LET THE WORKS BEGIN!!
Thank You – Nadine Needam and the team of parents (Steven McIntosh, Sally Carvosso, Kristy Hammond and David Hammond) who spent four hours at school last Sunday helping to clean out the bike shed and toilet block. These areas were a mess and are now looking much better. We still have a small number of tables, chairs, desks etc. for sale. Please contact Nadine for further information.

Child being collected by another parent - If your child is to be collected by another adult we need to be notified in writing of the arrangement. Please send a note to your child’s teacher explaining the arrangements.

Extreme Heat Under no circumstances will children be sent home during the day. We are very fortunate that all of our classrooms have air conditioning. On extreme days we may call a hot day timetable where children are kept inside but we will never send children home at any time other than 3.30pm.

Ambulance Costs Please note that in the unfortunate instance that the school has to call an ambulance to attend your child, the cost is met by the family. With any serious injury we endeavour to contact the parent, guardian or emergency contact. However, there are times when this is not possible and/or the nature of the injury calls for immediate assistance. The safety of your child will always be our first priority. The cost of ambulance transport can be daunting. Cost for children on excursions would be even higher and the cost of an air ambulance should that be necessary, would be enormous. Ambulance cover can be taken out for around $90.00 per family. More details can be obtained by phoning 1800 648 484. Some health funds cover ambulance as well. Clearly we hope that there will not be a need to call an ambulance, however, it is important for people to be aware of the huge cost associated with this service and the fact that it will need to be paid by the family concerned.

Food allergies Please be sensitive to the anaphylactic children in our school. They suffer severe and sometimes life threatening reactions to certain foods eg. peanuts and eggs. Please be mindful of this problem when thinking of including these in your child’s lunch or class celebration food. It is a huge help to our management of the issue.

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools We would like to reassure parents in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but we wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Pupil Free Day - Thursday 17th March
Please note that we will be having a Pupil Free Day on Thursday 17th March when no child should attend school.

Punctuality - School Times
Our school day commences at 9:00am and finishes at 3:30pm. Recess is from 11:00 am to 11:30am and lunch is from 1:45pm to 2:30 pm.

Punctuality is expected at Kananook Primary as it assists the development in our students of such qualities as responsibility, self-discipline, good manners and respect for the rights of others. In order for the school to fulfil its responsibility for the safety and welfare of students, the school insists on punctual attendance. Students arriving at school late are required to report to the Office for a ‘Late Pass’. Parents or guardians are to sign children in if they are late or departing early. Under no circumstances are children to be sent into school without a parent or guardian with them.

While punctuality is strongly encouraged, children arriving at school too early or being collected late after school pose a safety concern. Teachers are not on duty in the school grounds until 8:45am and are not on duty after 3:45pm.

Contact Michael Block, Principal, 9786 6066 for further information

CSEF CLAIMS (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund)
If you are a holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card you will be eligible to claim A CSEF payment of $125.00 per child which can be used towards camps, sports or excursion expenses for your child. Please note that these forms have to be submitted to school by 17th March. Forms can be collected from the Office or downloaded from the following website: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

IMMUNISATION
Under DEECD regulations, you need to submit a valid certificate of immunisation for your child with your enrolment details. If you have not already brought your immunisation certificate to the school please do so as soon as possible.
Parents, Teachers and Friends (PTF) News

Special Lunch
Thankyou to all our helpers for last week’s special lunch! Thankyou to Nicki and Rebecca for helping me count orders, Nicki for preparing and shopping, Rebecca, Nadine and Kristy for baking the yummy cookies and Nicki, Rebecca, Amy, Kristy, Carmen, Raji and Tara for preparing and serving the lunch on the day. A special thankyou to Raji for cooking us a delicious lunch! Our next special lunch will be a hot dog lunch on Friday 18th March. Order forms will come home next week.

Easter Raffle
We are asking all our families to donate items towards the raffle prizes for the PTF Easter Raffle held in conjunction with the Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 24th March. We welcome eggs, bunnies, baskets or any Easter related gift items. There are boxes in the classrooms for your child to place their donation into, or bring them directly up to the office. All families who donate will go into a draw to win a special prize. Raffle tickets will come home next week.

School Banking
Don’t forget we have a Commonwealth Bank prize pack to give away to someone this term. Anyone who opens a bank account and makes a deposit through school banking during term one will go into the draw to win. Pick up a Commonwealth Bank information pack from the school office, call into your local Commonwealth Bank branch or drop in and see us on a Tuesday morning in the KOOSH room.

Second Hand Uniform Sale
Thank you to Nicki for her continuing commitment to running the Second Hand Uniform Sale. Due to the Curriculum Day and school holidays our next sale will be next term on Thursday 21st April from 3.30pm. Sales will continue to be held the first Tuesday morning and the third Thursday afternoon of each month during school terms.

AGM
Thank you to the parents and friends who attended our AGM this morning. Thank you to Mr Block for chairing our election. We have elected the following office bearers:
President: Trisha Brumbaugh
Vice President: Nadine Needham
Secretary: Kristy Hammond
Treasurer: Nicki Fidge

We look forward to working together this year, but we always welcome any help big or small along the way. If you would like to lend a hand, have any suggestions or questions, or would like to join our mailing list, please come along to our meetings, see the school office, send us an email at ptf1@kps.vic.edu.au or come and see us in the yard!

Trisha Brumbaugh

Term 1 Important Calendar Dates

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Achievement Awards
OOK- Darijan 3/4M- Eduard
1FM- Ashlee 4/6B- N/A
2/3B- N/A 4/6C-Lily-Rose
2/3R- Hannah 4/6S-Cameron

Tables and Chairs For Sale
Second hand tables and chairs are available from the office for a small donation.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT KANANOOK
March
3rd Savannah-Charlie
5th Teylon
5th Tyler

Remember - 'Every Day Counts'
Please be at school every day – even on your birthday

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?
HOW MANY NIGHTS CAN YOU READ?
KPS are having a whole school YEAR LONG Reading challenge and it has now commenced!

PRIZES, CERTIFICATES, SURPRISES AND GIVEAWAYS FOR STUDENTS WHO REACH READING MILESTONES!!!!!!!
25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300

AMAZING PROMOTION PRIZE!!!!!!!
THE FIRST 20 STUDENTS WHO reach 25 nights of reading will be TREATED to a special excursion with Mr Block and Mr Gilchrist on the school BUS! MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THAT BUS!!!
Friendly Stars this week:
Harrison, Rayna, Eduard, Bella & Ohden

Friendly Stars are children who have been observed in the playground helping others, playing happily and safely with their peers and voluntarily taking care of their school environment.

SPECIALIST CUP: 2/3 R

Kananook ‘Sponsor of the Week’

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