**Principal’s Message**

Thank you to Mrs Hill, Mr Connell and Mrs Cavill for relieving as principal whilst I was attending leadership courses.

We are so lucky at Koonawarra School to have such a great Instructional Leader, Mrs Bowden who works with our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers to continually upskill their ability to teach reading and writing using new researched based methods. Reading, writing and talking with your child has significant benefits on their learning.

Thank you Mrs Stephenson for organising our students to be part of the debating opportunity at Dapto High on Monday 18th May. Our students did us proud!

Next Monday, May 25 is our assembly. The assembly starts at 2.00pm please come along. The children will be participating in activities on the 26 May to remember Sorry Day. This date commemorates the day the prime minister apologised to the Aboriginal people for the decisions imposed on Aboriginal people in the past.

Please note the change of date for the P & C. Unfortunately the first Tuesdays of the month are booked out for me due to Department of Education business. So we will make it the 2nd Tuesday of the month for this term. The next meeting is Tuesday 9th June at 9.00am.

Thank you

Jacqueline Murphy-Cann

Principal
Koonawarra Public School

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**Library News**

This is one of Mrs. Herrings’s *brand spanking new books*...

Poor Sam! He always gets left out of his big brother’s games. But one day when the big boys leave him out again, Sam gets to thinking...

**How big is too small?**

Lots of predicting, thinking and rhyming words to keep the children occupied for hours.

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**Dates to Remember…**

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**Where to find things!!!**

- **Page 2, 3 & 4** Celebrating Koonawarra Kids (Each week we will be *celebrating* all the great things our kids do)
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Celebrating Koonawarra Kids

Library Visit – Group 2

Every Wednesday we go to the library with Mrs Herring where we listen to a story, browse the Preschool book box and get to borrow a book to take home for 2 weeks to look at and for someone to read to us.

Mrs Herring reads us a couple of her favourite story books and then we get to choose our own books to flick through. None of us can actually read yet but that doesn’t matter because it’s important to feel comfortable with books and know how to turn the pages, look at the pictures and become familiar with texts before we start learning sounds, letters, words and then reading.

After we browse and look at our books, we line up with our library bags so we can borrow a book to take home. Lisa scans all of our names and the barcode on the book before it goes into our library bags. This is so Mrs Herring knows which books each one of has borrowed. Before we leave the library we sit down for one last story but Mrs Herring doesn’t read this one, we watch an actor or actress read and animated version on the interactive whiteboard this time. We love Storybooks Online!
DEBATING DAY - DAPTO HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday 18th May 2015, two Koonawarra Public School Debating teams visited Dapto High School for the Dapto Learning Community Gala Day. Mrs Griggs had coordinated the event with Mr Rhodes, an English teacher from Dapto High School.

Rotary kindly sponsored the event, paying for all students to attend. Rotary also donated a brand new perpetual trophy. Kanahooka and Dapto High School students competed in the inaugural Debating competition. Dapto High School won the trophy for the negative, with a narrow margin, convincing us that 'The News is not a good source of information'.

Koonawarra students competed in two teams: Koonawarra Red and Koonawarra Navy. We participated in four debates overall and despite determined effort, didn't manage to win a contest. We were fortunate to see many debates in action and learned some new tricks and tips.
Congratulations and well done; Rachel Davis, Owen Waddell, Bailey Wilke, Zowie Dreghorn, Shania Auld, Logan Vallance, Nataya Coulstock, Taleisha Shipley, Brianah Hodges and Brayden Ferguson. We are very proud of you!
Community News

Food Allergy Week 2015 - Be Aware, Show You Care

Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world, and the numbers are growing at an alarming rate. In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/ An allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening and people can die from food allergy. While the risk cannot be removed, it can be managed.

It’s up to all of us to be allergy aware – to know how to minimise the risk of a reaction, to know what to do if a reaction happens, and to understand and support family, friends and colleagues living with food allergies.

Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2015

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday 30th May 2015 between 10am and 2pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard the station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and chat with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Our new fire station is located at 1 Russell Street, Albion Park. There is plenty of parking at the swimming pool car park just around the corner.
Responsible Social Media Use

It is a sign of our changing times that every week we hear stories of children in our community and around the world being bullied on social media, like KiK, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snap Chat and texting.

We regularly talk to our older students about being responsible social media users, and what to do if they do experience cyber bullying themselves.

See below for a fantastic guide to using social media.

Before you

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?
Our Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Just a reminder... The P & C meet on the 1\textsuperscript{st} **Tuesday** of the month at 9:30 – 11:00am in the **Blue room** at Koonawarra Public School

Why Should I Join the P&C you ask?
Here are some of the many benefits:

- Make a positive contribution to your child’s school
- Meet new people
- Gain experience
- Share ideas and skills/talents

Bring your thoughts, ideas and suggestions alone to our meeting and together we will work to make our school the best it can be for all.

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**Important Messages**

**SORRY DAY 2015**

Tuesday May 26\textsuperscript{th}

At Koonawarra Public School we will be observing Sorry Day on Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} May.

“National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities”. We commemorate Sorry Day as a way of showing our commitment towards reconciliation.
## Our School Calendar

### Our School Rules
- Be Polite
- Follow Instructions
- Stay On Task

### Term 2 Planner 2015

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Email items to koonawarra-pschools@det.nsw.edu.au

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