Principal's Message

Peer Support started on Wednesday. The year 6 students have the opportunity to develop their leadership roles as Peer Support leaders. The students from Kindergarten to Year 5 have the opportunity to learn and develop getting along together skills, within a small supportive group setting. Peer support will happen each Wednesday from 12.30 until 1.05. There will be 25 groups spread throughout the school.
Please ask your child what number group they are in and which classroom they are in should you have the need to pick them up early.

Regular attendance is extremely important. Whilst many students do attend regularly there are many students who are late or have high levels of absenteeism or are often late. The Department of Education monitors attendance closely as it is linked to student achievement. The more children attend school the better educational results they achieve. Koonawarra Public school is currently below the expected level of attendance.
Please make it your priority to send your child to school regularly and please try to get your children to school on time each day.

School is a great place to be!

Jacqueline Murphy-Cann,
Principal
Koonawarra Public School.
Koonawarra Award Winners

1/2M shared their work at the K-2 Monday Assembly
The simplest way
...to pack a creative lunch box!

Don't feel like you have to send the same old sandwich every day. Here are some of our best tips for making lunch boxes interesting for you, and your kids!

- Make fresh spring rolls – they're great for dinner and can be used as leftovers, too! See eatittobeall.com.au for a free recipe.
- Cut veges into thin sticks – send with a small container of hummus.
- Make a fruit salad – dice whatever fruit you have into small pieces.
- Make a roast vegie sandwich – leftover roast vegies are delicious on fresh bread.
- Add fruit to yoghurt – split a large tub of reduced-fat yoghurt into small containers, and add pieces of fruit for a sweet twist.

For more information visit www.eatittobeall.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeall

Community News
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by 6/8/15

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Jacqueline Murphy-Cann
Principal
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Dr General Manager Jenny Donovan
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
**Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by 6/8/15

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student/s …………………………………………………………………………………

Roll class/es …………………………………………………………………………………….

Name of parent/carer …………………………………………………………………………

Signature of parent/carer …………………………………………………………………….

Date …………………………………