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**Principal’s Message**

**Education Week at Koonawarra**

Come and celebrate your children’s education at our whole school assembly on Monday. We are very fortunate to have great teachers at Koonawarra School who inspire their students to work hard and make great educational gains. We have fantastic staff in the office that care for your students and assist them when they are sick or with inquiries.

We also have some terrific learning support officers who work tirelessly to help individual students and work with children in small groups whilst the teacher works with other students. Learning Support offices help our students to practise their letters and sounds, listen to them read and assist them in number problem solving.

**21st century Learners**

School has changed a lot in the past ten years with Interactive whiteboards, iPads and mini devices. Rather than the rote learning of the past, children today engage in games and activities that train them to think, learn and remember.

*Students today use technology as a learning tool to communicate ideas and knowledge.*

This year’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. Koonawarra students were able to meet war heroes at our ANZAC celebrations.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Murphy-Cann, Principal
Koonawarra Public School.

**Reminder:**

**Berry Camp 31st August - 2nd September.**

Just a reminder that final payments are due this Friday, the 7th of August, 2015. Please ensure that payments are finalised by this date.

Please also remember to complete the Medical and Consent Form online at [dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform](http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform) by 7/08/2015.

ANYONE HAVING DIFFICULTY COMPLETING THE ONLINE MEDICAL FORM PLEASE SEE MRS MURPHY-CANN OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE TEAM.
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**Koonawarra Award Winners**

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• loose clothes, rather than fabric that is stretched across the skin
• fabric that has a close, dense weave
• dark colours (navy, black, dark red) absorb UV rays and prevent them reaching the skin better than white and light colours

Don’t forget!

To ensure the best UV protection from April – September all sun protection measures are needed between 10.00am – 2.00pm

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Whole School Assembly

On Monday the 10th of August, we will be holding a whole school assembly. During this assembly, we will be handing out place-getter ribbons from our recent school athletics carnival, as well as ribbons from the district carnival. All parents, caregivers, family and friends are encouraged to attend this assembly. The assembly will begin straight after lunch, at 1:45pm.

School Attendance

To be a successful learner it is important to:
- Be on time to School
- Attend school regularly

How can you help your child attend regularly?
- Stay involved
- Talk to your child about school
- If there is a problem talk to the teacher
- Get up early and get organised
- Make sure your child eats well and gets regular sleep

-Mrs Jacqueline Murphy-Cann

Peer Support

Stage 3 have successfully started running Peer Support lessons every Wednesday for 30 minutes. Children work in a K-4 mixed group of 8 with a peer support leader and co-leader from stage 3.

Over the last two weeks, children have been making connections amongst their group, learning how to work effectively as a group and practising being friendly and supportive of each other.

For the rest of Term 3, students will be completing the Keeping Friends module which focuses on relationships. Keeping Friends focuses on developing the following skills:
- critical thinking
- empathy
- conflict resolution
- assertiveness
- relationship building

Peer support lessons will support students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to maintain friendships and interact with one another in a friendly and positive way. Be sure to ask your child about what they learned in Peer Support this week.

-Mrs Sarena Hill

District Athletics Carnival

On Thursday the 30th and Friday the 31st of July, Mrs Hill, Mrs Knight and I had the pleasure of attending the District Athletics Carnival. We had 54 students compete in track events, shot put, high jump and long jump. All students were well behaved on both days and made me feel proud to be a part of Koonawarra Public School. Not only did students try their best, they also ensured they cheered loudly for their peers when they weren’t competing.
Well done to all of the students who competed. A special congratulations goes to Olivia Gouvas, who will be moving on to compete in Canberra, after finishing first in her 100m final. Good luck, Olivia!

-Ms Ashley Montgomery
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