Principal’s Report

Well Done Award Winners Monday 3rd March
(see list of winners on back page)

Home Reading – How important is practice?

At this week’s Assembly I spoke about the importance of reading both at school and at home. It is interesting to note that if a child is able to do 20 minutes of reading a day then they will be exposed to 1.8 million words per year. Like most sports and other things that require a skill, PRACTICE IS VITAL! There are no magic solutions to compensate for a lack of practice.

I would like to remind parents that the purpose of home reading is to practise and for the child to experience success in their reading. This ensures reading motivation and also an opportunity for you as a parent to give your child positive praise. Therefore it is the teacher’s objective to send home readers that your child is able to read both confidently and with fluency. I also would like to remind parents of the importance of allowing time for your child to talk about what they have just read. This helps to support reading for meaning and will allow you to see if your child is not just reading but also understanding what they are reading.

Division Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students who represented our school and our district in the Divisional Inter-School Swimming Carnival. Thanks to Mrs Snooks who organized and co-ordinated our swimmers. Our 4 successful swimmers will now go onto the Regional Finals to be held in Sale on the 12th March. Congratulations to Tyler Newton, Sophie McKenzie, Macie McNaughton and Maddie Smith on reaching the Regional Championships in Sale.

AFL Umpires Road Show

On Tuesday 24 of our Year 5 & 6 school leaders walked across to St Joseph’s Primary School to attend a leadership workshop conducted by the AFL Umpires Association. Our children had the opportunity to speak to a field umpire and a goal umpire from last year’s AFL Grand Final. Both Matt and Chris did a fantastic job engaging our young leaders and stimulating conversation as to what ‘leadership looks like’. Key topics that were covered in the session included the importance of having empathy for others, being fair, respecting others, coping mechanisms when you’ve made an error and the importance of effective communication. Our students’ contribution to the discussion was fantastic and it was clear that our students have a clear understanding of what is expected of them as identified leaders at KPS.
It’s Not Okay To Be Away – the importance of regular attendance

All parents will have received a flyer this week outlining parent’s responsibility to get their children to school. Regular attendance is so important in regards to maximising your child’s learning opportunities. Thank you to our many families that make it their priority to get their children to school on time. Please take the time to read the flyer.

Year 6 Camp

It has been interesting to visit the Year 6 classes over the past 2 weeks as they prepare for their 4 day camp to Wilson’s Promontory National Park. Mr Friebe and Mrs Mulqueeny have been providing the students with a variety of topics to investigate and think about on camp. I have also picked up on the class’s awareness in regards to the importance of team work and following instructions that will help keep everyone safe. Our students are very excited and I am looking forward to attending the camp myself.

A reminder that next Monday the 10th March is a public holiday. The school will not be open on Monday.

KPS is a Kids Matter School

Throughout this year you will see a number of articles in the newsletter providing you with information about Kids Matter. If you have time please visit the Kids Matter website – www.kidsmatterprimary.edu.au

Here is a brief summary from one of our parent members of the KPS Kids Matter Action Team, Jodie Olden.

Kids Matter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. Mental health and wellbeing is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers. Good mental health in childhood also provides a solid foundation for -

- Managing the transition to adolescence and adulthood.
- Engaging successfully in education.
- Making a meaningful contribution to society.

Late last year Mr Pirouet and Mr Gray attended a Kids Matter information day. As a result, they decided that KPS would become a Kids Matter school and participated in the Kids Matter training along with Mr Kilpatrick, and KPS parents Michelle Burgess and Jodie Olden. Kids Matter has four components that KPS will work through over 4 to 5 years. Our first component is Creating Positive School Communities. Although KPS is already a great school, we are looking to improve the way our children, staff and parents relate to each other as a School Community. Thus benefiting our children by:

- Increased positive mental health (eg: optimism and coping).
- Reduced mental health difficulties (eg: emotional symptoms, hyperactivity, conduct problems and peer difficulties).
- Improvements in behaviour and motivation for students already experiencing mental health challenges.

Benefits for our School include -

- Stronger parent engagement and parenting capacity.
- More effective partnerships with community.
- Improved student educational outcomes.

KPS will be undertaking Staff Professional Learning as part of our first step in Kids Matter over the next 18 months. If you have any other ideas about what would make KPS an even better school please drop a note into the office or email the school on korumburra@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kids Matter Primary is all about children’s mental health and wellbeing. We know that being mentally healthy is vital for learning and for leading a rewarding life. Kids Matter is a way for schools to nurture happy, balanced kids through mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention activity and planning.

Nathan Pirouet
Principal
Can you spare just 1 hour to help 1 student at KPS each week?
Your might just be what we are looking for as a LAP Volunteer. LAP is a program designed to improve self-esteem, self-confidence and a sense of achievement for students with particular needs. Volunteers from the community work with students on a one-to-one basis on activities determined by the student and the volunteer together. Volunteers must have a Working with Children Check. If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact Parents & Friends President Pee Wee Lewis or staff members Emma Morton or David Gray.

Scrap Metal Working Bee
Coming up soon, we will be having a scrap metal working bee where we are going to clamber under all our buildings and have a big clean out. We will have a scrap metal bin on-site to put it all in. We will be looking forward to cleaning out under many of our buildings and gaining more space as well as hopefully some extra dollars for our school. Watch out for a date to join us at our Scrap Metal Working Bee!

Labour Day Holiday & Year 6 Wilson’s Promontory Camp
Don’t forget that next Monday, 10th March is our Labour Day Public Holiday. Students will resume school next week on Tuesday, 11th March with our Year 6 students heading off on their much awaited 4 day Wilson’s Prom Camp. Having been on many Prom Camps, I know the children will have a fantastic time. Good luck to all our students, staff and parents who are attending. We will look forward to reading more about the Camp after their return. Thank you to Jenny Mulqueen and Craig Friebe for all their organisation of this exciting annual event.

School App
Don’t forget to stay up to date with all the latest news about all things KPS via our school app which is downloadable through the App Store.

Term 1 Arts Incursion
Tomorrow, Friday 7th March, we have our first Arts Incursion for the year. The children will be watching the program titled ‘The Right Balance’. We look forward to taking part in our first Arts event for the year. Thanks Mrs Zizic for organising this program.

Year 4 Netbook Program
Thank you to the many parents who attended the Information Evening on Tuesday which saw them able to collect their child’s netbook and take them home for the very first time. There must have been some very excited students when the parents brought the netbook home! Thank you to Laurie Bier and Haley Anderson for conducting the Information Evening and our Computer Technician Paul Jones who has provided a great deal of time and expertise in helping get the netbooks ready for the Year 4’s.

A Gentle Reminder: Parking around James Street and Wrench’s Lane at Pick Up Time
We ask parents to make sure they park legally at pick up time. Please note that you are only allowed to park on the school side of Wrench’s Lane where the houses are. Please do not park on the house side of Wrench’s Lane. We also ask parents not to stop next to the Uniting Church Clothing Charity Bin in the Church Car Park as this limits the flow of traffic. We ask parents to help us with this matter as the safety of your child/ren is our major concern at this time.

Your Child’s Teacher
Please don’t forget that if you have some important information that you believe would assist your child’s teacher to support your child’s learning, now is a good time to make an appointment to speak with them. Having this information can be vital to allow the teachers to provide the best possible learning opportunities for your child. Appointments can be made through the School Office. Note that more formalised discussions will take place later this year.

Spot Mr Gray’s Spelling Mistake
Did you spot the deliberate spelling mistake in my last report? If not, the error was in the word ‘believe’ which I mis-spelt as ‘beleive’. Again, we only had 1 great spelling mistake spotter this week and again it was Sophie McKenzie. Congratulations Sophe!!! Good luck spotting my mistake in this report.
Senior Department Report

There's been plenty happening these last few weeks and we can hardly believe it's already the end of week 6... the year is going too fast! However, the Year 5 and 6 students have been busy and recently embarked upon their ‘Aquatic Education Program’ at Korumburra Pool, which is due to finish this week. They've been learning and developing a range of key swimming and water safety skills and from what we've seen, they're all doing a great job... especially with the help of Mrs Snooks and her team of Austswim qualified instructors. (thank you)!!

The Year 5’s have also been busy working on their new inquiry topic based around the Australian Government. The topic has already sparked some interesting conversations regarding the different governmental roles across the country as well as Australia's link to the Commonwealth. Who knows, maybe Australia's next Prime Minister is in the making here at KPS!!

The Year 6’s have been busily preparing for their camping adventure at Wilson’s Prom next week. I know Mr Friebe, Mrs Mulqueeny and the whole Year 6 gang are really excited... especially at the thought of seeing some local wildlife and maybe roasting the odd marshmallow! I'm sure there will be plenty of stories (and photos) to share with both the community and everyone at KPS upon their return. Let's just hope Mr Friebe remembers how to put up his tent!

Finally a quick reminder to all parents (and students) about reading diaries! There have been a large number of students handing in their diaries on time, but unsigned... so can parents please try and sign them weekly and feel free to leave a comment as they're also a great communication tool between school and the home environment.

Let's have another great few weeks and thanks for reading!

Daniel Wells
Classroom Teacher

Library News

Book Club – Orders for Issue 2 are due back at school by Friday 14th March.

Helen Cripps
Library Technician
Winter Olympics

The Year 3 students continued their ‘dry’ Winter Olympic events to coincide with the Games in Sochi. The students particularly enjoyed sliding large ice blocks on the basketball court for the curling events. Medals were awarded to the following students:

Curling (team)
Gold - Delson Martin, Mackenzie Wilson, Kyesha Whittle, Charli Murphy
Silver - Hamish Boys, Ryan Mostert, Levi Clarke, Jordyn Marrow, Liam Dole
Bronze - Beau Grabham-Andrews, Bronte Whyte, Sophie Enbom, Angus Mitchell, Felicity Fox

Curling (Individual) Gold - Hamish Boys, Silver - Liam Richards, Bronze-Harrison Clark

2-Person Bobsled
Gold - Beau Grabham-Andrews, Riley Sullivan
Silver - Kasey Sage, Rani Marriot
Bronze - Felicity Fox, Sophie Enbom

Ice Hockey
Gold - Hal Joyce, Troy Miletto, Curtis Gardner, Kyesha Whittle, Brooke Kemp
Silver - Sophie Enbom, Levi Clarke, Alana Surman, Angus Mitchell, Beau Grabham-Andrews
Bronze - Riley Sullivan, Georgia Lindhe, Ambrin Narwal, Makenzee Swain

Figure Skating Gold - Emily Bowcher, Silver - Ambrin Narwal, Bronze - Alana Surman,
Special Encouragement Award - Makenzee Swain

Netbooks

The Year 4 students have now started to bring their Netbooks home following the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday. Lots of interested parents attended the meeting and everyone is now fully aware of the use, care and responsibilities which come with the Netbooks. Students are strongly reminded to carry their Netbooks in their soft or hard carry cases at all times and to charge their Netbooks before every day’s use. We hope that the students, teachers and parents get a lot out of these devices over the next three years and that the students are able to take more responsibility for ‘anywhere, anytime’ learning.

Reading Diaries

All students have reading diaries which are expected to be used on a weekly basis. A minimum of four nights per week home reading is an expectation for all Year 3 and 4 students. If parents have difficulty hearing their children read or finding time to discuss their books, Reading Club is available every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the school library from 8:30.

It is noticeable when children read regularly; they are more confident, articulate and independent with other school tasks. Reading forms the basis of all school work and carries over into further education, future employment and social settings-menus, catalogues, job quotes, banking etc.

Nigel Kilpatrick
Classroom Teacher

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Hi all!

Just a reminder that P&F are running a BBQ and drinks stall at Coal Creek this Saturday, as part of the Coal Creek Farmers Market. We would love you to come along with your kids and show us your support, either by buying a sausage or an egg and bacon roll from us, or just by milling around and showing the crowd our friendly KPS Faces! It runs from roughly 8am till 1.00.

Hope to see you there!

Pee-Wee Lewis,
KPS President.
The Preps are continuing to settle into classroom and school routines. They have been to Art, Music and Physical Education classes and are participating in whole school assemblies. As of this week the Preps are now attending school for the whole week. This is because the Prep teachers have now completed the online Literacy and Numeracy assessments with each child within their class. These assessments provide us with the necessary information of what the child has brought to their learning at school. We use this individualised information to further direct their learning and development.

With the adjustment of attending full time at school, we envisage some children becoming very tired. We ask parents to be mindful of this. Help your child by ensuring and maintaining good rest and sleep routines as they learn to build their stamina to cope with the increased time at school and the demands that come with learning to focus for more sustained times at school. Try to also keep outside school activities to a minimum if possible.

We want to thank parents for their support with their child’s practise of Reading and Writing through revisiting work in the Sentence Book. The daily home practice of skills and words taught at school is invaluable to your child’s learning and will go a long way to them forming good reading habits as part of their daily home routine. We ask that you aim for five nights of reading and that you fill in the reading diary after each home reading practice.

Soon the children will be going to the Library and will be able to borrow books. The green bag that each Prep child received at the start of this year is their Library Bag. We would appreciate all these Library bags being at school so that each child can borrow and return a library book.

There are still many children who do not have an Art smock. They do not need to be a bought Art smock; an old shirt with the sleeves cut down would do, with your child’s name clearly written on it. Please also make sure that you have clearly written their name on their school jumper as we are finding it hard to get these articles of clothing back to the correct child, especially after P.E. sessions.

We thank you for your help with these aspects in helping your child with their adjustment to school.

Here are some photos of Mrs Clark’s children participating in Art, Music and P.E.

Jan Clark
Classroom Teacher
Aquatic Education Program

We are well into the Aquatic Education Program and while we have had some mixed weather conditions, most students are doing a great job of participating eagerly, listening carefully and trying hard to perform the activities.

While some of our students have swimming lessons in the heated pool, it is important to remember that their performance in an outdoor swimming pool may differ to when they are in the warm environment inside. The wind chill and lower water temperature can greatly reduce a child’s tolerance and skill level. There can be an even greater effect on performance when swimming in an open water environment, such as a dam, lake or beach. Please be mindful of this when your child is around water!

As the program nears completion I would like to thank our reliable swimming teachers this year: Sharon Jones, Cindy Borg, Tegan Bray, Kim Fowles and Jan Legg.

These qualified AusSwim teachers have helped to present a more professional program where correction of skills can be quickly addressed and a variety of valuable activities introduced. I welcome any parents to provide constructive feedback on the program this year.

Well done to all those students who participated in the Aquatic Education Program!

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Division Swimming Sports

On Friday 28th February 12 KPS students walked down to the Korumburra Swimming pool to compete in the South Gippsland Primary School Swimming Sports. They had all qualified to represent the Woorayl District in this event.

It was a beautiful day against some tough opposition. Four of our students managed to qualify for the Regional Swimming Championships to be held in Sale on Wednesday 12th March.

Congratulations: Tyler Newton (butterfly), Sophie McKenzie (butterfly & breaststroke), Macie McNaughton (breaststroke), and Maddie Smith (backstroke).

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PE News

So far this year the program has been ‘rolling along’ with a number of new students from both Year 5 and 6 joining the program.

Term One lunch-time training sessions are focussing on spending time in the vehicles and working on our personal fitness.

Vehicle sessions are taking place on the bus lanes during Thursday lunchtimes, weather permitting. Safety features and equipment for both the H.P.V. and pushcarts are also discussed and scrutinized at great length during these sessions.

Wednesday fitness sessions are focussing on individual student fitness. Students are responsible for recording their own results. The ‘gang’ have been extremely dedicated to the gruelling regime of skipping, sit-ups, push-ups, shuttle runs and step ups.

**Important Dates to Remember**

**November 19th – 22nd** - RACV Energy Breakthrough Maryborough event.

It is with great happiness and joy that we can announce that Korumburra Primary School has been successful in entering 2 HPV teams and 2 pushcart teams for this year’s event!! This is fantastic news. We can now focus our collective energy on making our journey to this year’s event a successful one.

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H.P.V. and Pushcart Program 2014

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Craig Friebe

HPV and Pushcart Coordinator
Coal Creek Farmers Market - Sat 8th March 2014

Community Stage –

10.00am – Meredith from Grow Lightly with her Vegie Garden chat.

10.15am – A Happy chook is a tasty chook!
Ilan and Paula from Mirboo Pastured Poultry will be talking about their free range farm. They will also have some of their delicious marinated chicken wings for us to sample.

Come and support the kids from Korumburra Primary School who are fundraising on the BBQ along with an old fashioned Lemonade stand.
You can also pick up some fresh fish, free-range eggs, cakes, chutneys, artisan breads, wines, seedlings, herbs to plant, hand-made soaps and lots more local goodies.

Whats New!
Garlic, Stone fruit and Apples are in season.
Meeniyan CWA will be on the cake stall

Special Offer: Mirboo Pastured Poultry
A super ‘5kg (approx.) Family Pack’ of delicious chicken for $50 to order and collected on market day. 1 whole fresh chicken, 4 marylands, 1 kg chicken wings and 1 pack of sausages. Call
Artists of the Week—Jacob McGrath, Corey Whelan, Rory Byrne, and Jacqueline Turton.

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day—missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for great education begin with students going to school each and every day.

Students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school—that is a day a student misses the learning and can affect their long-term outcomes.

And missed days are associated with diminished later achievement in proficiency, writing, and reading.

Setting in early
In primary school, attendance patterns are established early—there is a major gap in learning that is more difficult to close later on. Even a few missed days can have a significant long-term impact on a student.

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

You may be eligible to receive $500 to assist with your child’s music tuition, instrument hire and dance classes!

- Would you like $500 to spend on your child’s extra activities?
- Do you have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card?
- Do you have some regular work?

If you answered yes to these three questions then you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program, which matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500!

Berry Street is now offering the Saver Plus program in your area. To find out more, phone 1800 610 315, or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 315, or email saverplus@bstl.org.au.

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Berry Street
We never give up
Calendar of Events
2014

10th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
11th - 14th March - Year 6 Prom Camp
12th March - Regional Swimming Sale
27th March - House Athletic Sports
April 4th - Term 1 ends.
April 22nd - Term 2 starts
29th April - State Swimming MSAC
1st May - Regional Tennis
6th May - District Athletic Sports
8th May - Individual State Team Trials
28th May - House Cross Country
5th June - Division Cross Country
19th June - Regional Cross Country
23rd - 25th June - Year 5 Urban Camp
27th June - Term 2 ends
14th July - Term 3 begins
10th - 12th September - Year 4 Allambee Camp
19th September - Term 3 ends
15th - 16th October - Year 3 Camp Phillip Island
23rd October - Year 2 Sleepover

K.P.S a UNITED Community School

WELL DONE AWARDS

William O'Neill
Connor Hewitt
Ben King
Laura Bevis
Riley Twite
Allyra Todd
Alana Surman
Oscar Fiedler
Blake Byrne
Holly Fowler
Alana Lopez –Freeman
Oscar Beachley
Braiydann Gunther
Cooper Quaife
Maia Enbom
Lauren Sinclair
Kyle Anthony
Jai Henderson
Kyren Lynn
Abbey Nicholls
Tom Matthies

FOOTY IS BACK!!!

Korumburra-Bena Under 11’s & 13’s
Training starts Wed 19th March 5pm
@ The Show Grounds.
All enquiries