



DIARY DATES

Term 4 starts
13 October 2025

20 October
Crazy Hat Day

24 October 2025
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Mount Gambier Show

5 November 2025
Excursion: Walking the Seasons

18 November 2025
Special Lunch Day

24 November 2025
PUPIL FREE DAY

25 November 2025
Kindy Transition Day 9 – 11am
Teddy Bear Picnic

2 December 2025
Kindy Transition Day 9 – 11am

Week 8 – 2 December 2025
End of Year Concert + Year 6
& Kindy Graduation

3rd & 4th December 2025
School Transition Days

12 December 2025
Last Day of Term
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15pm

From the Principal

Dear families,

What a huge and rewarding term we've had at Kongorong Primary School!

We're proud that our school is already part of The Resilience Project (TRP), a nationally recognised wellbeing program that supports children to build gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness – key skills for resilience and positive mental health. TRP is embedded in our Wellbeing Wednesday series, where students take time each week to focus on their health, wellbeing, relationships, and strategies for managing challenges. We have now signed on to continue with TRP through to 2026, ensuring this important work remains a strong and consistent part of our school culture.

Thank you to our staff, students, and families for your ongoing support and positivity. We look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for another great term!

Happy holidays,
Jamie Ryan

Reminder

Absences: Please remember it is a legal requirement to inform the school of the reason for any student absence. A quick phone call, note, or message helps us keep records accurate.

12 December 2025
End of Term – Early Dismissal
2:15pm

Structure of the Day – Term 4 Trial

Following feedback from staff and students, we will be trialling a change to the structure of our school day in Term 4.

Students will play first, then eat afterwards. This change aims to:

- Allow children to run, move, and use up energy before sitting to eat.
- Encourage calmer eating time and a smoother transition back into class.

This trial comes as part of our review of the 2026 timetable changes, and we look forward to seeing how it benefits students.



Kongorong Lower Primary

In Maths, students have been working on vocab and skills related to measuring length. They have explored measuring by comparison and developed their skills in choosing and using informal units. Students have also been having a lot of fun in our Technologies lessons as we learn about algorithms. An algorithm is a list of steps that are completed in order, and the students have really enjoyed programming our BeeBots and synchronising them to make a dance.



Walking the Seasons - Egg and Orchid Time

In Week 7, students enjoyed a fantastic day at Honan's Wildflower Walk as part of our Walking the Seasons program. They walked to the bird hide lookout, spotting a brolga in its natural habitat, and explored water samples, discovering tadpoles, eggs, and other fascinating macro invertebrates.

This excursion, during Egg and Orchid Time, encouraged students to engage with the environment in hands-on ways. Back at school, they created sensory maps to capture the sights, sounds, textures, and feelings of their experience.

The Upper Primary class consolidated their learning further by producing information texts and brochures, including scientific drawings of a chosen flora.

Days like this build curiosity, adventure, and a deeper understanding of the changing seasons—wonderful learning that connects the classroom with the natural world.



BrickGambier School LEGO Competition 2025

Our school has just completed its first LEGO Building Competition as part of the BrickGambier School LEGO Building Competition 2025, and what an incredible display of imagination it was! Students from Reception through to Year 6 designed and built their own creations, showing off creativity, colour, and problem-solving with only a limited number of blocks.

We were blown away by the variety — houses, animals, spaceships, gardens, towers, and even whole fantasy worlds came to life in LEGO form. Every entry reflected the amazing ideas and skills of our students.

After a lot of excitement and some very difficult judging, we are proud to announce:

🏆 Overall School Winner: Mason, Year 5 with their creation "Totally Epic Battlefield". This model will now represent our school at BrickGambier 2025 during the middle weekend of the holidays.

★ Special mentions to our age category winners:

- Thomas - Reception
- Willow - Year 1-2
- Jayce - Year 3-4
- Mason - Year 5-6)



Congratulations to all our entrants, your builds were imaginative, fun, and inspiring. We are so proud of the effort and creativity shown by every student, and we can't wait to see our school represented at BrickGambier!



RU OK?

Our school marked R U OK? Day with a lunchtime disco, as well as a simple but powerful “Kit Kat and a Chit Chat.”

The day was a reminder of the importance of respect, friendship, and checking in on each other. These are concepts that require teaching and modelling for children, and our school community did a wonderful job of reinforcing that being a good friend, and asking if someone is okay, can make a big difference.

It's okay
to not be
okay!

Pupil Free Day – Staff Learning



In Week 9, staff took part in a Pupil Free Day focused on mathematics with SOL Education, an organisation leading exciting work in SA schools.

From Term 4, we will implement a Number Fact Fluency routine in both classes. This daily practice is designed to strengthen students’ confidence and automatic recall of number facts, reducing cognitive load so they can focus on solving more complex maths problems.

Goods and Services Auction



A huge thank you to our community for supporting this year’s Goods and Services Auction. It was an amazing success, raising \$5,800 towards our new playground.

We are thrilled to announce that a swing set has already been ordered and will arrive in Term 4—something we know our students are very excited about!

THANK
YOU!



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

Upper Primary Learning

As a part of our Walking the Seasons experience, Upper Primary have been researching about plants and fungi native to Honan's Forest Reserve.

From their research students have created a brochure with scientific drawings of their chosen plant or fungi. Students have challenged their understanding of what is important information and what they may not need.

Students have completed several attempts of their scientific drawings. After each attempt students will use their critical lens and analyse their effects, what did they feel they did well, what would they do differently next time and what was the most challenging aspect to draw.

We look forward to being able to share their finished products with you all soon.





Yucca
Austral Grass Tree

WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE

Yuccas have a bush with spiky green leaves and if you come at the right time, you might see the flower, or you not see the flower.





WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND

They can be found in Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia. They can all be found in Australia.

Habitat

This fungi grows in Autumn under Eucalyptus trees and found in Honans Native Forest Reserve



About the Plant

It has a distinct purple colour, along with a slimy cap. When the mushroom ages, it turns a brownish colour. Its scientific name is Cortinarius Archeri. It can grow to 60-80mms tall and the cap is approximately 100mms wide.

The Emperor
Cortinarius Archeri



BLACKWOOD
ACACIA MELANOXYLON

BLACKWOOD INFORMATION

- It has low tolerance for frost low tolerance for drainage and high tolerance for dryness
- Growth rate is slow.
- Pests are a big danger for it.
- Type is a tree.

WHEN IT GROWS.

It grows in Kangaroo and grass seed and grows at Honan's National Park. It also likes moist and little wet areas

They look different mostly in spring as they lose their leaf's Its texture is rough and leaf's are soft and fragile. Its colour is brown and green.



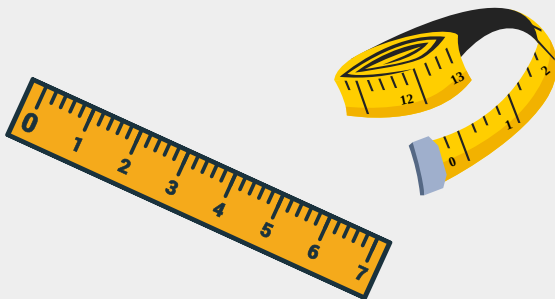
Kindergarten

We've had a busy time making our puppet theatre which has become a very open ended play space. Sometimes it's a cubby house and other times a kitchen.

The interactions, social skills and role play have developed into lengthy exchanges of ideas and imagination. We look forward to making a shop in term 4.



We have also been exploring concepts of length. The children are pictured here rolling short and long plasticine snakes. This was a great opportunity to work on being persistent and not giving up.



Principal for a Day !

On Wednesday of Week 10, Miss Von Duve stepped into the big chair and became Principal for a Day as part of her winning prize in our Goods and Services Auction.

Miss Von Duve took her role seriously and lead the school with confidence. Her day included helping at Breakfast Club, listening to reading, completing facilities checks, visiting classrooms, and even presenting medals at our BrickGambier School Lego Competition.

She settled comfortably into the staffroom, kindly deciding that the teachers could manage yard duty without her. But her highlight of the day was answering phone calls, one from a very important person in Head Office, and another from her mum (because when you're Principal, you can take that call!).

Miss Von Duve brought energy, fun, and a strong sense of leadership to the role, making her day as Principal a memorable one for everyone.



District Sports Day

This year's District Sports Day was held at a new venue, and we were fortunate to dodge the rain. Our students represented the school with pride, giving their best efforts in all events and showing great sportsmanship. At one point, we were even winning!

Congratulations to Mason on placing 4th in the Championship Sprints, it was an exceptional run in a high stakes race and we are very proud of you!

A special thank you to Tania for capturing the day.



PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX

September - October 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1

Monday 29 September -
Tuesday 30 September



Mosaic Fish

Wednesday 1 October -
Thursday 2 October



Biscuit Decorating

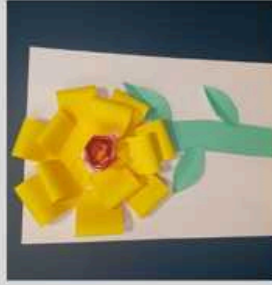
Friday 3 October -
Sunday 5 October



Suncatchers

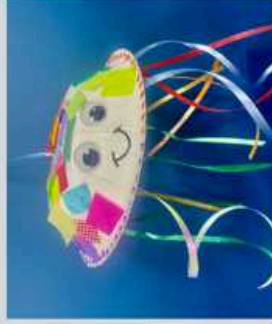
WEEK 2

Monday 6 October -
Tuesday 7 October



Paper Flower

Wednesday 8 October -
Thursday 9 October



Octopus

Friday 10 October -
Sunday 12 October



Dragonfly

PLUS a children's colouring competition with great prizes up for grabs! All ages welcome to participate.

Entries close Sunday 12 October 2025.

