



DIARY DATES

Last Day of Term
25 September 2026
Early dismissal 2:15pm

Monday 12 October 2026
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 13 October 2026
Start Term 4

Friday 23 October 2026
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
A&H Mt Gambier Show

Tuesday 27 October
Governing Council

3 November 2026
Assembly 3pm

10 November 2026
SPECIAL LUNCH

17 November 2026
Yr 3 – 6 Naturally Brave
Student Lead Showcase
9:30am – 1pm: Wulanda

Reminders

Monday 12 October 2026
STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 13 October 2026
First Day of Term 4

From the Principal

Dear Families,

There are many exciting things happening at Kongorong Primary School, and I am pleased to share some significant developments with our community.

We are thrilled to announce our success in securing funding through the Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate Program. Kongorong Primary School and its students received grant funding from the Australian Government delivered by Austrade under the Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate Program. **This funding will support our Year 4 to 6 students to travel to Cairns in Week 8 of Term 4 to explore the Great Barrier Reef!** This incredible opportunity has grown from our Learning Expedition this semester, "Who speaks for the Oceans?", and provides a rich and authentic extension of student learning.

We are also very pleased to share that Kongorong Primary School will have a dedicated preschool teacher to support our 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool program in 2027. This is a wonderful step forward for our early learning program and will strengthen the support and opportunities available for our youngest learners and their families.

In further exciting news, we will also be introducing Bush Kindy as part of our early learning program in 2027, utilising the conservation area at the back of our school oval. This will provide valuable opportunities for children to learn through connection with nature, exploration and play.

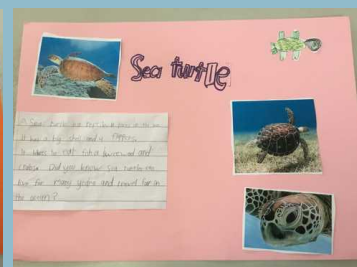
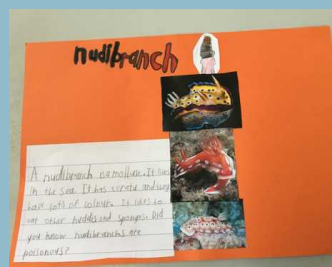
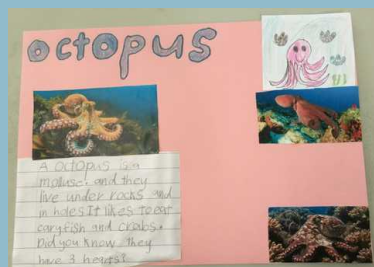
There is certainly a great deal happening at Kongorong Primary School, and we look forward to sharing more with you as these plans continue to develop.

Warm regards,
Jamie



Lower Primary

In Lower Primary as part of our literacy learning, we have been exploring narratives that also contain informative elements woven throughout the story. Students were captivated by the story of "Migaloo the white whale" and are currently working with the text "Dingo". We used the focus on animals as a springboard into finding out about other animals. Students researched, planned and then presented their work as a poster. Everyone is very proud of their work!



This week we also had a visit from our Japanese teacher, Rayna sensei. She told us about a special festival in Japan called the Otsukimi festival. We listened to the story linked to this festival, which is about a rabbit and the moon. Students then created some beautiful craft, showing a rabbit gazing at full moon with strings of lanterns in the background.



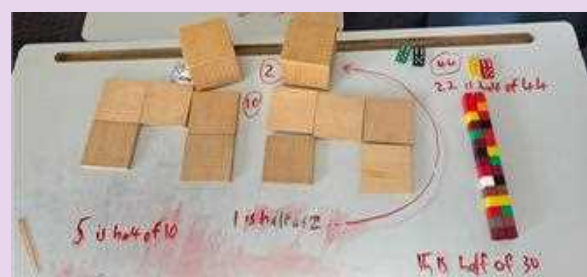
Fractions

The lower primary students have been learning about fractions in Mathematics with Miss Ryan this term. They have been exploring how a part of a whole can be represented as a fraction, with a focus on halves to tenths.

Students have been learning to say and write "out of" fraction statements to build their understanding of part-part-whole. They also worked in small groups to create their own fraction galleries, using classroom resources to show one half by identifying the whole and the half through size and number.

At the end of the lesson, students enjoyed walking through the gallery and admiring their peers' creative and mathematical thinking.

Check out the amazing fraction galleries our students designed!



Upper Primary

A Busy and Exciting Term 3!

It has been another busy and exciting term for students in Years 3–6 at Kongorong Primary School. Our students have been learning, exploring and participating in a range of engaging activities both inside and outside the classroom.

In Mathematics, students have been developing their understanding of fractions. They have explored how fractions represent parts of a whole and have applied their learning to a variety of practical activities.

In English, students have been learning about information reports. They have been researching topics, organising information and developing their ability to write informative texts using facts, headings and topic-specific vocabulary.

As part of Book Week, students participated in three virtual author visits. These exciting sessions gave students the opportunity to meet authors, learn about their writing processes and discover more about the world of books and storytelling.

The visits encouraged students to develop their love of reading and inspired them to think creatively about their own writing.

Students also attended the Bright Futures STEM Program Day at Mulga Street Primary School. The day focused on exploring careers connected to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Students participated in a range of hands-on activities, including:

- Exploring a virtual minesite using virtual reality (VR) headsets.
- Creating electronic wiring circuits to make a fan operate.
- Building circuits that allowed a light to turn on.
- Learning about the different careers and opportunities available in STEM.



The day provided students with an opportunity to explore how STEM skills are used in real-world workplaces and industries.

Our students were also part of The Biggest Gratitude Lesson Ever, joining a special virtual lesson through Zoom.

The event brought together 94,384 students from 36 countries to explore the importance of gratitude and discuss ways to practise it in everyday life.

Students reflected on the things they are thankful for and considered how showing gratitude can help build positive relationships and contribute to wellbeing.



YEAR 3 DICTIONARY PRESENTATION

Our Year 3 students were excited to receive their very own dictionaries, kindly donated by the Rotary Club. This wonderful project supports literacy and encourages students to develop their vocabulary and confidence in using a dictionary. We thank the Rotary Club for their generosity and for supporting learning in our school.

The Rotary Dictionary Project aims to support literacy by giving students their own dictionary to use at school and at home, helping them develop vocabulary, spelling and confidence in using words.



BUSH KINDY IN 2027

We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing a Bush Kindy program for our preschoolers in 2027. This program will embed nature play into our early learning program and make use of our wonderful back of oval conservation area.

Bush Kindy will provide meaningful opportunities for children to explore, play, learn and connect with the natural environment. It will also provide a natural way to embed our Walking the Seasons learning at our site, strengthening children's connection to Country, place and seasonal change through authentic outdoor experiences.



R U OK? Day – Glow for Each Other

For R U OK? Day, students enjoyed a special lunchtime Glow for Each Other disco filled with glow sticks, music, dancing and plenty of smiles.

A highlight of the afternoon was our Compliment Station, where every student wrote a kind message for a peer. Each child then went home with a compliment from someone in our school community – a simple but meaningful reminder that they are known, valued and appreciated.

R U OK? Day is an important opportunity to remind students of the value of checking in with others, listening and showing kindness. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate connection and care for one another.

Glow for each other. Look out for each other. Lift each other up.



Bright Future STEM Showcase

Our Year 4–6 students enjoyed a fantastic day out in Week 9, joining students from schools across the region for the Bright Future STEM Showcase.

The day was filled with hands-on learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, giving students the chance to explore how STEM connects to the real world. It was wonderful to see our students getting curious, asking questions, working together and having a go at new challenges.

At Kongorong Primary School, we are proud to offer STEM as a specialist subject, providing regular opportunities for students to investigate, design, create, test and think like STEM learners.

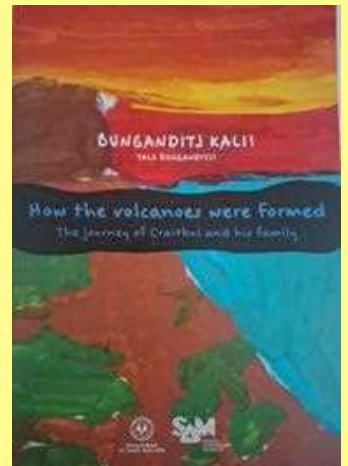
Families interested in exploring STEM at home can also visit the Bright Future STEM website.



HASS & PE

This term in HASS we have focused upon Landscapes and our place in them. We revised some of the learning from Walking the Seasons and made connections between First Nations knowledge of Country, Creation stories from the Bunganditj speaking Nation, and ways that we can help Care for Country.

In Lower Primary we explored First Nations long history of Connection to Country and this landscape through the 'How the Volcanoes Were Formed – The Journey of Craibtul and his Family'. This creation story talks of the journey of a giant ancestor, Craibtul, whose family used digging sticks to create large ovens across the landscape, some moved on from due to the warning of a protector bird, others due to being put out by rising water. The ovens are the locations of six volcanic craters in the region, one of which was active over 20,000 years ago, and the most well-known being the Blue Lake/Warwar.



The focus in Upper Primary has been based on the human impacts on landscape change and project-based learning to come up with solutions to preserve and protect what native habitat we have or increase it for future generations. With a focus on Walking the Seasons observations, students have been identifying the differences that they have seen between Honan Native Forest Reserve and Kongorong Primary School in relation to the number of bird, animal, insect, plant, and fungi species. They have been forming real-world solutions about ways that habitat can be increased so that our native wildlife have ample food, shelter, and nesting sites, as well as migrate through the region safely.

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

Book Week 2026 – Symphony of Stories

Book Week at Kongorong Primary School was a fun-filled celebration of books, stories and reading.

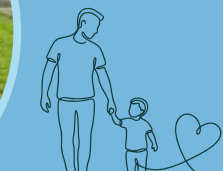
Our celebrations began on Monday of week 6 with the Book Week Parade, where students brought their favourite book characters to life. Throughout the week, students enjoyed a range of Book Week experiences, including virtual author events, classroom activities and buddy activities based on carefully selected stories. These experiences created many opportunities to share in the joy of reading and storytelling.



On Friday 28 August, we also held WOOF Day in support of Story Dogs. Students wore orange and brought a gold coin donation. We are very grateful to our Story Dogs volunteers and the positive impact they have on our students each week. This fundraiser helps support the ongoing costs of administering the program and training volunteers.



Father's Day Breakfast - Photo Gallery



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 6PM START

PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX

16+ RECOMMENDED



THE SHAKA PROJECT



CALL 08 8738 3000 TO
RESERVE YOUR SEAT

THIS EVENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH FUNDING FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COALITION OF SA AND BAROSSA HILLS FLEURIEU LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHERN LIMESTONE COAST COUNCIL.



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Health

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Local Health Network



MENTAL
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MONTH
OCTOBER 2024

Find your way to wellbeing

ACRYLIC POUR WORKSHOP

Find your way to wellbeing!



Sunday 25th October 10:30am

DONOVANS HALL - 10 Adams Street

As part of our Mental Health Month Program and this year's theme *Find Your Way to Wellbeing* the Southern Limestone Coast Council invite you to step back and focus on yourself by enjoying a relaxing, cost-free workshop with likeminded people.

Suitable for ages 16+ Refreshments provided

Bookings essential - Call 8738 3000

This event was made possible with funding from the Mental Health Coalition of SA and Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network.



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Health

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Film Screening

WONDER

MENTAL
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OCTOBER 2018

As part of our Mental
Health Month Program and
this year's theme:
*Find Your Way to
Wellbeing*



The Southern Limestone Coast Council invite you to an incredible film 'Wonder' focusing on acceptance, kindness and the impact bullying can have on others.

Wednesday 7th October at 2pm

Port MacDonnell Community Complex Hub Space

Suitable for ages 10 +

Bookings essential by calling 8738 3000

Refreshments provided

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