



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!

TOYS & OTHER SPECIAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Please do not bring toys or other special items to school, unless they are for a reason organised with your teacher (such as Show and Tell on a specific day). These special things are great to play with at home, but can distract students from their learning and also get broken or lost. If they do come to school, we will keep them safe on a teacher's desk and give them back to families at the end of the day.

BIKES

It has been great to see some students enjoying the sunshine and riding bikes and scooters to school! A reminder that bikes and scooters need to be walked, not ridden, on school grounds, even before or after school, and that a well-fitted helmet should always be worn when riding a bike or scooter.

MONDAY IS RUNNERS DAY

Rob has asked if everybody could please wear or bring **runners** on Monday for PE. We are busily practising for House Athletics, and even Olympic athletes would find it difficult to do triple jump in boots! If you don't wear your runners outside school, you're welcome to leave them on the shoe rack near the Senior Room, ready for PE.

PREPS LAST WEDNESDAY OFF

Next Wednesday 1st March is our preps last Wednesday off school.

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.

CONTACTING

Do you love to contact books? We have a stack of books which we would like to contact before they go into our school library. Let us know if you would like to help out and we will send your child home with the supplies!

PERSONAL CAR PERMISSION NOTICE

Please return the note sent home today straight away if you wish to go on our 2023 Personal Car Permission Notice. We need to finalise this asap so we have drivers for our athletics practice at Inverloch starting in a couple of weeks. Thank you!

23rd February 2023

TERM 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

26th PFA Bunnings BBQ

The Great Fete Dates

February

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."

Student Leaders

We have been excited to announce our student leaders this week!

Eco: Lily and Samu

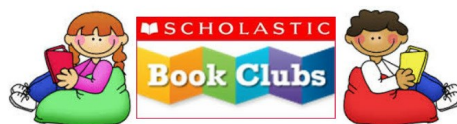
Sports: Luhanna and Jerri

JSC: Will

Maintenance Crew: Kieran and Wazz

ICT Crowd: Violet and April

These leaders have come to their roles with lots of enthusiasm and ideas! They will have a weekly rotating spot in the newsletter discussing what they've been up to, starting with the Maintenance Crew this week. We were also thrilled to have so much interest in the Junior School Council from all year levels! We look forward to hearing speeches and voting on Monday.



To our families,

Thank you for allowing us to buy books through Book Club. When you buy books for us we get 15% off the purchase back in credit to choose books for us to read in the classroom.

Here are all of the beautiful new books that arrived this week using Book Club credits.

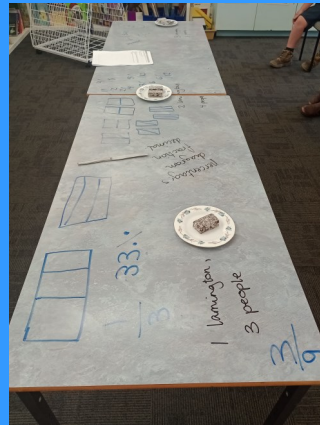
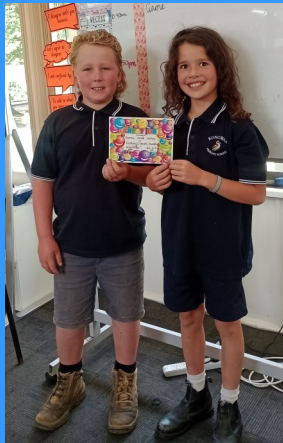
From the kids at KPS.



Senior Room News

In the Senior Room we have been:

- **Busily drafting, editing, revising and publishing our persuasive writing. Pop in to see it on the wall!**
- **Practising our summarising skills in Reading, and finishing *Black Cockatoo* as a group.**
- **Working on our fluency and problem solving skills in Maths, including working out how to share 7 lamingtons equally between 8 people as a decimal, percentage and fraction, and taking lots of learning risks and celebrating our mistakes. Mistakes mean that we are taking on challenges!**

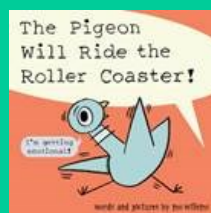


Junior Room News

In the Junior Room we have been:

- The Preps and Year 1 students have been working on rhyming words. They have been learning sounds (Preps), reinforcing sounds (year 1) and practising the skill of blending sounds together to make words. For example: s-a-t =sat.
- The Year 3 students were very excited on Tuesday afternoon when they went to the senior room to learn how to use Google Classroom. This is a platform where students can work online, independently and collaboratively, with the teacher giving feedback as they work.

Book Club arrived this week and we loved reading the latest pigeon story by Mo Willems, "The Pigeon Will Ride the Rollercoaster."





Tarwin Valley MARC



Preview of Learning - Term 1 2023

In **1974**, the MARC/MACC program was introduced to provide small and regional schools, in Victoria, with access to books and educational resources. Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) vans provided literacy-based programs, and Mobile Art and Craft Centre (MACC) vans provided art teaching and supplies. In 1979 the MARC van and library were established at, as it was known, the Dumbalk Primary School. The MARC program was welcomed as a vital link between the service and outlying schools and their learning communities. The teachers and students relished the opportunities, weekly visits and variety, such visits provided.

Change over time, is a large part of our lives. The MARC service has witnessed small school closures, a move from Dumbalk to Meeniyana, wonderful students, technology, growth and changes in author's purpose when writing for children and of course, thousands of picture fiction, fiction and non-fiction books. Its mobile nature has imposed the need for focused planning for our students, a high level of organization and of course so many ways in which to interact with students and school communities. One of the greatest privileges has simply been to share books with our students.

Late 2022 the MARC service was moved to Fish Creek and District Primary School. This is now our base school. Change. Moving the almost, 9000 books, resources, the van and ourselves has been a huge undertaking. We have been surrounded by support and help to achieve this. Thank you to Meeniyana PS and staff, the welcoming Fish Creek PS and staff and Clancy's parents (Andrew and Cath) who willingly painted our new base library room. We have nearly got everything in place, and it is a pleasure to walk into our new library. The books are almost all where they should be, we know where most things are, the room has colour, light and is welcoming.

The MARC service continues to visit the following schools - Fish Creek (Mon), Welshpool (Tues), Tarwin Lower (Wed), Toora (Fri) and welcomes the Powlett River and Kongwak Primary schools (Thurs) into the service.

Like everyone we have had a few weeks back at school. We have a new timetable, students' names to learn, different places to drive to and of course, change. We are beginning to feel settled and look forward to our days of teaching and shared learning within each of our schools. Thank you for your warm welcome, in the schools we know and the schools we are discovering. We look forward to being part of your week, every week.

Yours in reading and learning,

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott (MARC Library teachers)

TERM 1 TOPICS – MARC LIBRARY			
Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1.	Starting school/New School Year	Starting school/New School Year	Starting school/New School Year
2.	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature
3.	Books and libraries	Books and libraries	Books and libraries
4.	Author Study – Gabriel Evans	Author Study – Chris Cheng	Author Study – Phil Cummings
5.	Author Study – Gabriel Evans	Author Study – Chris Cheng	Author Study -Phil Cummings
6.	Author Study – Gabriel Evans	Author Study – Chris Cheng	Author Study – Phil Cummings
7.	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature
8.	Earth Hour	Earth Hour	Earth Hour
9.	Library Skills	Library Skills	Library Skills

A sustainable future for Kongwak Primary

KONGWAK Primary School began the year welcoming two new teaching staff, new families and sustainable projects that will continue to connect the students with their community in 2023.

Inverloch local and last year's support teacher Sally Dunn is now teaching the junior students on the grounds of Kongwak Primary – teaching foundation to grade three.

While Fiona Moldrich from Foster Primary School was given a warm welcome to teach the senior students of grades four to six.

Virginia Hunt of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) welcomed new families to the school grounds on Tuesday for afternoon tea, and said this year they're part of The Great Fete at Inverloch Primary School on Saturday, March 18 from 10am until 2pm.

Principal Brett Smith said the Sustainable Kongwak Programme at school will continue this year under the guidance of teacher

and sustainability expert, Damian Howard.

"The year we will focus on reconnecting with the community and giving the students the opportunity to interact with Inverloch Primary and outside organisations including Kongwak Landcare."

"The Indigenous bush tukka garden will continue to expand in 2023 with plans to encircle one of our buildings. We will engage with our Indigenous communities to ensure the design and development is respectful and appropriate to the local area, its people, and history," said Virginia.

The active Parents and Friends Association (PFA) will manage events such as Mother's and Father's Day stalls, as well as the hugely successful annual community Christmas raffle, which last year raised over \$1000. All PFA funds raised go towards the Sustainable Kongwak Programme for the children.



Kongwak Primary School welcome two new teachers, Fiona Moldrich teaching grade four to six students and Sally Dunn teaching foundation to grade three. Z07_0723



Did you see our article in the Sentinel Times this week?

Our Auslan signs for this week....



CARE



LEAD



ACHIEVE

#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



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

