



Together We Learn

KOO WEE RUP Primary School

November, 2022



Christmas Carols

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

Friday 9th December - Free Dress with raffle donation

Principal's Message

As the end of the year draws to a rapid close, we still have many exciting things looming ahead which I will provide an overview of further on. The most exciting for our school is the impending completion of our new classrooms. The builders are well and truly into the final stages now and I have to say the classrooms are looking fantastic. They have been painted, boards fitted, lighting hung and the carpet is being finished as I write this. Externally the landscaping has been completed which certainly adds a new look to the front of our school. Throughout this week a new fence and gates will be installed.

Following on from the classroom build, our Gymnasium design is ready to go to tender, with a builder to be appointed early in 2023. We may see a temporary toilet block delivered before the end of this year as the current outside toilet block will be in the first stage of demolition.

Over the past few weeks our classroom teachers have been finalising assessments for all students. On our recent Curriculum Day, teachers met together to moderate student results. This is a process where teachers from differing year levels observe work samples and challenge or agree with marks allocated to students. This ensures we have consistency of marking across the school and that we ensure student marks are assigned with high levels of integrity.

Last week our Grade 5/6 students attended Camp Woorabinda. Mrs McNaughton and I travelled up and spent the day with the students and teachers on Thursday. Thankfully, the students had terrific weather as they took part in canoeing, hut building, zip-lining, high ropes courses, tending to the farm and hiking among many other fun activities. By all reports, the students had a great time!

Over the past two years, our school has been implementing a number of 'behind the scenes' changes in regard to how our teaching teams operate. Some of this I have mentioned in previous newsletters however a big piece of work for our school has been the development and implementation of a common instructional model across the school. Our instructional model, known as e5, sees each lesson in a classroom flow through five stages;

Engage – where we try to 'hook' the students attention and gain their interest

Explain – this is when the teacher explicitly teaches new learning to the students

Explore – students, with some new information, attempt tasks, trial the use of hands on materials and begin to make their own discoveries

Elaborate – students ask questions for more information, the teachers challenge the students to think deeper, trial new ideas and extend their thinking and in turn their learning

Evaluate – this is when the teacher facilitates the sharing of the lesson's learning and provides closure to the lesson and the direction for future learning

Principal's Message

As a school, we are incredibly proud of the work we have completed in having this common instructional model now planned for and implemented in all classrooms. In getting to this stage, our staff undertook significant professional learning and we have been asked to present our work to a neighbouring network of schools which is terrific validation for us. On Thursday, school leadership members will be sharing our journey with schools from the Casey South Network of schools.

Our Parents and Friends Group have been organising our Christmas raffle which will be drawn at our end of year Christmas Carols event on the 19th of December. There are some terrific prizes up for grabs. Students will be bringing home raffle tickets to sell soon.

Over the last week we have had a number of unexpected 2023 Foundation enrolments. This now means that next year we will be having 3 Foundation classes and our school will be growing from 15 classes this year to 16 classes in 2023. We are currently going through the recruitment process to staff the extra class.

This week, teachers will begin the process of sorting students into their 2023 classes. This is an extensive process that sees us take into account the range of learning needs, social dynamics, equity between boys and girls (where possible) and friendship groupings. This is always an exciting time of year as teachers begin to look forward to the new school year. Some students may begin to feel nervous about the new year, a new class and a different teacher. These are quite normal feelings and I urge you to spend time discussing these with your children. Perhaps sharing some of your own experiences going through this as a child may be helpful. As a school, we endeavour to make the process of transitioning to a new grade level as smooth as possible. Before the end of term, we will have two whole school transition sessions.

Information regarding 2023 Parent Payments and booklist requirements has been posted to the Sentral parent portal. If you would like a hard copy of this information, please see the office.

We still have quite a few exciting things coming up at Koo Wee Rup Primary School between now and the end of the year. The key events are listed at the end of the newsletter.

Take care,
Ben Zimmerle
Principal

Senior School News

Term 4 has already been jam packed for our year 5/6 students!

Our year 5 students have been participating in the Kids On Track program each week. They have been covering topics such as anxiety and depression, drugs and alcohol, anger management, cyber safety and bullying. The program aims to give students the ability to learn positive behaviours in themselves and others, and the skills to make better informed choices so they have the opportunity for a better future. A group of our year 5's students walked over to the kinder to meet potential buddies, they read them books and played some games together. This is a really important step in helping the younger children feel comfortable and ready for school knowing that the 'big kids' aren't really that scary!

Our year 6 students have started to prepare for their end of the year graduation. While the year 5's have been participating in the Kids On Track program the year 6's have been completing 'When I Grow Up' posters, writing a recount of their primary school years, creating designs to go on our totem pole and filming videos of things that they love to do to create a Year 6 Class of 2022 video. They have been busy fundraising money for their graduation by selling Zooper Dooper icy poles. They have absolutely loved the responsibility of collecting up the money and dropping off the icy poles to each class. They will be continuing to fundraise for a few more week so make sure you don't miss out on these yummy treats! The year 6 students have also had some of our past students come over from the high school to talk to them about year 7. They were able to find out about all the essential things such as lockers, timetables and the different classes that are available. They are looking forward to visiting the high school in the next few weeks (Monday 21st November and Tuesday 13th December) for their transition sessions, to see what high school is really like.

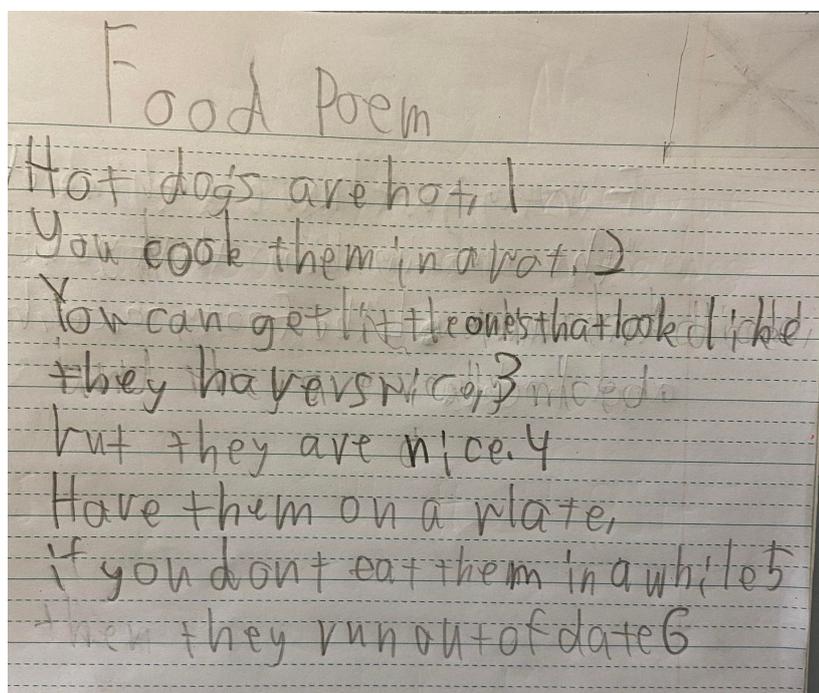
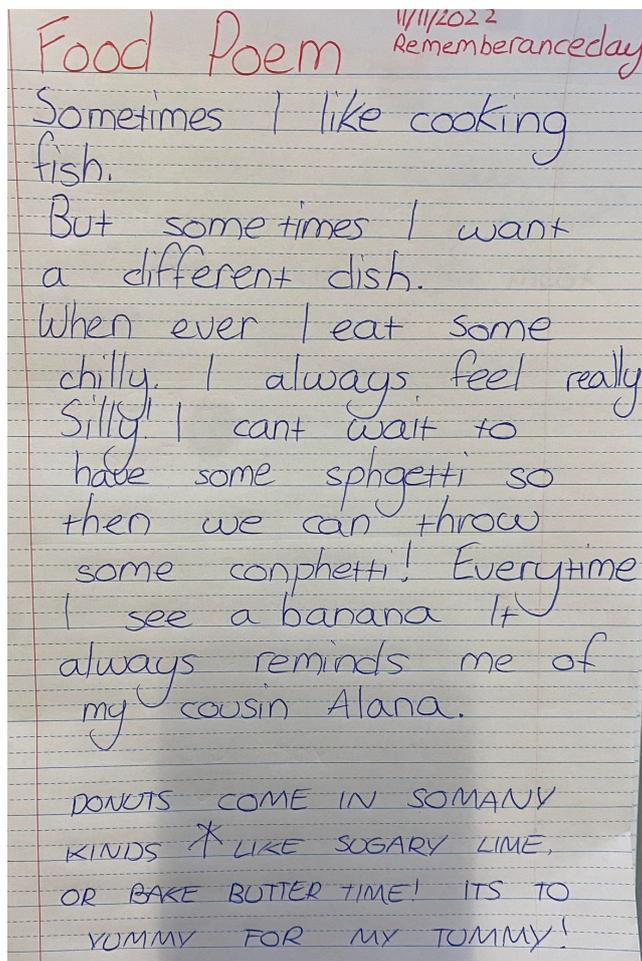
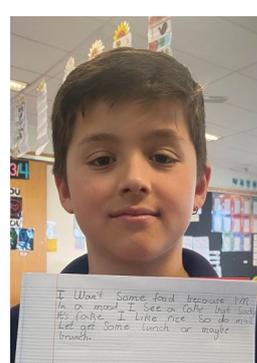
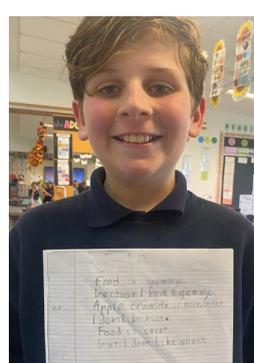
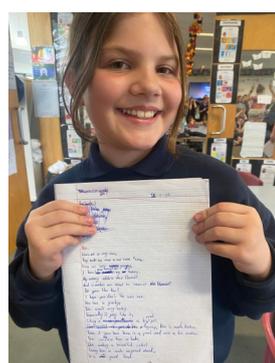
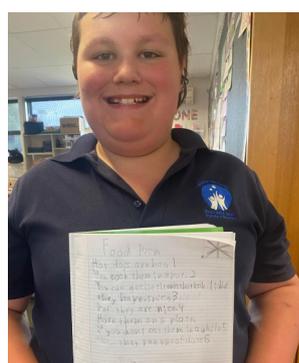
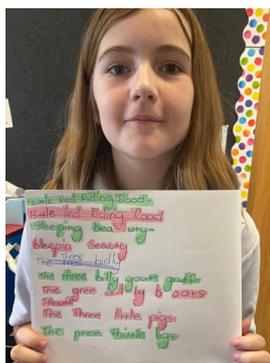
Last week our year 5 and 6 students travelled to Woorabinda School Camp. On our first day we made a big trek into the camp site, we walked to a campfire area where we cooked 'steam boats' for lunch. We created these by finding sticks and building a fire, then we wrapped potatoes, pumpkin, carrots and sausages in foil and cooked 'steamed' them on the fire. The next morning we got straight into all the fun activities. Groups participated in zip-lining, a high ropes course, canoeing, hut building, GPS tracking, archery and damper cooking. Every group got to participate in each of the activities over the next few days. Many students challenged themselves to complete activities that they may have been a little nervous about but felt really proud of themselves for being able to complete the activity in the end. Students also had the opportunity to choose a second chance activity on Thursday to go back and complete again. While at camp students also participated in duty groups where they helped out by setting the tables up for meals and helped to clean up and wash the dishes. We had a great time and the activities were a lot of fun.



Middle School News

Figurative Language

In 3/4 we have been exploring Figurative Language and the Author's purpose behind using them. We have explored a variety of texts which show Alliteration, Puns, Rhyme and Spoonerisms, where students have identified and analysed them in depth. They have worked on identifying how the author has entertained the readers and the effect on the audience. Students have then taken that knowledge to assist them with their Writing unit on Poetry. Below are photos of students who have created poems which contain rhyme.



School Community News

Friday 25th November - Free dress

This month we will be supporting the Walk For Kids' Mental Health initiative. Students are invited to come in free dress with a gold coin donation. For further information on the work they are doing, please go to <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>



This November, we're asking you to get up and active for 21 minutes a day to raise funds for vital mental health programs in primary schools!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



Wednesday 23rd November, 2022

2:45pm - 3:15pm

Outside gym undercover area

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KOO WEE RUP
Primary School

'Footsteps into Foundation 2023'

Koo Wee Rup Primary School strives to ensure we provide a positive gateway into lifelong education for your child. We prioritise the wellbeing of our students with the understanding that this underpins children's ability to engage fully in the learning process.

In the classroom we challenge our students academically through a differentiated approach to teaching, ensuring that the individual needs of all students is catered to. Our curriculum and way of teaching is constantly evolving so that our teaching and learning programs are developed in line with current research into educational 'best practice'.

Our school motto of 'Together We Learn' is embedded through a strong professional learning program for all teachers to constantly reflect and build on their teaching practice.

Our 'Footsteps into Foundation' transition program has been established for new Foundation enrolments as a bridge between kindergarten and primary school. The program involves 9 planned transition sessions as well as a parent information session. 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.

To arrange your personal tour, please contact the school on 5997 1272.



Term 4 Transition (1:45-3:15pm)

Wednesday 26th October

Wednesday 9th November

Wednesday 23rd November

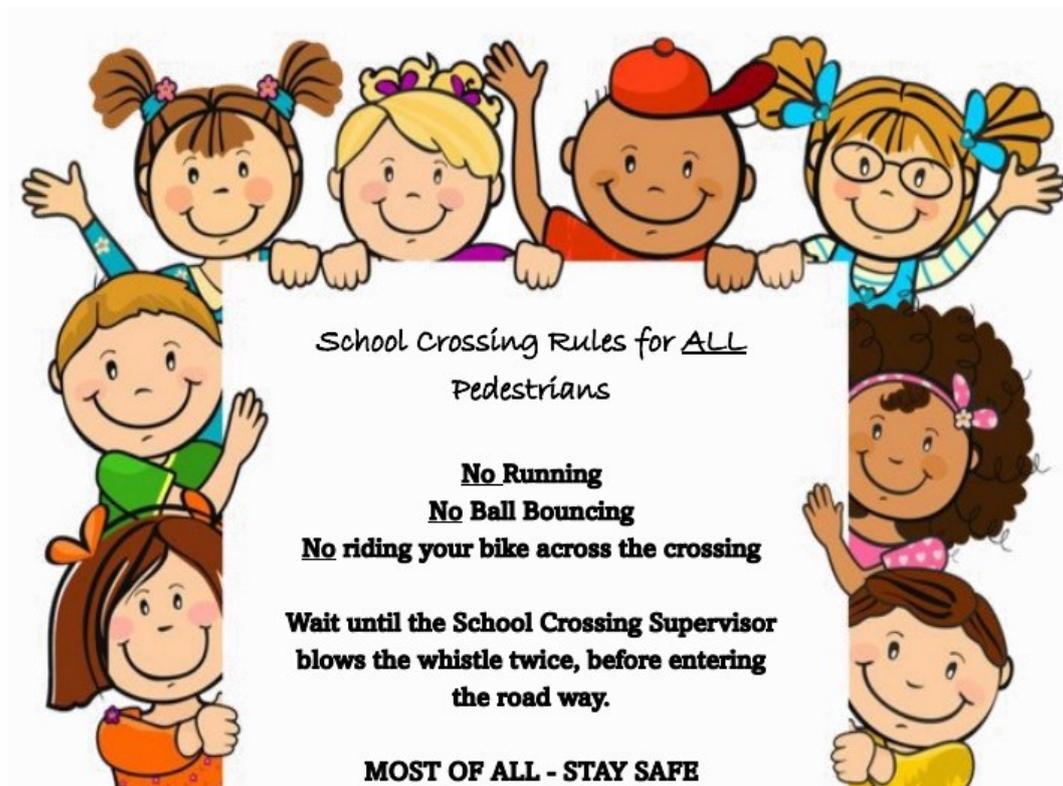
State-wide Transition (9am - 1pm)

PLEASE NOTE UPDATED DATE Tuesday 13th December



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Newsletter Term 4, 2022



KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meet service Coordinator:

Naomi Perry

Programming:

Week 6 I had the privilege of going on camp with the 5/6's to Woorabinda, just past Moe. What a fantastic camp. The experiences the children had were canoeing, zipling, high ropes, archery, hikes, making damper, looking for insects in the pond and much more.

Debbie was in charge while I was away and the theme was Extinct Animals as chosen by Arwen. The children seemed to enjoy researching the different animals, drawing them and then shading them in. This week Stella D's choice of Minecraft and next weeks theme is DC as chosen by Catherine. We celebrated Rylan, Zander M, Logan and Brianna's birthdays.

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**.

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Times

Before School: 6:30am – 8:45am

After School: 3:15pm – 6:00pm

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

Fortnightly from Friday 7th October Assembly

Breakfast Club 8:15am Tuesday and Thursday from October 11th to 15th December

Monday 21st November - Year 6 Transition at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College

Wednesday 23rd November - 2:45-3:15pm 2nd Hand Uniform Stall

Friday 25th November - Free dress with gold coin donation to Smiling Minds

Monday 28th November - T20 Blast for selected Year 3-6 students

Wednesday 30th November - The Fathering Project Tooradin Pier event

Thursday 8th December - Italian Day

Friday 9th December - Free Dress with donation to Christmas raffle

Tuesday 13th December - State-wide Transition Day

Thursday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation

Friday 16th December - Reading Night reward

Friday 16th December - Tradie Dress up Day (more info. To come)

Monday 19th December - Year 6 Celebration Day

Monday 19th December - Christmas Carols

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