



## DIARY DATES

**Kongorong Sports Day**  
3 March 2026

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
9 March 2026

**District Sports Day**  
10 March 2026  
**NO KINDY**

**Kindy Catch Up Day**  
11 March 2026

**Outdoor Cinema – Pizza &  
Movie Night**  
13 March 2026

**Walking the Seasons  
Excursion**  
18 March 2026

**Governing Council**  
24 March 2026

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
Good Friday – 3 April 2026

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
Easter Monday – 6 April 2026

**Whole School Camp**  
7 April – 9 April 2026

**Last Day of Term**  
10 April 2026

## From the Principal

Welcome to the 2026 school year. It has been a wonderful start, and I would like to again thank our staff, students and families for the commitment and positivity shown as we begin another exciting year together.

One of our highlights this term has been the launch of Story Dogs. We are incredibly proud to be involved in this program in 2026. It provides students with a supportive and engaging way to build their reading confidence, and we will endeavour to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate throughout the year.

Late last year we were successful in securing a \$5,000 grant to support the development of our playground. Planning is well underway, and we look forward to sharing designs and progress updates with our community as the project moves forward this term.

Teaching and learning continues to be a strong focus. This year, we have introduced STEM as a specialist subject replacing science. Mr Mackenzie has been hard at work designing hands on, real world experiences for students and is especially excited about the Beacon Program where students engage with various technologies (AI, VR, 3D modelling) to help solve real world sustainability challenges.

We are also excited to continue our Walking the Seasons learning, with an excursion planned for Week 8 to deepen students' connection to this important work. There is much to look forward to as the term progresses, including upcoming sports carnivals and our camp at the end of term.

Miss Ryan

## Reminder

**Heat Ups:** Heat Up days are every Monday and Friday.

Please make sure your food is wrapped in foil or baking paper only and labelled with student names to support our UP helpers.

## School Camp – Portland, Vic

Excitement is building for our upcoming school camp to Portland, Victoria. A range of fun and engaging experiences have been planned, providing students with valuable opportunities for learning, teamwork and adventure. Families are asked to please keep an eye out for upcoming notices and consent forms to ensure all documentation is returned promptly. Families requiring financial support are encouraged to speak confidentially with the Principal to discuss the support available.



## Lower Primary



As part of their learning in The Arts, the LP class had a lot of fun mixing colours with white to create tints. It got very messy when we used this paint on our hands as a background for our posters of our new school values. We think they look great!

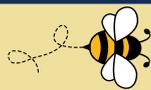


## Assembly Update

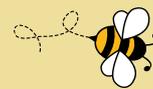
We have recently moved our assemblies to the Activity Room, and the transition has been a great success. Students now have designated sit spots, there is a play space available for younger siblings, and the addition of a microphone has supported clearer communication throughout the session. This change came directly from parent feedback, and we are grateful for the suggestions that helped guide this improvement.

It couldn't have gone better! Well done to our students for adapting so positively to the new routine, and thank you to our parents and families for your continued feedback and support in helping us strengthen our assemblies.

## Sebbi's Honey Harvest



On Monday of Week 4, Sebbi harvested honey from her hives at home, sharing a wonderful real-life learning experience with our school community. To complement this rich opportunity, she proudly wrote her own procedural text, complete with clear instructions and accompanying pictures to showcase the process. We extend our sincere thanks to Sebbi and her family for their generous donation of honey, which has been added to our Breakfast Club for all students to enjoy. It has certainly been a sweet addition to our mornings!



## Upper Primary

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, with students settling into our classroom routines and expectations. Establishing clear routines has helped create a calm, supportive learning environment where everyone knows what to do and can focus on their learning. It has been wonderful to see students taking responsibility, showing respect, and working cooperatively with their peers.

In Mathematics, we have introduced our new program, SOL Education, which focuses on building strong multiplication fact knowledge. The students have embraced the challenge, and we are already seeing excellent results in their confidence and recall. We also explored the concept of time, where students demonstrated great resilience and persistence as they worked through tricky problems and new learning.



In Writing, students are developing persuasive texts. They are learning the structure of persuasive writing, including stating an opinion, giving reasons, and providing examples to convince the reader of their point of view.

Another highlight of the term has been our work with The Resilience Project. Students have begun exploring their character strengths and learning how to ACT with empathy. They have thoroughly enjoyed the activities so far and are developing a deeper understanding of kindness, gratitude, and emotional awareness.

It has been a positive and productive start to the year, and we look forward to seeing continued growth in learning, confidence, and resilience.

## Special Lunch – Taco Day!

Taco Day was a huge success, with 32 tacos served up for lunch! There was a little mayhem and madness as students eagerly lined up to enjoy their delicious meals, but we absolutely loved every minute of it. Events like these bring plenty of smiles (and full tummies) and add to the fun of school life.



## HASS

To start the term of HASS we have been learning about the 2026 Winter Olympics held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy!

In the Upper Primary class, we have been using our mapping skills to mark out where the Winter Olympics have been held in previous years. We're expanding our knowledge of continents and the best areas to host the Winter Olympics due to the climate.

In the Lower Primary class we are using Indigenous symbols to design an Australian flag and Olympic uniform. We are looking at Indigenous artworks and learning about the meaning behind different symbols to decide which symbols to use on our own design.

We also learnt that the Olympic Rings are coloured to represent different continents, including Asia, Africa, Oceania/Australia, the Americas and Europe!



## PE

In the Lower Primary P.E. classes this term we have been focusing on the skills and movements that will prepare us for our School Sports Day and the upcoming District Sports Day!

We have focused on sprints, long distance running, hurdles, stepping stones and accuracy throwing so far. We have also been learning how to play "Rob the Nest" as a warm up game. It was great fun, and a good opportunity to learn about being a team player.

Next we will focus on kicking accuracy and teamwork events, such as bean bag relays.

Hudson - "Kingsley and I did two whole laps of the oval."

Addy - "I was so tired after all the running!"

Sebbi - "I loved Rob the Nest!"



## Open Afternoon

Thank you to the families who were able to attend our recent Open Afternoon. It was wonderful to see parents and caregivers in classrooms, engaging with students and celebrating their learning. We value these opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school and appreciate your ongoing support.



## Story Dogs Information Session

We recently held an information session about Story Dogs, a wonderful program that supports students' reading confidence and engagement. During the session, students learned how the program works, how to greet and interact safely with Frankie, our Story Dog, and how they can participate throughout the year. It was a fantastic introduction to a program we are very proud to be involved with in 2026.



## Student Leaders

Our Student Leaders have made an impressive start to the year, building their leadership skills and playing an active role in decision-making across the school. From speech writing to helping plan special lunches and school events, they continue to demonstrate initiative and responsibility. They are wonderful at helping us design activities that truly connect with and engage our young people.

This year, our leaders have also taken on the important role of running Morning Circle. They take turns leading the greeting, values focus, pair and share discussions, announcements and positive primers. They were eager to step into this responsibility, and it has been pleasing to see other students showing patience and respect as our leaders grow in confidence with the routine.



Well done, Student Leaders!

## Mid-Year Enrolments

We are now welcoming enquiries for mid-year Kindergarten and school enrolments. Families with children transitioning to school or siblings starting Preschool or school are invited to contact the office to arrange enrolment interviews. Don't miss this opportunity to secure your child's place and join our school community in 2026!

# ENROL NOW

To start school or preschool  
mid-year In 2026

**MID-YEAR INTAKE:**  
**Preschool:**  
Children turning 4  
**School:**  
Children turning 5  
**between 1 May and  
31 October**

*Give your child a nurturing start  
at Kongorong Primary School,  
where children grow, thrive, and  
succeed in a safe, supportive, and  
enriched learning environment.*

To book a tour or enrolment meeting please contact us on 8738 9231

Our school values— Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, Inclusion, Perseverance  
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



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South East Art Society

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Email:

## To the Principal/Arts Coordinator,

RE: SOUTHEASTARTSOCIETY.INC.OPENARTAWARDS.2026

**When:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Where:** Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre in Mount Gambier

**Who:** Your most talented, enthusiastic and committed artists/students.

**Entries:** Close 14<sup>th</sup> March, but artworks delivered to the exhibition site the week before the exhibition opens. Three framed or canvas entries per artist.

**Cost:** Open entries are \$20 per piece for SEAS members, or \$30 for non-members. However, if your students just want to be considered for the Schools category, the cost is just \$10 for Secondary and \$5 for Primary.

**Categories:**

- \*Painting (Oil, Acrylic, Gouache)
- \*Works on Paper (Pastel, Pen, Ink, Watercolour, Charcoal, Pencil)
- \*3D Art (Sculpture, Mosaics, Ceramics, Pottery)
- \*Mixed media
- \*Textiles
- \*Photography
- \*Digital Art (2D, 3D, Video)
- \*Recycled
- \*Young Artist Award, Primary
- \*Young Artist Award Secondary

This information is not intended for you to organise a whole class approach to this, but rather, for you to encourage your most able/talented and enthusiastic students to consider entering as individuals.

Yours sincerely,

*Susan Chadwick*

Susan Chadwick (SEAS Committee member)

For and on behalf of:

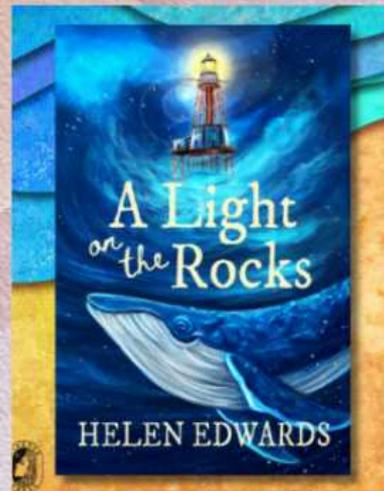
Margaret Carter, President, South East Art Society

# Author Event with Dr Helen Edwards A Light on the Rocks

Join us for an author event celebrating *"A Light on the Rocks"* — a haunting maritime adventure inspired by the true history of the S.S. Admella wreck and the Cape Jaffa Lighthouse. Exploring themes of survival, ocean conservation, and the wild beauty of the sea, this tale weaves real events with mystery, magic, and unforgettable characters.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 11:00am

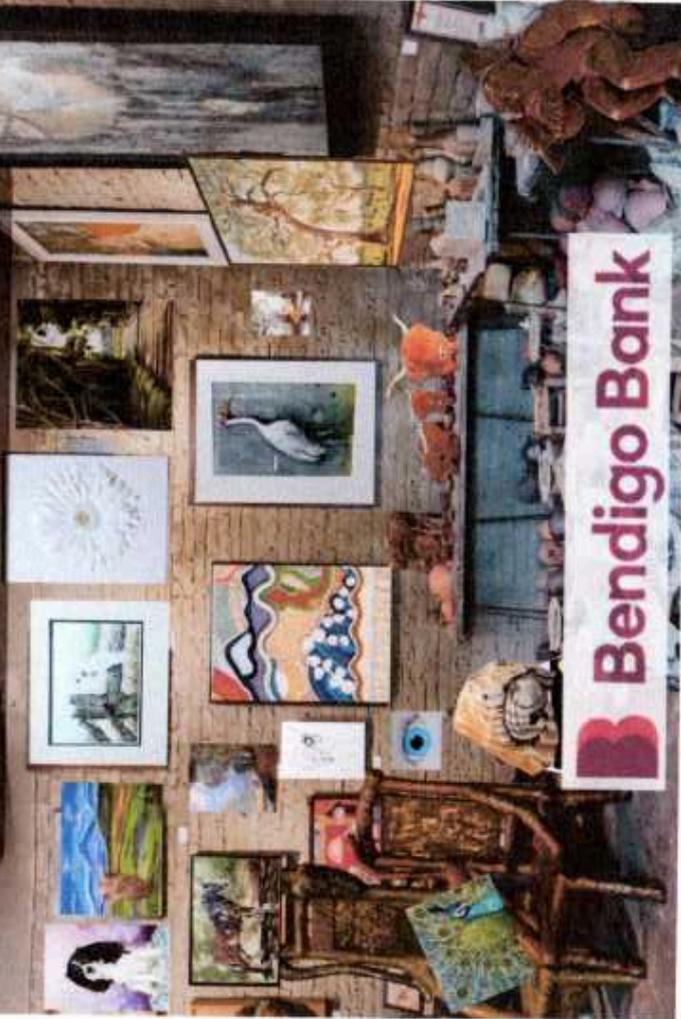
Light refreshments provided



**Port MacDonnell Community Complex**  
For more information and bookings  
please call 8738 3000



# ATTENTION ARTISTS!!



**Bendigo Bank**



**THE SOUTH EAST ART SOCIETY**

**OPEN ART AWARDS 2026**  
8TH OF MAY TO THE 7TH OF JUNE 2026

**ENTER NOW!**

At the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre, Mt Gambler

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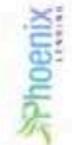
Lots of prizes to be won across multiple categories

- Painting
- Works on Paper
- Mixed Media
- 3D
- Digital
- Photography
- Textiles
- Recycled/Repurposed
- also categories for Primary and Secondary students

**\$2,000 First Prize!**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Entry forms must be in - online or via email
- 9<sup>th</sup> April** - Photos and any additional information unavailable for the entry form - emailed
- 4<sup>th</sup> of May** - Exhibits to be delivered to the gallery
- 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Opening night and presentation of awards
- 9<sup>th</sup> of May to 7<sup>th</sup> of June** - Exhibition open to the public
- 10<sup>th</sup> June** - Exhibits to be collected from the gallery



★ Kimberly-Clark

Malcolm Jennings

Forms and further information can be found on our website at [www.seas.org.au](http://www.seas.org.au), by emailing us at [southeastartsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:southeastartsociety@hotmail.com), or by calling 0434873666

**SPL** / SKATE PARK LEAGUES / the **Y** 2026 SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIONAL SERIES



# SUNDAY 12 APRIL PORT MACDONNELL

SKATE PARK COMPETITION



**SCAN TO REGISTER**  
SCOOT 11:00am  
BMX 12:30pm  
SKATE 1:30pm



Boat Ramp Access, Port Macdonnell SA 5291, Australia

Free entry, all ages and abilities welcome.



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