



DIARY DATES

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Good Friday – 3 April 2026

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Easter Monday – 6 April 2026

Whole School Camp

7 April – 9 April 2026

Last Day of Term

10 April 2026

Term 2 Starts

Monday 27 April 2026

Special Lunch

Tuesday 19 May 2026

Assembly 3:00pm

Tuesday 26 May 2026

School Photos

Monday 1 June 2026

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 8 June 2026

Mid Year Kindy Transition Day

23 June 2026

Mid Year School Transition Day

24 & 25 June 2026

Mid Year Kindy Transition Day

30 June 2026

Reminders

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

Whole School Camp next week Tuesday to Thursday.

Early dismissal Friday 10th April 2026.

From the Principal

Dear Families,

We have had a very strong start to the year at Kongorong in Term 1. It has been wonderful to see students settled, engaged and ready to learn.

This term we have implemented a new literacy program from Reception to Year 6, with a strong focus on the systematic teaching of reading and spelling. Our beginning-of-year data sets have already demonstrated strong uptake of the program and positive student performance. This is very encouraging and we will continue to refine and strengthen our literacy practices throughout the year.

As we move into Term 2, our focus will begin to shift towards a review of our numeracy practices and programs to ensure we are providing the best possible learning opportunities for our students across all areas.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for a wonderful start to the year.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

Warm regards,
Miss Ryan

School Camp – Portland, Victoria

With school camp just around the corner, students are eagerly anticipating their trip to Portland.

Parents received a Camp Information Booklet last week, detailing the variety of exciting and engaging activities that have been organised, offering students the chance to build confidence, strengthen friendships and take part in new experiences beyond the classroom.

School camp is always a valuable opportunity for personal growth, teamwork and fun.

Families are reminded that we depart for camp at 9:20am sharp on Tuesday and all children should be at school between 8:30am and 9am

If any families require financial assistance, we encourage you to speak confidentially with the Principal to discuss available support options.



Lower Primary

There has been lots of fantastic learning happening in Lower Primary. As part of our Resilience Project, students learnt about being a good listener and created 'yarning sticks'. A yarning stick is held by the person wishing to speak and signals for others to show respectful listening.



We also had a visit from our Japanese teacher, Rayna sensei. Students created the Japanese kanji (symbols) for various nature words including mountain, rock and river.



As part of our arts learning, students have been learning about portraits. Students worked carefully through a range of steps to create their own self-portraits. They all did a fantastic job!



Sporting Schools – Karate

Our Sporting Schools karate sessions have been running in Weeks 7, 9 and 10 this term, and students have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills under the guidance of instructor Geoff. Throughout the sessions, students have been developing their understanding of karate stances, positioning, punching and striking techniques, as well as kicking, balance and control. It has been wonderful to see students building confidence, coordination and discipline while actively participating in this program.



Upper Primary

It has been a busy and engaging term both inside and outside the classroom. Students enjoyed a range of enriching experiences, including incursions from Road Safety and Karate, as well as an exciting excursion to Canunda National Park. In the classroom, students have been working hard to complete their persuasive writing pieces, developing their ability to share opinions and support them with reasons.

In Art, they explored Zentangle—a relaxing drawing method that uses structured patterns to create detailed and imaginative designs—while also experimenting with different watercolour techniques to create vibrant and creative backgrounds. In Mathematics, students strengthened their understanding of place value, building confidence in working with larger numbers.

We look forward to finishing off the term with our upcoming school camp to Portland, where students will have the opportunity to build independence and create lasting memories.



Harmony Day

Students had a wonderful time learning about and celebrating Harmony Day in Week 8. The day focused on inclusion, respect and belonging, and the importance of celebrating the many cultures that make up our community.

As part of the celebrations, students worked together to create a display for our Front Office titled "We All Swim Together." The display represents that everyone belongs, everyone is welcome, and we are all part of the same community. It was fantastic to see students collaborating and sharing ideas while creating something meaningful for our school.

Harmony Day is always a special opportunity for students to learn about kindness, inclusion and diversity, and this year was no exception.



STEM

The Lower Primary class has been learning about living things in Science. They have experimented with germinating a variety of seeds and watching the various parts of the plants grow. The students have drawn detailed diagrams of the roots, shoot, stem and leaves. They have learnt about the needs of living things such as water, sunlight, and nutrients. A 'grassy head' should have come home after it's first visit to the hairdressers.

In technology class the children have learnt about the production of paper. They used their new knowledge to recycle newspaper into a paper brick for the fireplace. The students also studied delivery services such as Amazon, supermarkets, timber and milk trucks, and Australia Post. Families should receive a letter in the mail addressed to the child with a 'Flat person' inside. This was inspired by the storybook 'Flat Stanley' which the children really enjoyed.

The Upper Primary class finished the term by presenting a virtual city to the class. Students learnt to solve an environmental problem by engineering a virtual machine. They then built a sustainable city which could be viewed with virtual reality goggles. All students successfully coded the program to allow movement. Some were able to use branching algorithms to give different options in the code and record sound. They combined different software and apps to complete their project. The children gave constructive feedback to each other and then improved their designs.



RAA Street Smart Program

In Week 8, we were fortunate to have the team from RAA Street Smart visit our site to run sessions for both lower and upper primary students. The sessions focused on helping students learn how to stay safe when travelling near roads, whether they are walking, riding a bike, or travelling in a car.

During the sessions, students learned how to check that their bike is safe to ride by making sure tyres are inflated, brakes are working properly, the bell is functioning, and the chain is in good condition. They also learned about safe helmet wearing using the 2-2-1 rule, ensuring the helmet sits in the correct position and straps are fitted safely. Students were particularly interested to learn that children should not sit in the front seat of a car until they are at least 145cm tall.

These were fantastic, engaging sessions and students gained valuable safety knowledge in a fun and interactive way.



Kongorong Primary School Sports Day!

Our Sports Day was held under beautiful blue skies this week, with plenty of excitement and anticipation from the students. All students gave their best effort in each event and showed wonderful sportsmanship by cheering and supporting one another throughout the day.

It was a very close competition, with Schank taking out the overall win.

Congratulations to Sebbi for breaking the school record in the 7-year-old girls 70m sprint event, a record held since 2021!

Congratulations to all students who participated and demonstrated such great team spirit, and thank you to the parents and friends who came along to cheer everyone on. A special thank you to the parents who joined in the Parent Race, it was definitely one of the highlights of the day. What a great bunch of parents we have at Kongorong!

After such a fantastic day, we are all ready to show off our sporting abilities at the Small Schools District Sports Day next week.



District Sports Day

Our District Sports Day was held in glorious weather, providing the perfect setting for a fantastic day of competition. Held on the Tuesday following a public holiday, students arrived well rested and ready to participate. All students demonstrated great enthusiasm, trying their best in each event while enjoying the opportunity to compete against other small schools. It was wonderful to see such positive sportsmanship and encouragement throughout the day. Students also appreciated the chance to spend time outdoors, away from the classroom, making the experience both enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved.



WALKING THE SEASONS - SUGAR & EEL TIME

On Wednesday of week 8, students participated in a Walking the Seasons excursion to Canunda National Park, where they engaged in rich, hands-on learning connected to the local environment.

During the visit, students collected native bush foods including Muntries and coastal currants, while discussing traditional food collection and transportation techniques. This provided valuable insight into sustainable practices and connections to Country.

Students also explored the environmental impact of microplastics, particularly on migratory bird species, deepening their understanding of conservation and human impact on ecosystems. As part of this learning, they participated in a beach clean-up, taking positive action to care for the local environment.

It was a gorgeous day, filled with meaningful learning experiences. A highlight for many students was spotting an Eastern brown snake crossing the road on the journey back to school, an exciting and memorable end to the excursion!



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



"ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS" APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2026



4th - 6th
Saturday - Monday
Easter bags



7th - 10th
Tuesday - Friday
Sock Rabbits



11th - 13th
Saturday - Monday
Wool Sheep



14th - 16th
Tuesday - Thursday
Goat puppets



17th - 19th
Friday - Sunday
Animal plates



20th Monday
Hands-On Animal
Experience 10am -
12noon Free entry

Animal badge making



21st - 23rd
Tuesday - Wednesday
Animal masks



24th - 26th
Thursday - Sunday
Anzac day craft



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

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 11am-3pm
CLOSED: Good Friday (Friday April 3rd)
& Anzac day (Saturday April 25th)



District Council of Grant welcomes you to a hands-on Animal Experience



Free
entry

Visit the animals then
pop into the Complex
to make your own
animal badge

MONDAY 20TH APRIL 10AM - 12NOON

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The District Council of Grant presents
Youth Week

Art Session with Susie Briffa

MYSTERY COLOURING

Suitable for ages 12-25

Wednesday 15th April at 2pm
at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Use colourful pens to outline shapes on a page that's already filled with colour. You decide what the blobs become — animals, people, fantasy scenes, anything your imagination sees. Turn random shapes into unique art, with no right or wrong way to create!

Free of Charge

Bookings essential by calling 8738 3000



NET SET

GO Netball

A fun introduction to netball for kids aged 5-8. Our 10-week NeSetGO program is all about fun, friends and learning new skills.

ALL PLAYER LEVELS WELCOME!

No experience required - just come and have a go!

Starting Term 2 30th April

KONGORONG NETBALL CLUB

Ready. Net. Go!

