



Together We Learn

# KOO WEE RUP Primary School

November 2023



## Christmas Carols

Monday 18th December

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

Christmas Raffle drawn throughout the night

Raffle tickets to be sent later in the term

## Raffle Donation Free Dress Day

Friday 17th November - Free Dress with raffle donation

## Dress in Blue for Bluey Day

On Friday 24th November students are encouraged to come to school in something blue (clothes, socks, hair accessories) to raise funds for Bluey's ongoing care. For every gold coin donation students will also 2 giant pythons as a thank you from Bluey.



# Principal's Message

Last week we welcomed back Mrs McNaughton from a brief period of Long Service Leave as we said farewell to Mrs Cruse who is participating in a principal preparation internship for the next 4-weeks as part of a course she is participating in. We wish her the very best of luck in her internship and look forward to having her back later in November.

On Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day. I thought I'd take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the terrific work our teachers do here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School. I feel incredibly fortunate as the principal of this school to have such a dedicated team of teachers who strive to improve their practice and help make our school a great school for the children of Koo Wee Rup.

I'm sure that none of you need me to you tell that there is a lot happening at our school right now. As I type this we have the kindergarten buildings arriving on the back of trucks and a gigantic crane lifting the pieces into place. This facility will be a great addition to our learning community and will provide the opportunity to strengthen our kinder to school transition programs as it opens its doors in 2024. The current timeline is that the kinder will be open for children from day one next year. I am currently part of the tender process with the VSBA to appoint a provider to run the facility. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the kindergarten please contact the Victorian School Building Authority via their website <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/> . I know that the construction phase is having an impact on traffic around the school, particularly those who utilise Maughan Road and I appreciate your patience during this period.

Construction on the gymnasium is in full swing also! The first phase of work has required some significant ground work to ensure the concrete slab has a solid base. This has involved excavating the entire site to a depth of approximately 1.2 metres before trucking in suitable fill which has been compacted to the current height, which is thankfully above the flood level. The next stage of works will involve plumbing and electrical work in preparation for the concrete footings and ultimately the slab to be poured during November. The project is currently on track for the scheduled completion date of July/August 2024. It is anticipated the framework will be in place by Christmas. Having such a large part of our school fenced off as part of the building compound is a challenge for our students, however I'd like to commend the students for being really flexible, and for the most part, sharing the oval with each other really well.

Our annual Art Show was a terrific success! It was fantastic to see so many of our families come along and share in their children's artistic talents. A big thank you to Miss Irvin (and many others) for the organisation of the event.

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October I spent the day with our Grade 5/6 boys cricket team as they competed in the Division level of competition. On the day our boys won both games to claim the pennant. The boys now move on to the Regional finals, to be held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Mr Dillon will be stepping back into the coaching position for this event. I am super proud of the boys' achievement so far and wish them the best of luck at the next stage.

This Monday coming our teachers will have their final Professional Practice Day for the year. On this day our teachers will spend time moderating student work and working on end of year student reports. This is a student free day. Their Care is available for any parents that require supervision of their children. This is followed by the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

## Principal's Message

Coming up later this term we have the annual Parents and Friends free dress day. This is to be held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. We ask that all students bring along a non-perishable item to be donated to the Christmas raffle.

Our final The Fathering Project event for the year is going to be another exciting one! We are hosting an inflatables session in conjunction with the Melbourne Stars. This will be held here at the school on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Further information has been sent separately via the Sentral Parent Portal. It will be important to RSVP for the event.

Italian Day will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December this year. I look forward to seeing all of the children's Italian inspired costumes. Information regarding Italian Day has been distributed via the Portal.

At this time of the year we are busily working on class structures and finalising our enrolments for the new year. If you know that you will not be at our school in 2024, please let the office know as soon as possible. Additionally, if you know someone who hasn't yet enrolled their child, please encourage them to do so.

Before I sign off, I wanted to express my concern regarding the safety of our students when commuting to and from school. If your child walks, scoots or rides to school please have a conversation with them about doing so safely. We have had a number of near misses where students have either walked or ridden out onto the road without checking for oncoming traffic. I have raised this with students at assembly on a number of occasions however I still receive calls from concerned citizens who've had a near miss. I'd really appreciate the support of all parents with this matter.

Ben Zimmerle

## 'Footsteps into Foundation 2024'

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.



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Website: [www.kooweerupps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kooweerupps.vic.edu.au)

### Term 4 Transition (1:45 – 3:15pm)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### State-wide Transition (9am - 1pm)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December



Phone: 5997 1272  
Email: [koo.wee.rup.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:koo.wee.rup.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Community News



# Lest we forget

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November '23

### *Remembrance Day Service*

Koo Wee Rup & District RSL Sub- Branch  
Meet at Cenotaph 10.30am, for 10.45am Start  
Cochranes Park Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup

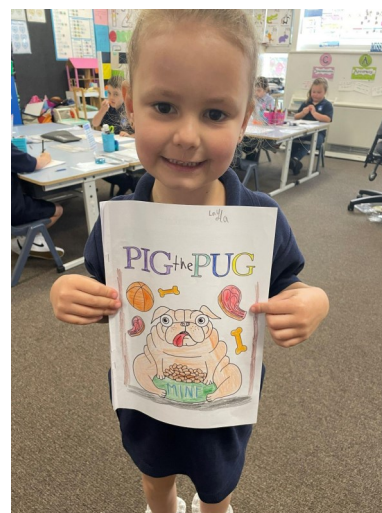
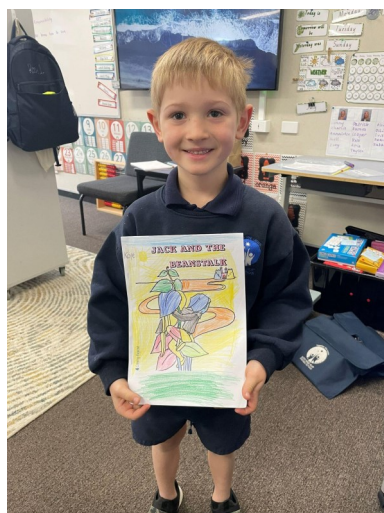
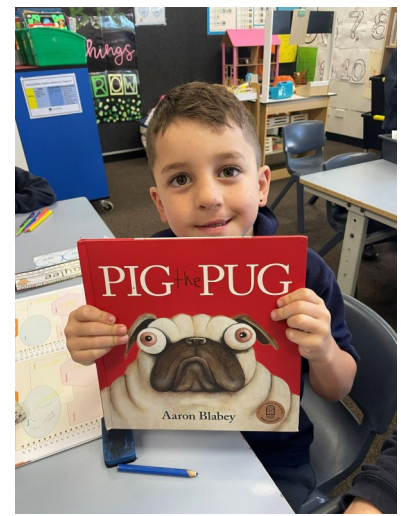
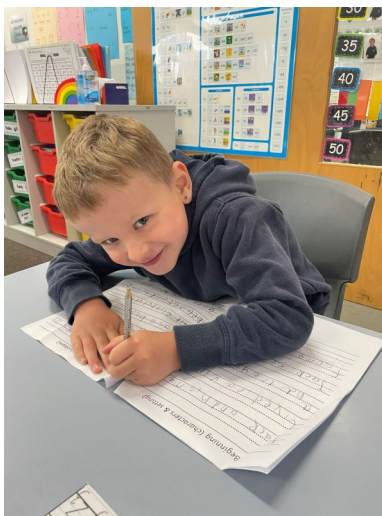


When you go home tell them of us and say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We gave Our Today.

## Term 4 in Foundation

We can't believe that we have already made it to Term 4 of our first year of school! Students have learnt so much over the year and they are excited to be getting ready to make the move up into Year 1. We have lots of events to look forward to in the coming weeks to round up a fantastic first year of school. These include our excursion to Deep Creek Eco-centre, Italian Day and the Christmas concert.

This term in Reading and Writing, Foundation students have been exploring the Narrative genre. They have been studying narratives such as Pig the Pug, Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Three Little Pigs and Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have then written our own narratives and made sure we have included the characters and the setting in the beginning, the problem in the middle of the story and how the problem is solved in the end. Students have had lots of fun with this unit of work and can't wait to show off our amazing writing to you!



# Junior School Update

Our Grade 1/2 students have hit the ground running in Term 4 with our first 5 weeks being jam packed!

We began learning about sharing in mathematics before moving on to fractions where students were very excited to begin our unit by creating a fractions wall. Teachers were surprised when we started our new mentor text, *Stuart Little*, as we found out many of our students had never watched the movie or heard the story. We are a week away from finishing *Stuart Little* before we start *Charlotte's Webb*.

A highlight every year for students is the Art show, this year was no exception as we saw many proud faces showing off their artwork.

This term we are spending a lot of time working in pairs and small groups across classrooms to help students get to know everyone in their year level.

Teachers are hoping this will start to help our students make new friendships going into Grade 2 and 3.



# Student Voice



# KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Student Voice Newsletter October Edition



KOO WEE RUP  
Primary School



In Term 4, the student voice team and school captains decided on the termly reward for students reaching 50 nights of reading. The reward in Term 4 is getting extra play outside.



*We would love to hear from you*

The student Voice Representatives are always happy to include more of what you would like to see in our newsletter. Please leave ideas and suggestions in your student voice box.



**HOT TOPIC – The Gym is Gone**

By: Owen and Adeline

The old gym is gone! We are hoping to see some amazing new things and we can't wait to see the progress over the next year. We are also excited to see how the new gym looks!



# Student Voice

## Meet the teacher with Mrs Cruse!

By: Ameer and Kole

What is your favourite subject to teach?

Literacy

What do you do in your free time?

Running and walking.

What made you want to become a teacher?

Having good teachers and I enjoy helping people.

How long have you been teaching for?

I have been teaching for 23 years!

What was school like when you were a kid?

- Bigger classes
- Nice teachers
- Lots of sport
- Not many subjects
- Big school



## All About Me with Riley!

How old are you?

8 years old.

What is your favourite subject?

PE

What is my favourite footy team?

Hawthorn

What is my favourite Pokémon?

Charmandor

What is my favourite Disney movie?

Stitch



## CAPTAINS CORNER

As you have been able to see, the gym removal has begun!! Two students represented our school at Regionals for Athletics, well done to Lexi and Kyran you both did a great job.

Senior school went to interschool sports in Bunyip with the boys cricket team making it to the next stage and winning that. We wish them all the best for the next stage again!

Year 6's are getting organised for graduation and ending their time here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School.

Every cohort has an excursion to look forward to this term which is exciting for everyone.

On Friday, we had a free dress day for the Rotary Club. Thank you to everyone who donated.



## AROUND THE GROUNDS

By: Dustin and Levi

Who is your favourite footy team?

'Collingwood' – Ash 1/2

'Richmond' – Ollie 1/2

'Richmond' - Cameron 1/2

'Sydney' – Zeb 1/2

'Collingwood' – Evie 1/2

'Collingwood' - Ella 1/2

'Richmond' – Ollie Foundation

'Collingwood' – Evie Foundation



## 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

**Foundation Transition** (Flyer earlier in newsletter)

#### School Assembly:

Friday 17th November  
 Friday 1st December  
 Friday 8th December

#### Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

**2:30-3:30pm**

Friday 17th November  
 Friday 1st December  
 Friday 8th December

**9:30-10:30am**

Tuesday 12th December

**2:45-3:30pm**

Wednesday 1st November  
 Wednesday 15th November  
 Wednesday 29th November

Friday 3rd November  
 Monday 6th November  
 Tuesday 7th November  
 Tuesday 14th November  
 Friday 17th November  
 Friday 24th November  
 Tuesday 21st November

Year 5/6 Science Incursion  
 Student Free Professional Practice Day  
 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
 Foundation Deep Creek Excursion  
 Free Dress - Christmas Raffle Donation  
 Free Dress - Dress in Blue for Bluey  
 Year 1/2 Deep Creek Excursion