



8th February 2017

KANANOOK'S NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome to Our Community

It is week two of the school year. I would like to warmly welcome new families to our community here at Kananook Primary School and to welcome existing members to the 2017 school year. Kananook Primary School has a rich and proud history of high quality learning and teaching that has reached approximately 60 years. We look forward to learning and teaching together with you to bring about the best possible student learning, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for the children.

If we can help you in any way in 2017, please do not hesitate to drop in or telephone the office on 9786 6066.



Mr Block

Focus for the Year Ahead

This year we are particularly focussed on leading improvement in student attendance and on refining our literacy learning and teaching practices. I would like to draw your attention to the idea that parents are *a child's first and most important teacher*. This is an idea that I will continually return to throughout 2017. The research shows that families have the most significant influence on their children's learning, development, health, safety and wellbeing. Therefore, please take note of our expectation around student attendance and how families can help with the literacy development of children.

CSEF Applications for 2017

A parent or legal guardian who holds a Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card valid on the first day of Term 1 and 2, a 2017 Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Refugee parents with a letter from their support worker is eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). This is an annual payment of \$125 per year for primary students and can be used for Camps, Sports (including swimming) and Excursions. Please contact school office for an application form and more details.

School Council

Information about the nomination and election process for 2017 vacancies will be soon made available. If you would like to find out more information about the Kananook Primary School Council, please do call in for a chat.

Term 1 Important Calendar Dates

Thursday 9th February

Parent/Teacher
Meet & Greet BBQ
5.00-6.30pm

Monday 13-16th February

5/6 Worrabinda Camp

Friday 10th March

Curriculum Day Real
Schools

Friday 31st March

Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm dismissal

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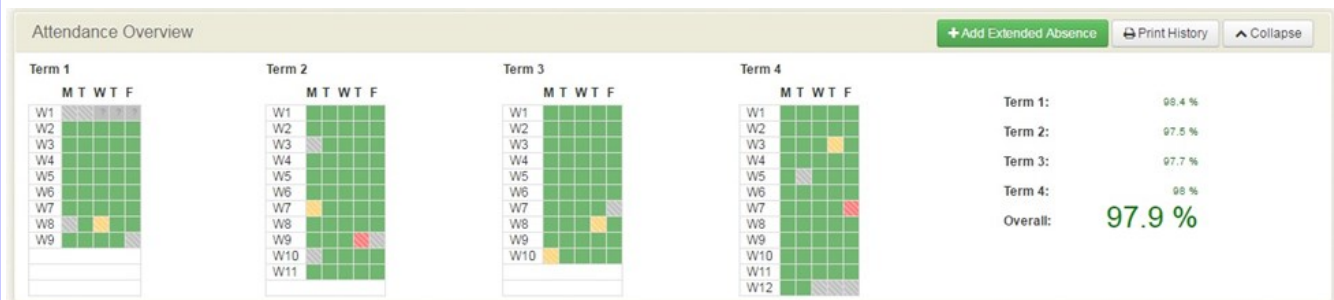
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Attendance

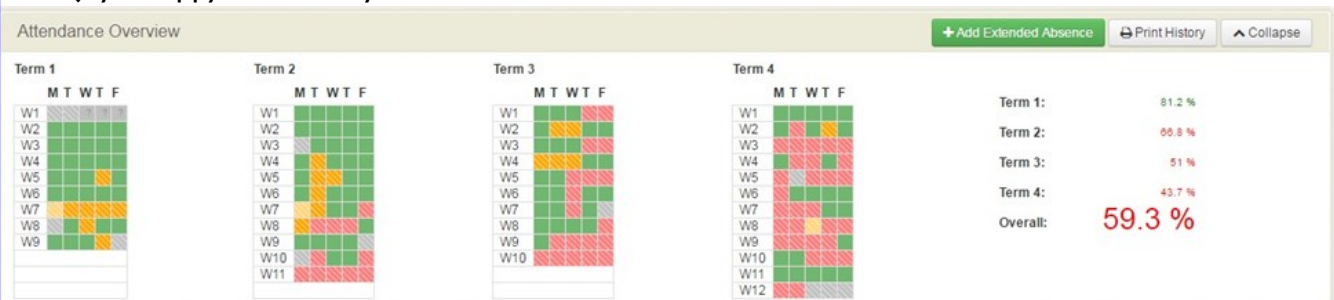
Please be reminded that children are expected to maintain a minimum of 95% attendance. This means that each child should miss no more than 2 to 3 days per term.

Below are two graphs that show the attendance results of two different students, one with excellent attendance and one with very poor attendance.

The student with excellent attendance attended school for 97.9% of the school year. The little yellow or orange squares show the small handful of explained absences from throughout the year. This student is likely to have excellent school results and will go on to lead a healthy and happy life.



The other student has only attended for 59.3% of the school year. If this pattern were to continue into next year and beyond, by the end of primary school this student will have missed out on the equivalent of two years of schooling! Sadly, this child is likely to have poor learning outcomes and will be less likely to enjoy a happy and healthy future.



Preps First Day at KPS

Prep 'Class of 2017' Off to a Great Start

Our Prep children of 2017 have made a fantastic start to their education and we as a school could not be more proud! This great start is a credit to the mums and dads of Kananook Primary School and the highly dedicated team of teachers and support staff with their work around the Kinder to Prep transition. Well done to you all!





Meet 'n Greet

February 2017

Dear Parents,

All families are warmly invited to attend a **Staff & Family Meet and Greet** to be held at school this **Thursday, 9th February**, from **5:00pm to 6:30pm**.

A **FREE sausage sizzle** will be provided by the Kananook staff from 5:00pm, followed by a brief session in your child's or children's classroom/s. **Drinks** will be available, **\$1.00 each**.

We would love to see as many families as possible at this special event.

Regards,

The Kananook Staff.

Sausage
Sizzle



Attention Parents

Woorabinda Camp

The staff and students are looking forward to a jammed packed 4 days at Woorabinda camp. With camp next week the final arrangements are being made. Please ensure that all medicines are labelled clearly with dosages and frequency for the camp nurse. Bus departs: 9:00 am Monday and arrives back 8:15pm Thursday (these are approximate times).

Second hand uniform sale

WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Where: Mirrabooka Court Yard

Time: 3.15 to 3.45pm



ATTENTION PARENTS

If your child is absent we would like you to inform us by using the email facility on our website. Simply go to

<http://www.kps.vic.edu.au/> and find the icon below.

Fill out the online form and submit it.

You can then be sure we have the necessary and accurate details of your child's absence.

Report an Absence



[Please click here to report a student absence.](#)

The time is here, we have gone paperless for our Newsletter.

Have you subscribed to KPS website: www.kps.vic.edu.au/?

Have you downloaded our School App at Tiqbiz.com?



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February

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To

10th Michael

Damon

11th Shahana

12th Noah

13th Kristine

Harrison

