



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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Principal: Mr Brett Smith

Wominjeka!

It was nice to catch up with new families on Tuesday in the beautiful Kongwak sun and enjoy afternoon tea.

I would like to congratulate all our new teaching staff for settling into our lovely little community. I would also like to thank the students for making the staff feel so welcome. A great big shout out to Mikayla Jeffries who spotted our slithery visitor and notified staff promptly.

COMPASS

This year we will be continuing to use and increase the use of Compass as our main communication tool and payment method. Compass is a much more efficient and timely method than paper copies. You will notice Fiona has been pushing out important Kongwak messages that she receives especially from Inverloch staff who are organizing events that Kongwak students participate in.

If you need help with Compass we can arrange some assistance or a quick workshop at school.

COASTHILL NEWS

Please remember to read the Coasthill News for news, messages and celebrations of both schools thus the name- Coast-hill.

Brett Smith

PREP DAYS AT SCHOOL

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

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

Week 1- 5 Wednesday: no school.

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.

WANTED

If any families have a preloved and unused yoga mat hiding in a cupboard we would love them to use them at school for a quiet reading and yoga under our beautiful oak trees at recess/ lunch.

MARC VAN REMINDER

Our MARC Van with Mrs Callcott visits on a Thursday, so this is the day to return your books and borrow more.

10th February 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February

The Great Fete Dates

February

13th Fete Committee Meeting

17th Casual Dress Day—Gold Coin Donation

20th Fete Committee Meeting

20-24th Book Donation Week

27th Fete Committee Meeting

27-3rd Clothes Donation Week

March

6th Fete Committee Meeting

6-10th Mystery Bag Donation Week

18th **THE GREAT FETE**

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

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."

SIGN IN/OUT BOOKS

Just a reminder & for our new families, our sign in / out books must be filled out if you bring your child(ren) late to school or if you need to collect them early for any reason. Please take a late pass / early leaver pass to hand to your child's teacher. These books & passes are located in the corridor outside the senior classroom.

RETURNING OF FORMS & MONEY TO SCHOOL

When returning forms, these need to be placed in the box located outside the senior room.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance Allowance is available for children who are attending their nearest government school (or in some circumstances your next nearest government school) and live 4.8km or more from the school. If you think this applies to you please collect an application form from the office. **These forms must be returned to school by 3rd March.** Parents who already receive this allowance do not need to reapply, but if your circumstances have changed you need to notify the office. If you have another child who has just started school, you will need to complete an application form for them.

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.

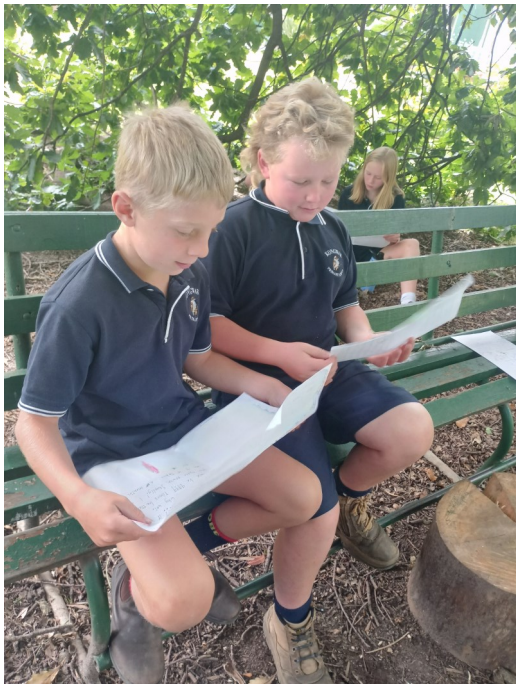
MORE INFORMATION For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

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.

Students having fun playing
Drip, Drip, Drop
on a warm summer day.



Students sharing their writing



Whole School Drama



Samu shared his possum skin on Thursday
at school. He explained the process of
'tanning' Tanning is the process of
treating skins and hides of animals to pro-
duce leather. Thank you for sharing your
knowledge with us.

Junior Room News

In the Junior room this week we have been focusing on routines and how we will structure our maths and reading sessions each day. We have also been working on symmetry. We welcome Damian to Kongwak this week! He will be teaching the junior class every Friday. On Thursday we drew our school emblem, the 'kookaburra'. Next week we are going to share kookaburra stories. If anyone has a photo of a kookaburra or any books at home, we would love you to share them with us. Please bring them on Monday - Sally



Senior Room News

In the Senior room, we've continued establishing routines and letting Fiona find out more about us as learners and individuals. We are enjoying our class novel, *Black Cockatoo*, and have been practising predicting and visualising reading strategies with this text. Our first whole school Drama session on Wednesday was a hit, and it was wonderful to see everyone's confidence in stepping 'out of their comfort zone' grow when we were being silly with actions and emotions, playing charades and singing 'My Bonnie'. I can't wait for the next one! - Fiona

#Savethedate 26/02/2023



Kongwak P.S PFA is running a Bunnings Fundraising Sausage Sizzle, and need your help. All funds raised will go towards Sustainable Kongwak
We need 4 to 5 Volunteers at all times between 8.30am and 3.30pm.
Please contact Terri-Ann 0423 964 439 to be added to the roster.

   Volunteers Required   

SHIFT 1: 8.30AM TO 11.30AM
SHIFT 2: 11.30AM TO 1.30PM
SHIFT 3: 1.30PM TO 3.30PM

ANY DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED



- * Serviettes
- * Sauce
- * Onions
- * Cans of Softdrink
- * Bottled Water
- * Juice Boxes



You're Invited

Kongwak Primary School
Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Welcome to New Families Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 7 February 2023

2.30 – 3 pm

Followed by a short PFA meeting (3 -3.20 pm)

We'll serve tea, coffee and pastries!

All welcome.



FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY
LOOP orders only.

IN OUR NEW
BIGGER & BETTER
BOOK CLUB!

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

For new families, hard copies of Book Club catalogues are sent home regularly with our children. Families can then order and pay online, and books are delivered to school and distributed from there.

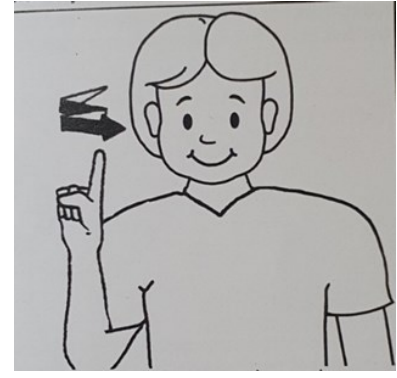
Our Auslan signs for this week....



Enjoy



Swimming



Today

Medications

If your child may need medication at school, please ensure you have handed the medication in to the school office, along with the relevant forms.



Asthma/Allergies

Please provide an updated Asthma/Allergy/Anaphylaxis Action Plan to the school at the beginning of each year and check that the medication kept at school hasn't expired.



Swimming Sports

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

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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 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

Cheers Big K
Coordinator
Inverloch Auskick

