

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Hope you are all well. We are at the end of week 6 already! Last week all school students took part in swimming and aquatics. The junior and middle primary classes had a fantastic time on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was great to see students showing good listening skills and trying hard to improve their stroke technique. Well done guys. On Thursday the upper primary students travelled up to do their swimming lesson. Unfortunately, student behaviour was very poor that day. Students were spoken to about their behaviour and on Friday we decided to take them back and do the lessons over to show the swimming instructors that students can make smart choices and show better behaviour. They did. Friday saw good behaviour by all students. While I'm on the topic of behaviour, we are noticing that several students are not making any effort to improve their behaviour. This is creating an unsafe learning environment and slowing the learning progression of others. I am not a big fan of suspending students as I believe working with the student is a better way to improve behaviour. However, some students are not taking advice or using strategies to remain calm and resolve issues appropriately. It is with regret that I will now be suspending students who continue to show poor behaviour. We would appreciate your support in helping students improve their behaviour and engagement in learning.



Yesterday Eddie Hocking visited our site and talked with students about 'Wiltja' in Adelaide. We have not been a part of this program before and I was really excited to hear that it is now an option for students at Koonibba. Eric Peel is currently in Emmanuel College on a scholarship which is fantastic and we would love to see more students from Koonibba travel to Adelaide for schooling. To see the bigger, wider world and all that it has to offer is a great opportunity for students. Although we have no year 7s this year, it was good to plant the seed with the year 6s. I still have limited information, however I will let you know more when I receive more information.

Governing Council Meeting on Tuesday the 13th of March at 10:00 at school. This is our first meeting for the year so it is important that we get as many parents and caregivers to the meeting as possible. I hope you all have a great long weekend. Looks like some great weather. Have a good minya break and stay safe.

Regards,
Wade Branford

School Calendar

Week 7

Monday 12th March- Public Holiday Adel. Cup
Tuesday 13th March- Governing Council Meeting at school 10:00.

Thursday 15th March- Wirangu beach day preschool and JP class.

Friday 16th March- Wirang beach day MP/UP class (if behaviour supports)

Week 8

Monday 19th March- Mr Branford Adel. SSASA

Dental Clinic

Please call 0434601394
between 8.30-4.30pm during this week
only for an appointment.
This is a completely free service for
school aged children!



School Uniforms for Sale



T-shirts
\$10
Jumpers
\$15

foster care



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There is nothing quite as satisfying as making a real and positive difference to a young life.

Whether it's a weekend, a week in the school holidays, a fortnight, a month or longer, any amount of your time could make a difference.

If you think you could help a child or would like more information, contact



Centacare today

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
On Thursdays and Fridays we are having a big increase in bad behaviour from students due to lack of sleep. Students tell us on these days that they are tired. I asked the middle and upper primary class today who went to bed late and over half of them had. Out of those students, all had had time out of class due to bad behaviour.

Students, PEOPLE, can't learn when they are tired. Can you please ensure that all students are getting **8-10 hours sleep a night**. This has them ready for school and learning.

Tired students who display bad behaviour **will be sent home**. This is to keep the other children at Koonibba safe and free to learn.

Governing Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th of March

10:00

Koonibba Aboriginal School