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Department for Education

DIARY DATES

10 November 2026
Governing Council
Assembly
Cairns Parent Info Session

12 November 2026
Field Trip to
Carpenter Rocks & Special
Lunch

16 November 2026
Teddy Bear Picnic & 'Anything but school' Causal Day

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

24 November 2026
Governing Council

27 November 2026
End of Year Celebrations
Concert & Year 6 Graduation

2 December - 7 December
Yr4-6 Cairns Camp

9 December 2026
R-6 End of Year Excursion

11 December 2026
Splash Day
Early Dismissal 2:15pm

Reminders

17 November 2026
Yr 3 - 6 Naturally Brave Showcase @ Wulanda

Students are displaying their Makers Empire designs.

Parents welcome to visit between 10am-11am

From the Principal

Dear Families,

This year, Brodie, Mason, Delilah and Ella have represented Kongorong in the Chief Executive's (CE) Student Network, connecting with students from across South Australia to explore and strengthen learning in their schools.

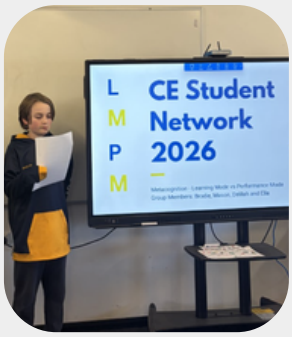
Throughout the year, students have learnt about Learning Mode and Performance Mode, understanding when we are trialling strategies and learning from mistakes, and when we are performing at our best to demonstrae what we know.

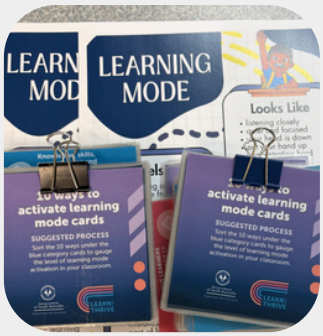
Students explored '10 Ways to Activate Learning' and chose to focus their action research project on 'Making mistakes feel normal and important during learning'. They believed this would help make their classrooms an even better place to learn and grow.

Putting theory into action, students introduced the modes at a whole-school presentation and worked with their peers to find out what each mode looks, sounds and feels like in our classrooms. With this information, students developed classroom posters and a resource pack for teachers.

We are proud of the thoughtful way our students have contributed their ideas and taken an active role in strengthening learning at Kongorong.

Warm regards,
Jamie







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UP Class: Paul Griffiths
LP Class & Kindy: Angela Jordan
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SSO/Playgroup: Vanessa Hook
NIT: Ross Mackenzie
PE: Tara Bonney
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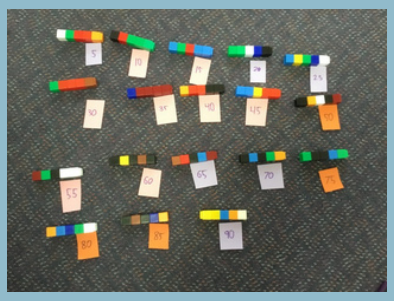
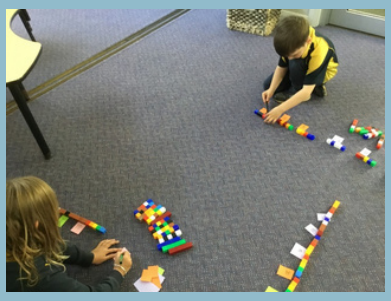
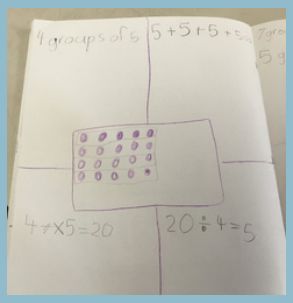
Lower Primary

In Lower Primary maths we have had a big focus on skip counting and multiplication. Students have practised their skip counting skills in a variety of ways, including songs and games, grouping objects. A particularly popular activity was using jumping animals such as frogs and rabbits to locate the 2s, 5s and 10s number patterns on a hundred chart. For older students these grouping and skip counting skills have then been extended into creating arrays and using the multiplication and division symbols.







This term in The Arts our focus is on Media Arts. Students have been exploring using the camera functions on our school iPads to take photos and videos. Students were very excited to complete a photo challenge. Categories included something yellow, a flower, something metal, something with a pattern, zooming in, triangles and a selfie.



Tyler 'Something metal'



Paige 'Zoom in'



Lienke 'Something with a pattern'

Lost School Jumpers



We currently have quite a few school jumpers in the Front Office that have no names on them.

If your child has misplaced a jumper, please ask them to pop into the Front Office to see if one of the unclaimed jumpers belongs to them.

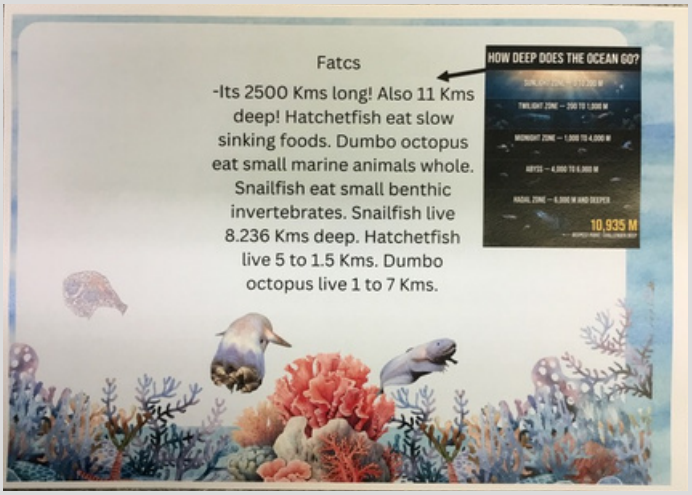
Any jumpers that remain unclaimed at the end of the year will be added to our second-hand uniform collection and made available for purchase.

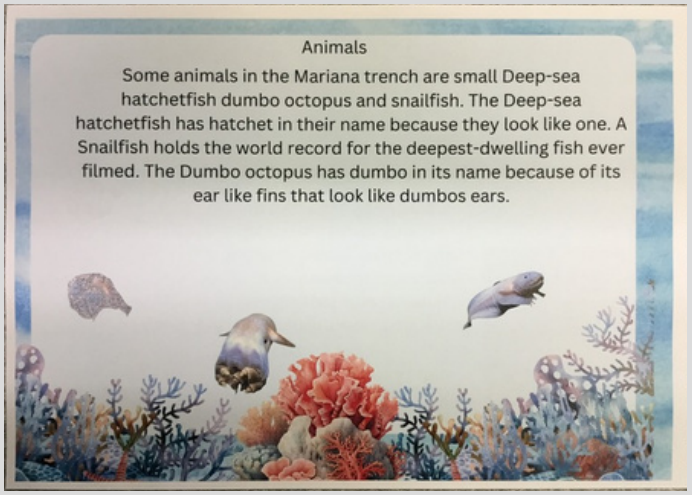
To help us return lost jumpers to their owners, please make sure your child's name is clearly labelled inside their jumper. Thank you for your help!

Upper Primary

We have a busy end to the year coming up, but we are keeping our heads down and continuing to work hard to maintain a high standard of learning right through to the finish!

We have recently wrapped up our information reports, and there have been some amazing facts uncovered along the way. Did you know the Mariana Trench is approximately 11 kilometres deep? Or that the Giant Sea Spider is one of the largest sea spiders in the world? We also discovered that flooding cost the Australian economy around $2 billion in 2025. It has been great to see students researching topics, discovering interesting information and sharing their new knowledge.





In Maths, we have been having some fun exploring chance and probability through a range of hands-on investigations. We've used dice, played plenty of Rock, Paper, Scissors and investigated the likelihood of finding different coloured M&Ms in a packet. There was certainly plenty of discussion about probability, predictions and whether our results matched what we expected. Of course, once the learning was finished, the M&Ms didn't last very long!







With lots still happening over the coming weeks, we are looking forward to finishing the year strongly, celebrating our learning and enjoying some exciting end-of-year activities.

Building Strong Habits for Learning and Life

This term, classroom teachers are helping students strengthen their persistence and participation in learning by explicitly teaching and practising self-regulation skills.

Each learner has a desk strip called their 'Ready to Learn Plan'. These plans help students recognise when their attention is shifting, or a task feels challenging and select a strategy to support their learning. We teach and practice these skills during lessons so students can approach challenges with confidence.

Students are selecting and trialing simple strategies, such as discreetly moving their toes, tensing and relaxing their muscles, or taking a quick drink of water. Some students may also use a sensory support for a specific learning purpose. Teachers guide and monitor use of strategies.

Every strategy and tool must meet two clear expectations: it must support the student's learning, and it must be safe and respectful of others' learning.





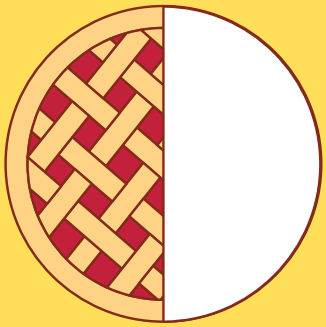
Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Sally Telford to Kongorong in term 4. Sally is teaching HASS to both Upper and Lower Primary classes this term on Wednesday afternoons, much to the students' delight. We thank Tara Bonney for her contribution to our Environmental and Sustainability Project and HASS teaching in term 3, and wish her all the best as she expands her corporate responsibilities.



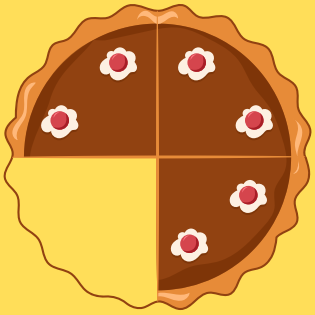
We are also pleased to welcome Rachel Ware, who has accepted the preschool teaching position for 2027. Rachel will work alongside Vanessa as we introduce 3-year-old preschool at Kongorong. Rachel is a dedicated, warm and creative early years educator, bringing her experience from the Mount Gambier Children's Centre.

Maths with Miss Ryan



Our LP students have wrapped up their fraction's unit this term, exploring halves, quarters and eighths of objects, collections and events.

Students have been building their understanding through hands-on learning, discussion and real-life examples. Families can support this learning at home by using fraction language in everyday conversations, for example during cooking, sharing food, dividing groups of items, talking about time, or discussing parts of a collection. Simple prompts such as "Would you like this cut into halves or quarters?" or "How can we share this equally?" helps to reinforce classroom learning in everyday situations.



Japanese Visit

Earlier in the Term we were very lucky to have our final visit for the year with our Japanese teacher, Rayna sensei. We cooked a Japanese pancake called "Okonomiyaki'. Students had lots of fun and enjoyed trying something new.













This week, staff and students celebrated Marilyn Gordon's 10 years with the Department for Education, all spent here at Kongorong.



From administration and facilities to classroom support, intervention and coordinating whole-school camps, Marilyn has worn many hats. The care she brings to each role makes her part of the fabric of our school.

Congratulations, Marilyn, and thank you for all you do for Kongorong!

Coming Up: Term 4 Wine Fundraiser



Governing Council is exploring a Term 4 wine fundraiser to support our students.

Please keep an eye on our social media and emails for details as arrangements are confirmed.

End of Year Celebration

You are warmly invited to our Whole School End of Year Celebration on Friday 27 November from 5:30pm–7:30pm.

This special evening will include performances from each class, the Year 6 Graduation, and student presentations sharing their Reef Guardian Learning Expedition.

Programs have been sent home with students and distributed via email. We look forward to celebrating the year together as a school community.





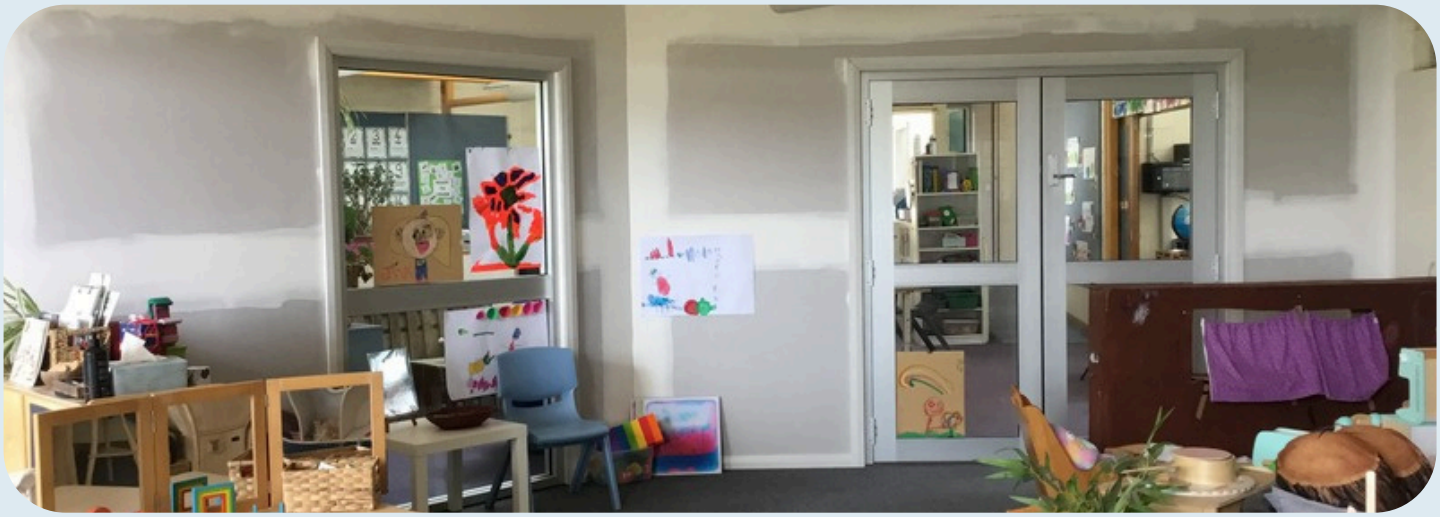


Preschool Preparations and Building Update

Preparations are well underway as our preschool returns to the scope of the National Quality Framework and welcomes three-year-olds in 2027. This work includes updating policies and procedures, preparing our facilities and completing the necessary administrative arrangements.

Rachel is working with us one day each week this term to support these preparations and will lead our preschool transition sessions on Monday and Tuesday of Week 8. This gives her an opportunity to get to know our children and families ahead of next year.

Our building improvements are also progressing. During the school holidays, the preschool's sliding doors were replaced with glass double doors and a glass panel. Staff have already noticed the benefits of increased natural light and reduced noise.



Join the Chicken Lovers Club! 🐔

Our beloved school chickens are spending their time in their enclosure these days, and we'd love your help adding a little variety to their day.

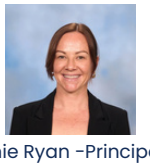
Join the Kongorong Chicken Lovers Club by collecting suitable fruit and veggie scraps at home and bringing them to school.

We'll provide a kitchen caddy, compostable bags and a simple guide to what our chooks can eat.

Keen to join the club?
Text the school mobile to sign up!



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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TEDDY BEAR PICNIC & 'ANYTHING BUT SCHOOL' CASUAL DAY



On Monday 16 November

Bring your favourtite teddy and dress up as anything but a school student!

There is no expectation to purchase new clothing and if you are stuck for ideas, just come as yourself!