Tours are available upon request. Please contact the school on 5997 1272 if you'd like to book a tour.



Moody Street, Koo Wee Rup 3981 **Phone:** 5997 1272

Website: www.kooweerupps.vic.edu.au **Email:** koo.wee.rup.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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Where kids love to be!

KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meet service Coordinator:

Naomi Perry

Programming:

This term so far we have covered roles in our community, mother's day and pets. This week sees us discuss Minecraft and create cubes and lego creations. We also are open on Thursday for the Student Free day, it isn't too late to book in.

With Education week next week we will have activities to coincide with the school.

We are also doing lots of fine motor skills with threading, loom bands, puzzles and dressing the dolls.

With the weather cooling down please pack jackets and beanies for outside play at BSC and ASC.

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:

We're here to make BSC/ASC/HP the best experience possible. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by and meet the team and see the program.

Contact Service

Phone: 0437 713 566

Email: kooweerup@theircare.com.au

Contact Head Office

Phone: 1300 072 410

Email: info@theircare.com.au

Times

Before School: 6:30am – 8:45am

After School: 3:15pm – 6:00pm

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Enjoy an afternoon celebrating Claudia's career at
KooWeeRup Secondary College

CLAUDIA BARKER: THROUGH THE DECADES

June 5th, 2pm
KooWeeRup Secondary Hall

Refreshments, live music, photos,
mingling and reminiscing as well as an
alumni performance to be held at the
F.C. Hooper Hall
before an informal gathering at the
Royal Hotel in KooWeeRup.

TO RSVP PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BZFEK



If you are interested in being part of the alumni band or would like to submit a
video message to Claudia, please email: David.Campbell2@education.vic.gov.au

Koo Wee Rup RSL 1921 - 2022

Join in
“Celebrating”
101 Years

Colouring Competition

5 to 8 years old & 9 to 12 years old

1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes

Hand your entry in by 11am,
Winners announced 1.30pm,
at the

RSL Family Fun Day

28th May 2022, 10am -3pm

RSL 13-15 Station St, Koo Wee Rup

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KOO WEE RUP RSL

100th (well actually) 101st Anniversary Celebrations

Date: Saturday 28th May 2022

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Where: Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub-Branch, 13-15 Station Street, Koo Wee Rup

What's Actually Happening:

- ❖ Museum/Historical display
- ❖ Military costumes for kids to try on – photo opportunity
- ❖ Colouring competition – with prizes for all ages – RSL members (get your picture at the social night on 20th May)
- ❖ Lions Sausage Sizzle – Free
- ❖ Birthday Cake
- ❖ Coin “snake” with coins donated by public to new **“Koo Wee Rup RSL Building Fund”** – how long can we make it and can the Lions Club beat us with theirs later in the year? Hopefully not!!!!!!!
- ❖ Live music – Brian Candy
- ❖ Face painting for kids
- ❖ Membership drive

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Exciting Employment Opportunities!

Are you or someone you know looking for work?

We are currently seeking passionate staff members to join our incredible team of Educators, Coordinators and Area Managers!

Why work for TheirCare?

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RSPCA Million Paws Walk



Sunday 22 May 2022

Support RSPCA Victoria and volunteer with our team as a:

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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.



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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.

Congratulations to our assembly award winners



Our 2022 Student Voice team



Important Dates:

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

Fortnightly from Friday April 29th - Assembly

Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May - Education Week

Monday - Friday Book Fair 8:15-8:45am and 3:15-3:45pm

Monday 23rd May - Book Dress up Parade

Wednesday 25th May - Grandparents afternoon

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th May - Professor Math incursion

Monday 6th June - Footy Day Inflatables

Monday 13th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 24th June 2:15pm - End of Term 2 dismissal