



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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Wominjeka!

COASTHILL NEWS

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

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.

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PREP DAYS AT SCHOOL

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

Week 1- 5
Wednesday: no school.

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.

HATS

We have had lots of hats go astray this week- this can be frustrating for students having to run about looking for a hat before they go out to play. We suggest leaving your broad brimmed school hat at school in Terms 1 and 4, and writing your name clearly on it- see Fiona, Sally or Vicki if you'd like to borrow a Sharpie to do this.

COMPASS

Throughout the week, we often put out messages on Compass to families about things which come up in between newsletters (this week it has been the BBQ, Free Dress Day and Specialist Timetable). Once it's set up, it's handy to have the app on your phone, or set it up so it goes through to your email address. Please let us know if you haven't got this set up yet and we can help get it organised.

Free Dress Day today

17th February 2023

TERM 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 21st Parent Teacher Interviews
- 23rd Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26th PFA Bunnings BBQ

The Great Fete Dates

February

- 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."

OUR TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly 9am• PE		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auslan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MARC Van• Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art (alternating weeks Juniors and Seniors)• Sustainable Kongwak

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/programmes/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.

Junior Room News

In the Junior Room, this week we have shared stories, read and written about kookaburras.

Ask your child...

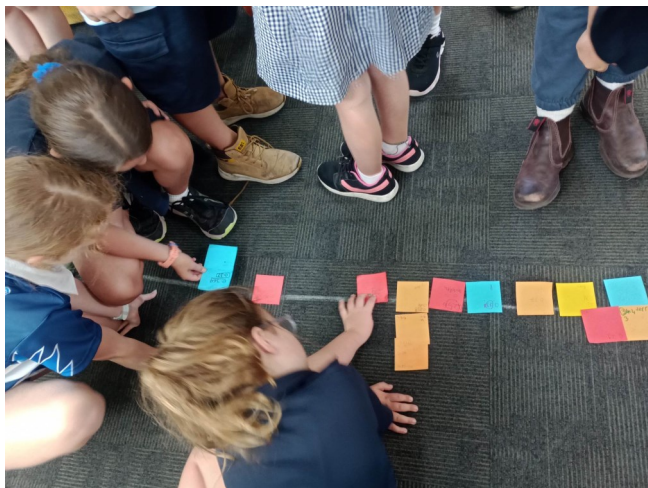
- Can you remember what a group of kookaburras is called?
- What are baby kookaburras called?
- What do they eat?

Where did the word kookaburra originate from?

A highlight this week was getting to use the iPads again and exploring the Reading Eggs program.

Senior Room News

In the Senior Room, we have been exploring what we are passionate about when brainstorming ideas and planning for persuasive writing pieces. We have used MEESH (Money, Environment, Education, Safety and Health) to think of reasons people should agree with us. We've continued to unpack different comprehension strategies when listening to our class novel, *Black Cockatoo*, and ordered decimals when looking at our reaction times in seconds and milliseconds in Maths. Whole school drama was again a highlight- we planned and performed short skits using only three lines- "You can't be serious!" "I'm sorry" and "What do you mean?".



Hand on maths-ordering decimals
in the Senior Room

Surrealism in



Transformation drawing in Oil Pastels.



Vox Pop

What are you enjoying the most about school so far?
Kongwak Primary School students



Isobel Hunt

"Each week we do an Auslan class, and I like that it's become a part of our conversation at home."



Eva Peters

"I like learning Auslan each week, doing more art classes and interacting with my friends again."



Louis Peters

"I like being outside playing sport, being with my friends and playing Duplo in the classroom."



Teddy Kingsley

"I like painting and I'm looking forward to the STEM program because I like inventing things."



Planting seeds in handmade paper pots





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in Kongwak



#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



This weeks Birthdays



Happy 7th Birthday

Jai



Happy 9th Birthday

Nora



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2022 KPS Scholastic Book Club such a success. Last year was a huge year at KPS with our two book fairs raising more than \$600 each!! We have two GIANT Book Fair's confirmed for this year: May and October.

As your Book Club Co-ordinator I'd like to give a special shout out to Eva Peters (year 2 last year) who took out my 2022 Book Club Buddy Award. Eva was always so enthusiastic about Book Club, and she was on top of every issue as it came out!! I'm now looking for my 2023 Book Club Buddy :D

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.

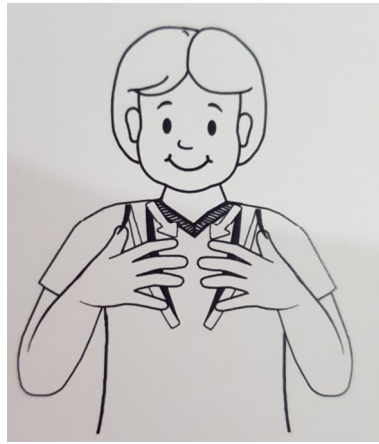
Please let me know if there are any queries. Happy reading for 2023.

~ Virginia Hunt ~

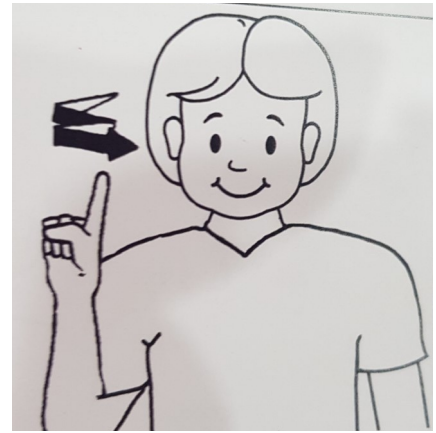
Our Auslan signs for this week....



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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.



Yay!
The Year 6 T
Shirts & Jumpers
have
arrived!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

