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## OUR VALUES

**Aim High**
**Be Respectful**
**Be Resilient**
**Be Responsible**

# Principal's Report



**Well Done Awards 20th February, 2017**

**Meet-the-Teacher & Bush Dance**

Last week our Open Classrooms and School Bush Dance was a huge success. We had over 80% of our children and families attend. It was pleasing that so many families take the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and say hi to the teacher and then enjoy the barbecue and bush dancing afterwards. Again I had many parents and grandparents thank me and comment on the positive and fun atmosphere. It was enjoyable watch parents, grandparents and the children get into the spirit of the night. Mr Phil Beggs and his band were amazing in getting everyone up onto the dance floor. We really appreciate their musical talent and Phil's ability to encourage participation. The success of the night again highlighted the strong sense of community that we have here at KPS. So many people across our school community chipped in to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Thank you to our students, staff, and our families for such a fun night. A huge thank you to our School Councillors who organised and ran the event and a special thank you to all who helped set up and pack up.

**District Swimming Sports**

Today 35 of our students are competing in the Woorayl District Swimming Sports. Our students will test themselves against other schools in our area. These schools include Leongatha, Mirboo North, Inverloch, Karmai Cluster (Loch, Nyora & Poowong) and Combined Registered (SCCC, St Laurence's & St Joes). Please watch for the results in next week's newsletter.

**Emergency Evacuation Drill held today.**

Today we held an emergency evacuation drill onsite. All of our school practised evacuating to the Pony Paddock in the event of an emergency. All students and staff did an excellent job by calmly vacating their classroom and lining up on the Pony Paddock to have their attendance recorded. Congratulations to everyone for taking this important drill seriously.

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### Year 4 Netbooks

Last night our Year 4 students and their parents came back to school to complete the process that will see the students able to take home their new netbooks. Thanks to our Assistant Principal Mr Wells and the Year 4 teachers for organising last night. It was pleasing to see how excited our students were to finally be able to take full possession of their new device. The boys and girls have been learning how they work at school but will now have the opportunity to use them at home. Thank you to all parents for your organisation and support of the Netbook Program.

### Students Riding to School

At K.P.S. we encourage children to walk or ride to school. However, we like to see only students that have completed our Year 4 Bike. Education program riding push-bikes to school. During this program the children learn hands-on skills which enable them to meet the challenges involved when riding to school. Also, children don't develop the necessary peripheral vision that is so important in riding a bike or scooter until around Year 4. We love to see children being active in coming to or leaving school but we encourage parents to keep these points in mind when it's time for the children to travel to school.

### Early Arrivals at School

We are continuing to have a number of students arrive at school well before they need to be here. In fact some students regularly arrive before 8:00 am! Parents are asked not to send their children to school before 8.45 am. Buildings are not open to students until 8:45 am. This time allows staff to prepare for the day ahead without interruptions. Our Before School Reading Club held in the Library doesn't commence until 8:30. Teachers are rostered for yard supervision from 8:45. Any students who arrive at school very early are currently waiting inside at the office. We ask for your co-operation with this.

### School Council

Please see School Council Election details below. Being a member of the K.P.S. Council is a great way to have direct involvement into the many aspects of our school. It is not an onerous task and involves members meeting twice per term in the evening and being a member of School Council Sub-Committees, such as Publicity & Marketing, Uniform, Buildings & Grounds, Canteen and more. Last year, we had more nominations than there were positions available meaning a vote was required to elect the new Council. This is always a healthy sign when there are many people interested in having a direct role in the running of our school.

### School Council Elections

The Department of Education and Training has issued instructions that all school councils are to conduct their annual School Council elections for 2017. All schools must ensure that the election process is concluded by 31st March, 2017. The time line as approved by School Council is as follows. Consequently nominations for positions on School Council are being called for from Thursday 2nd March.

The process of the elections remains unchanged:

Call for nominations – note that interested candidates are able to self-nominate without a nominee or seconder.

Nominations close seven days later.

Ballot papers circulated, at least seven days before the close of the ballot (if there is a need for an election).

Ballot closes seven days later. This must be fourteen days after the close of nominations. Poll declared.

The time line for the elections is as follows:

<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Call for nominations</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Nominations close</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>(By Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Display list of candidates</b> <b>Prepare and distribute ballot papers</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Close of ballot</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Count votes and declare the poll</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>New School Council is able to meet</b>

Immediately following the declaration of the ballot, the first meeting of the new School Council can be called. This meeting is chaired by the Principal and the business of the meeting is to co-opt any new community members. The next council meeting will elect the council office bearers. This second meeting can follow on immediately after the first meeting.

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Therefore nominations are being called for vacancies on the Korumburra Primary School Council as of today – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Our current School Council members are as follows:

Michelle Villinger	President	(parent category member)
Melissa Whelan	Vice President	(parent category member)
Jodie Olden	Treasurer	(parent category member)
Jessica Beachley	Secretary	(parent category member)
Kameron Whyte	President	(parent category member)
Nathan Pirouet	Executive Officer	(DE&T employer category member)
Chris Whelan		(parent category member)
Jess Beachley		(parent category member)
Gavin Furness		(parent category member)
Lynne Dowel		(DE&T employer category member)
David Gray		(DE&T employer category member)
Rachael Warren		(DE&T employer category member)

Four parent category members (Kamron Whyte, Jessica Beachley, Michelle, Villinger, Gavin Furness) and one DE&T category members (Rachel Warren) retire at the end of March 2017. Consequently, we are seeking nominations to fill these positions. Of course, retiring members can renominate for positions.

Nomination forms will be available from the office from today (24th February). Nominations close on Monday 2nd March.

Membership of School Council is a very effective way of becoming fully involved in your child's education. However if parents are unsure of what is required please feel free to contact me or any other of our School Councillors to find out more about the process.

Contact the Principal for further information or visit the website:  
<http://www.schoolgovernance.vic.edu.au/12-what-school-councils-do>



Nathan Pirouet  
Principal

## WELL DONE AWARDS

Oscar Fiedler  
 Georgia Kyle  
 Harvey Webb  
 Kirrah Belvedere  
 Coopah Day  
 Madeleine Church  
 Molly Jobling  
 Lauren Sawyers  
 Eileen Tanaka Morrison  
 Declan Beames  
 Gypsy Quaife  
 Gracie Barlow  
 Kohen Gilliatte  
 Tahli Stoll  
 Emily Douglas  
 Percy Towt  
 Charlie Hopwood  
 Jonah Foster  
 Lily Jacobs  
 Dean Ryan  
 Sam Tomkinson  
 Lucas Fox  
 Emily Austin  
 Billy McFarlane  
 Josh Clapton  
 Mitchell Hough Lovell

congratulations

# Calendar of Events 2017

## February, 2017

- 24th February - Woorayl District Swimming Sports  
28th February - Yr 3—6 Aquatic Education

## March, 2017

- 1st March - Yr 3—6 Aquatic Education  
2nd March - Yr 3—6 Aquatic Education  
6th March - Yr 3—6 Aquatic Education  
7th March - Yr 3—6 Aquatic Education  
8th March - Yr 3—6 Aquatic Education  
9th March - School Photo's  
13th March - Labour Day Holiday  
14th - 17th March - Year 6 Wilsons Prom Camp  
20th March - Year Level Relays  
21st March - House Athletic Sports  
24th March - JSC Dress Up Day  
30th March - Cold Write (Whole School)  
31st March - Term 1 ends.

## April, 2017

- 17th April - Easter Monday  
18th April - Term 2 begins  
24th April - Anzac Day Assembly

- 25th April - Anzac Day

## May, 2017

- 3rd May - District Athletic Sports  
9th May - Naplan Language Testing  
10th May - Naplan Reading Testing  
11th May - Naplan Numeracy Testing  
12th May - Curriculum Day Pupil Free  
25th May - House Cross Country

## June, 2017

- 1st June - Cold Write  
12th June - Queens Birthday Holiday  
13th June - Report Writing Pupil Free  
22nd June - Regional Cross Country  
23rd June - Lightning Premiership  
30th June - Term 2 finishes

## July, 2017

- 17th—24 July - Life Education Van Visit

## August, 2017

- 17th August - Division Athletics  
28th—30th August - Year 4 Allambee Camp

## September, 2017

- 25th September - Term 3 Finish

## Big Write @ KPS

Now that we have settled into our classroom routines and begun our regular daily Writing teaching and learning times, we will be having our first Big Write for the year next week. This first one will be a recount. All classes have been focusing on their VCOP goals. (Vocabulary, Connectors, Openers and Punctuation) as well as learning about constructing Recounts and being good writers. Lots of learning and preparation happens in the classroom. A recount is considered to be a retell of an actual event or experience in sequence with details including where, when, who, why and how. The level of skill, detail and reader engagement is dependent on your child's year level expectation and developmental stage.

A big part of supporting your children to be great writers is spending time TALKING about experiences and connections to the topics and exploring and using words and sentences. There is no need to record or write anything down at home for your children to bring to school. This can cause confusion for the student as they worry about copying a prepared piece from home which may differ from the classroom focus and it is not required at all. All the talk will be continued in the classrooms in a focused talk time with the whole class and teacher.

Preparing your children by spending a short time chatting about the topic and any ideas and experiences will give them some language and thinking to bring to this classroom talk time is all that is required.

The key motto for Big Writes is : IF THEY CAN TALK ABOUT IT THEY CAN WRITE ABOUT IT.

If you have any queries about VCOP and Big Write at KPS please make a time to speak with your classroom teacher or with me, Jacqui Rotthier.