



# Kongwak Primary School Newsletter

We Give Our Best, To Be Our Best

*Our Vision: To enable all students to achieve their full potential and to develop into confident, well-rounded citizens.*

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## WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2023 school year at Kongwak Primary School! It has been wonderful to see everybody's smiling faces at school this week, and the students have certainly been enjoying reconnecting with each other in the classrooms and in the school yard.

We'd like to extend a huge welcome to our new students:

Hugo and Jane (Prep)

Letty-Brooke (Grade 2)

Poppy (Grade 5)

In the Senior Room, we have spent this week getting to know Fiona and letting her know about us as learners and individuals! We've gotten all of our materials organised, learnt some new maths games, generated lots of ideas for writing and set ourselves up with books to explore in the coming week. We selected our first class novel and have begun *Black Cockatoo* by *Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler*.

In the Junior Room, during Week One we have acknowledged what is important to us and created symbols to represent those ideas. It was very exciting to receive our new supplies: pencils, textas, pencil cases. We have learnt the maths game *Efficiency* to help us add numbers together quickly. We've had fun investigating patterns and learning how patterns can be represented by letters. We are looking forward to next Friday when Miss Reark comes to visit us to do Art.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Jeffries family for looking after our chickens over the holidays.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

We will be having our school photos taken next Tuesday 7th February.



## HOUSE SWIMMING

Friday 10th February Inverloch-Kongwak House Swimming (SPLASH Leongatha) for Grade 3-6. Can children please be dropped off and collected again at normal school times at Inverloch PS.

## PREP DAYS AT SCHOOL

Week 2 Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 9.00-3.20

Week 3 Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 9.00-3.20

Week 4 Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 9.00-3.20

Week 1- 5 Wednesday: no school.

## SPECIALIST TEACHERS TERM 1

Monday: PE (Rob)

Wednesday: Auslan (Jodie)

Thursday: Music (Linda)

Thursday: Marc Van (Mrs. Callcott)

Friday: Art (odd week) Juniors (even week) Seniors (Miss Reark)

## SCHOOL TIMES

A friendly reminder that staff have their meetings at Inverloch PS on different days before and after school. We would appreciate students not being dropped off before 8:30am and being collected promptly at 3:20pm dismissal so that we can work with other staff outside these times.

Feel free to drop in or give us a call if you have any questions.

3rd February 2023

## TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

7th School Photos  
10th House Swimming

Please check Coasthill News for dates.

## Parent Payments Contributions

Parent payment contributions for 2023 is \$230. The policy can be found on the school's website.

COMPASS see Course Confirmation in the app

Direct deposit

**Inverloch PS** - BSB: 083001  
Account Number:  
293843940

**Kongwak PS** - BSB: 083001  
Account Number:  
264692397

Please state 'Surname'  
'Parent Payment' in the  
description.

*"We at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools, acknowledge that we live and learn on the traditional lands of the Boonwurrung and Bunurong people. We pay respect to the Elders past and present and emerging in our schools."*

## **Do you have a concession card? If so you may qualify for government funding!**

### **CAMP SCHOOL EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)** School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

As part of the funding Prep students will receive a uniform package and further information will be sent home regarding this once an application has been made.

**MORE INFORMATION** For more information about CSEF visit:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### **HOW TO APPLY**

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form from the start of next year.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred: • new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year. • changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year. Please check with the school office if you are unsure.



# Welcome back everyone



Our new library van

Music with Mrs Pellizer







Working

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shapes

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the

junior

room

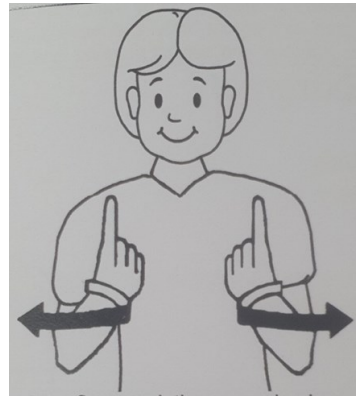




# Our Auslan signs for this week....



Welcome



Everyone



January Birthdays

Happy 11th Birthday Jerry

and

Happy 8th Birthday Letty-Brooke





# Straight back into looking after our garden





# COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications. They are not considered school activities

## Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment\*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*



Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



## Back to School. But with less stress.

Saver Plus. Start saving now. Make next year easier.  
A savings coach. Up to \$500 in matched savings.  
It's free.

\*Eligibility criteria apply



Enquire today!

[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



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## We're for girls – Girl Guides

For girls aged 6 years & over : Come and try  
Girl Guide units in Leongatha, Phillip Island and  
Wonthaggi

Girl Guides are a volunteer, world-wide organization for girls & women

Enabling skills in leadership, teamwork, community service, the outdoors, guiding traditions, craft & games

Email Girl Guides Victoria [guides@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:guides@guidesvic.org.au) or call (03) 8606 3500.

Wonthaggi Guides: Cheryl Bertrand - 0408 391 035 (Cheryl.bertrand@guidesvic.org.au)



## INVERLOCH AUSKICK KICKS OFF FRIDAY 28 APRIL



Our 10-week program kicks off on Friday 28 April at 5:30pm at the Inverloch Kongwak Football Netball Club (IKFNC). We encourage you to register your child asap to ensure they receive their awesome AFL packs before week 1. Auskick is for boys and girls turning 5 this year and up to 12 years of age. The groups start at kinder and go right through to grade 3 plus. There is an 'all girls' group as well or the girls can participate in any group.

Each week a range of activities take place centred around AFL football to ensure the auskickers are fully engaged and most of all have fun. There will be opportunities for the kids to put on an IKFN Club jumper and play at half time in one of the local senior games and we hope to be invited to play a half time game at the MCG or Marvel Stadium. Come & Try Sessions will be arranged for school for March/April.

If you are keen to volunteer as an assistant coach (under the support of a lead coach – no coaching experienced required) and/or in our canteen please let me know. You will be fully supported, receive a uniform, and have access to free auskick tucker on the night.

If there are any questions, please contact 0408 281953 and 'check and like' our Inverloch Auskick Facebook Page as most of our communication is via this platform.

Please register at [www.playafl.com.au](http://www.playafl.com.au)

Cheers Big K  
Coordinator  
Inverloch Auskick



# COME & TRY FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria as the Box Hill Hawks VFL & VFLW players will be delivering a one-hour clinic plus a meet and great as well as a signing session

*Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 7-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.*

### WHERE:

Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve

### WHEN:

Saturday, 4th of February  
1:30pm - 3:00pm



**REGISTER HERE!**

