



DIARY DATES

Special Lunch
4 March 2025

Walking the Seasons
Excursion 4 March 2025

Public Holiday
10 March 2025

Pizza & Movie Night
21 March 2025

Pupil Free Day
28 March 2025

Reminders

School fees due

Movie Night
21 March 2025

Camp 3 – 5 April 2025

District sports day moved to
Term 3

From the Principal

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic start to the term, with plenty of meaningful learning happening across the school. Our recent pupil-free day provided teachers with valuable professional development, focusing on reading comprehension and a systematic approach to writing. We have begun implementing high-quality resources such as Write 2 Learn and Grammar Project, which are already making a noticeable impact in classrooms. Parents may see improvements in vocabulary, spoken language, sentence composition, and overall writing confidence as students continue to strengthen their literacy skills.

Sports Day in Week 4 was a wonderful event, bringing our school community together for an afternoon of friendly competition. Congratulations to Schank for once again securing the shield and to Caves for their outstanding sportsmanship. The parent race was a definite highlight, with a fantastic effort from all involved—well done to Tyson on a close victory!

This year, we are pleased to be part of the Preschool Upgrade Program (PUP), which will provide ongoing IT support and upgraded audio-visual equipment for our preschool. Plans are already underway for outdoor WiFi installation, and we have received two new iPads, with a Samsung interactive smartboard arriving soon. As an integrated site, this upgrade will benefit all Lower Primary students, enhancing their access to digital learning tools.

From next week, students will begin participating in the Walking the Seasons program in partnership with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. This initiative will provide hands-on opportunities to explore seasonal changes and their impact on the land and community, deepening students' understanding of nature, sustainability, and Boandik culture.

We look forward to another rewarding and engaging term ahead.

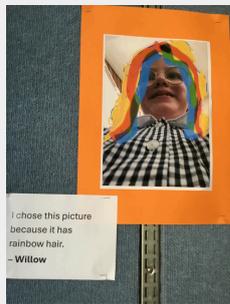
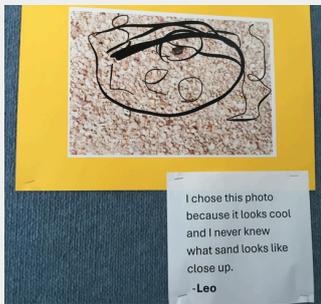
Jamie Ryan
Principal



Lower Primary Learning

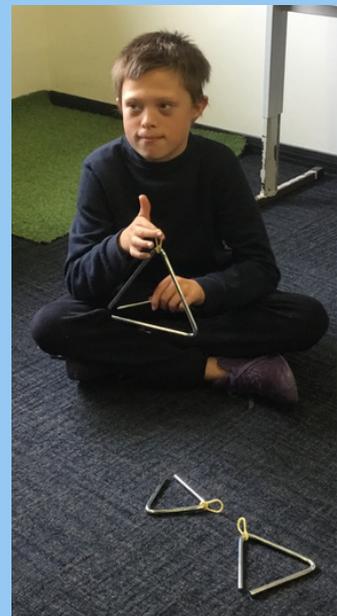
We have had a fun and busy start to the year in Lower Primary. In English we have been using an episode of Bluey, called 'Bike' to explore characters, narrative structure and nouns. It has also been a great springboard for discussions around resilience and persistence and having a growth mindset.

In Maths we have recently begun thinking about the features of 2D and 3D shapes. All students enjoyed our recent Technologies learning, where they developed a range of iPad skills. This included camera and editing skills, with all students choosing a favourite photo for classroom display with an explanation of why they chose it. As you can see we have a lot of creative students in LP!



The Arts

This term in arts, our students are exploring the elements of music. From keeping a beat and creating rhythm patterns, to recognising elements within the music they enjoy. Additionally, our upper primary class have been researching classical and modern composers. They were surprised how many pieces of classical music they had heard before.



Upper Primary Learning

It's been an exciting and busy start to the year in the Upper Primary classroom! We have dived straight into learning about numbers, with a focus on place value, addition, and subtraction. The concepts are challenging, but the students have been eager to tackle them head-on, using a variety of strategies to build their understanding.

We've also started using a new program called Write 2 Learn, which is helping our students become better at writing. They're learning how to put sentences together by making sure they include all the important details. We've been focusing on the "who, what, where, when, how, and why" of sentences, which is helping them become clearer writers.

Another exciting part of the year has been our work with The Resilience Project. The students have been learning about understanding and managing their emotions. They've really enjoyed the activities we've done so far! Soon, your child will bring home an activity related to what we've been learning. It would be wonderful if you could do this with them, as it will help reinforce the lessons they've been working on.

We're excited to continue learning and growing throughout the year, and we're looking forward to sharing the journey with you all.



Sporting Schools Grant Success

We are pleased to share that Kongorong Primary School was successful in securing a \$2,000 Sporting Schools grant in Term 4, 2024. These funds allowed us to upgrade the front-of-school basketball backboards, mark out new court lines, and purchase much-needed sporting equipment, including new netball rings, basketballs, footballs, and general sports gear. It has been fantastic to see students out enjoying the courts each morning, making the most of these new upgrades!



We are excited to announce that we have once again been awarded a \$2,000 grant in Term 1, 2025! This term, our whole school—Preschool to Year 6—will take part in a four-week, coach-delivered AFL program with SANFL, running from Week 7 to Week 10. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to develop their footy skills while staying active and engaged in sport.



Wellbeing Wednesdays - Building Resilience in Our Students

This year, we have introduced The Resilience Project (TRP) across the school, with students engaging in lessons focused on gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness. These sessions have been highly engaging, with students looking forward to each lesson and actively applying the strategies they learn.

TRP strategies are already being incorporated beyond the dedicated lessons, with teachers embedding gratitude reflections into morning circles and mindfulness breaks throughout the day.

Parents, keep an eye out for take-home activities that will help incorporate The Resilience Project at home. Small daily moments of gratitude and mindfulness can have a powerful effect on student wellbeing and resilience.



Farewell and Best Wishes to Micelle

This term, we say goodbye to Micelle, who has been a valued part of our school community in her role as an SSO. Micelle's dedication and support have made a real difference to our students, and we sincerely thank her for the care and commitment she has shown during her time at Kongorong Primary.

While we are sad to see her go, we wish Micelle all the best in her next chapter and know she will be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

Thank you, Micelle, and best of luck for the future!



Edsmart

Just a reminder to please check Edsmart regularly. The beginning of the year consents and excursion forms have been recently sent out.

All consent forms will be sent in this format (unless other arrangements have been made with the school), so it is important that you make sure you are up to date with approving these consents.

KONGORONG SPORTS DAY

Kongorong Primary School Sports Day: A Celebration of Physical Activity, Fun and Team Spirit!

Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of energy, teamwork, and community spirit. From Preschoolers running their first races to our Upper Primary students giving their all in sprints, relays, and long jumps, every student contributed to the day's success.

Congratulations to Schank, who took out the shield again in 2025! Caves weren't too far behind and certainly felt the absence of the Whitehead duo—next year might just be Caves' year to shine!

Parents and families added to the vibrant atmosphere, with the revived parent race being a highlight. In a photo finish, Tyson edged out Tom, much to the delight of the kids.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day such an enjoyable event.



Congratulations, Schank

Our school values— Working Together, Respect, Striving for Success, Honesty, Tolerance
Our school vision—We encourage a love of learning, a strong sense of self, respect for others and the desire to become good global citizens. We promote independence and responsibility as we guide our school towards a positive future.



Jamie Ryan -Principal

PIZZA + MOVIE NIGHT

OUTDOOR CINEMA (BYO RUGS,
CHAIRS, OODIES + BLANKETS!)

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARD OUR
PLAYSPACE UPGRADE

FRI
MAR
21

KONGORONG PS ARENA
7:30PM

\$5 - PER PERSON OR
\$10 - INC. PIZZA, DRINK &
POPCORN

RSVP AND PAYMENT TO THE
FRONT OFFICE BY FRI 14 MAR

CASH ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT, SNACKS &
DRINKS AVAIL WITHOUT PRE-PURCHASE

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT

TERM 1, 2025 JUNIOR HOCKEY

Experience junior hockey with a 5 week program to suit all ages and abilities!

SATURDAY MORNINGS
MARCH 8TH - APRIL 5TH

UNDER 7'S & UNDER 9'S
9:30 - 10:30
UNDER 11'S
10:30-11:30

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
\$20 FOR 4 SESSIONS

BLUE LAKE SPORTS PARK
200 JUBILEE HWY EAST








REGISTER INTEREST
HERE OR USE THE LINK
IN THE DESCRIPTION
lsehajuniors@gmail.com



Eggs for sale

We are very lucky to have chickens at Kongorong Primary School & CPC. Eggs are available for purchase from the front office for \$5.00 per dozen.



FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT

on the

GREEN

CULTURAL DANCE, MUSIC,
FOOD, DOOR PRIZES,
ACTIVITIES AND MORE...



Free Food Vouchers

Limited availability

Saturday
March 15th 2025
Cave Garden / Thugi
Mount Gambier
11am - 3pm

Bring your own seat! Don't forget your deck chair for a relaxed day on the green!








This event is funded by the Limestone Coast Community Connections team. For more information on Community Connections and regional support, visit the website using this QR code.



BOND & BLOOM:

for Parents of Little Ones
from Conception-18 months



A SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR
PARENTS AND BABIES TO
BOND, SHARE EXPERIENCES
AND GROW TOGETHER!



OUR GROUP OFFERS:
FRIENDLY, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT
BABY-FOCUSED ACTIVITIES AND
SUPPORT
OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET OTHER LOCAL
PARENTS
DISCUSSIONS ON PARENTING TIPS,
WELLNESS, AND SELF-CARE

Wednesday 10am-11:30am
Mount Gambler Children's Centre,
Mulga Street, Mt Gambler
Contact: 8725 7375
0439 569 599



PARENTS

PUSHERS, PLAY

A Walking group for Parents with babies and children in pushers and a playtime for children after the walk.

- ✓ Socialise with other parents
- ✓ Get active and boost your health & wellbeing
- ✓ Explore great outdoor spaces with your little ones
- ✓ play & explore with your children



facilitated by Emily Sims, Occupational Therapist



For more information Tel: 0439 569 599
Community Development Coordinator - Kerrin



When: Mondays 2pm-3pm

- 24th February
- 3rd March
- 10th March
- 17th March
- 24th March

Meet at the balloon mural.

