



# Kongwak Primary School Newsletter

We Give Our Best, To Be Our Best

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

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Wominjeka!

## WINTER SPORT

Our drivers to and from Inverloch for Winter Sport are as follows. We will catch the bus with the Inverloch children to each venue.

26th May Safina Stewart  
At Korumburra Vicki Bainbridge

We will depart Kongwak at 11.30am.

2nd June Safina Stewart  
At Foster Vicki Bainbridge

We will depart Kongwak at 11am.

Will and Jerry will need to be collected from the Inverloch PS each week to save coming back to Kongwak.

## PARENT HELPERS

Would you be interested in helping in a classroom? We are looking for parents to volunteer to assist in the classroom. This may mean working with a small group or with individual children. If you are interested please see Sally or Fiona. You will need to complete the classroom helpers course and classroom helpers agreement on our website, and provide a current Working With Children Check.

## COMPASS

The Compass app is the primary way that we communicate with families at IKPS. It is easy to have on your phone with notifications alerting you to events and any messages about school. If you're not set up yet with easy Compass access, see Fiona or Sally or drop in to the Inverloch PS office- we are here to help!

## STUDENT FREE DAY

There will be no school 29th May as the teachers will be having a report writing day.

## NEW STAFF

Next week we welcome Peter Slidders to the Kongwak community for the remainder of the term. Peter will be working Monday-Wednesday. His role will be to support our student learning in Maths. He will be working with individual students and with small groups. He will also teach the senior class for 100 minutes on a Wednesday, giving Fiona some time to do further work as Site Manager.

19th May 2023

## TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY

26th Winter Sports Yr 6  
29th Student Free Day

### JUNE

2nd Winter Sports Yr 6  
12th Kings Birthday  
Public Holiday

## PRESCHOOL—PREP KEY DATES

1st May Enrolment Packs available  
2nd May Enrolment applications accepted  
Educational Choices  
School Tours  
28 July Enrolment applications due

We hope all our mum's had a lovely Mothers Day. Thank you to Katie Davis & Michelle Kingsley for helping organise the Mothers Day gifts on behalf of the PFA.



*"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."*

## Education Support Day.....

Each year on Tuesday 16th May, we celebrate Education Support Day. Everybody agrees that we would be simply lost at Kongwak without Vicki, Janelle, Michael and Andre! Students brainstormed the big and small ways which these wonderful people help us. If we tried to print all of them the newsletter would be 100 pages long....but some highlights were:

**Vicki:** always has spare hairties, cooks with us, answers the phone, helps us with learning, chats about our interests and hers, does first aid, drives us to many places, takes photos so we have memories!

**Janelle:** reminds us about the many notes we need to bring back, keeps everyone updated with the newsletter, organises drivers for us to go to Inverloch.

**Michael:** fixes the internet, organises new computers for us, puts apps on the iPads.

**Andre:** keeps our school safe and clean, paints, and organised the chalkboard on the water tank.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to these very special people!



## Year 2 Visit....

On Wednesday we welcomed the Year 2 students and staff from Inverloch for the day. The Inverloch and Kongwak students were mixed together in four groups. They rotated through four activities: drama, ball games, scavenger hunt and a nature craft.

Below are Samu, Charlotte and Jai's creations from the nature craft activity.



# Year 4 Camp

Go Karts are sooo fun you have to pedal so much you get extremely exhausted! Last week grade 4rs went to the island CYC camp near the beach at Cowes. We did a walk to the beach and I made friends with Teddy's friend Zara. Me and Zara made a mermaid out of me! There was a 'who dug the deepest hole' comp. And also who made the best sculpture. On the second night we watched Oddball and it was a great movie. Thank you to: Ms Roberts for all the work you did, and all the parent helpers and teachers.

By Norah Churchill



At Phillip Island we went to see the penguins it was very fun and very cold, and the seats were wet and soggy eww. But it was worth it because the penguins were soooooo cute. They just bob along, it is so cute and that is all I have to say.

By Teddy



**Happy 10th  
Birthday  
Charlotte!**



## **Tarwin Valley MARC**

### **Preview of Learning - Term 2 2023**



We are very pleased with our new MARC Library base at Fish Creek and District Primary School and now feel settled and when we step inside the library we look around with pride. So many wonderful books, focussed user friendly organization and welcome. But what do others see?

Watching children walk in one sees reverence of a new and inviting place, curiosity and a sense of what will I find? They are drawn in, their eyes looking, their bodies turning and then...that is the moment when they see books that they want to look at, browse, hold and read. Although not all the children we teach are able to use the MARC Library at Fish Creek, we also see that same delight when students enter the van when it is at their school. It is an exciting experience. No doubt you as parents 'see', the above described, when you take your children to local libraries in our area. Choosing a new book supports reading and reading supports learning and living.

Below is a preview of our program for Term 2 2023.

<b>Week</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
1	All students were read ANZAC stories which shared the meaning of ANZAC and the bravery and sacrifices made during wartime.
2-4	Students delved into the genre of adventure. The common features were discussed and noted in a variety of texts. Younger students enjoyed 'Cannonball Simp' by John Burningham and 'Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T Smith.
5	All students will share looked forward to, newly published literature.
6	To coincide with National Reconciliation week, this week we read books written by First Nation authors.
7	Joke books are regularly borrowed and all students should enjoy the opportunity to learn how jokes work, hear jokes and record jokes to 'tell' others.
8	Illustrative techniques enhance the 'telling of a story'. This week techniques used by Herve Tullot will be explored.
9	We will complete our learning for the term with new literature.

Yours in reading and learning.

Sophie Callcott and Jeanette Johnson

# BOOK FAIR IS NOW ON!

SCHOLASTIC

IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
UNTIL TUESDAY 30 MAY!

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY. EFTPOS AVAILABLE.

**Need assistance?** Contact KPS Book Fair Coordinator Kate Davis on 0432 521 945.

The "Book Fair" is a collection of Scholastic books and resources which are set up in a mini-shop format at KPS.

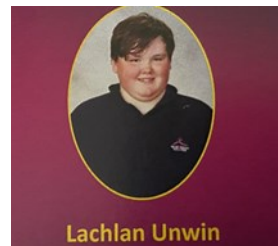


## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

It's always exciting to hear about the adventures of past KPS students. Bass Coast College 2023 performance of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was on show last week. Congratulations to Lachlan (Year 7) who was one of the very funny Oompa Loompas, and Riley (Year 8) who was checking tickets for the audience.



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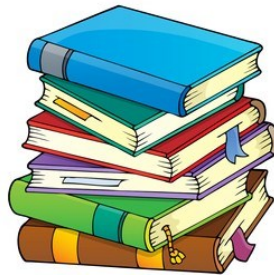
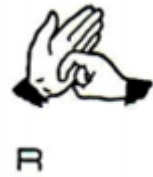
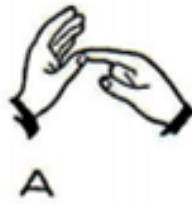


Lachlan Unwin

# Our Auslan signs for this week...



**BOOK**



## SUSTAINABLE KONGWAK

Over the last few weeks we have been building our native bee hotels to put around the school. Our students have been drilling, screwing, painting, braiding and hanging in appropriate places. They will provide habitat and nesting places for our native bees.

We have also been having a look at nest box design for different animals. We use nest boxes because we don't have enough hollows due to the shortage of 100 year old trees and many of our native mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects rely on them for habitat. We had a short walk in Pioneer Reserve to have a look at natural hollows and some nest boxes installed by Kongwak Hills Landcare Group.





# Cross Country

We had a great time at IKPS Cross Country yesterday! Everybody gave it their absolute best effort and had some fun along the way as well. Notable placings were:



**Grade 3 Girls**  
Eva 15th



**Grade 6 Boys**  
Will 3rd  
Kieran 6th  
Samu 10th

**Grade 5 Boys**  
John 20th

**Grade 6 Girls**  
Luhanna 12th  
Violet 13th  
Lily & April finished!

**Grade 4 Girls**  
Charlotte 11th  
Norah finished!



**Grade 5 Girls**  
Mikayla 9th  
Poppy 19th  
Lily-Ann finished!



**Grade 3 Boys**  
James finished!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

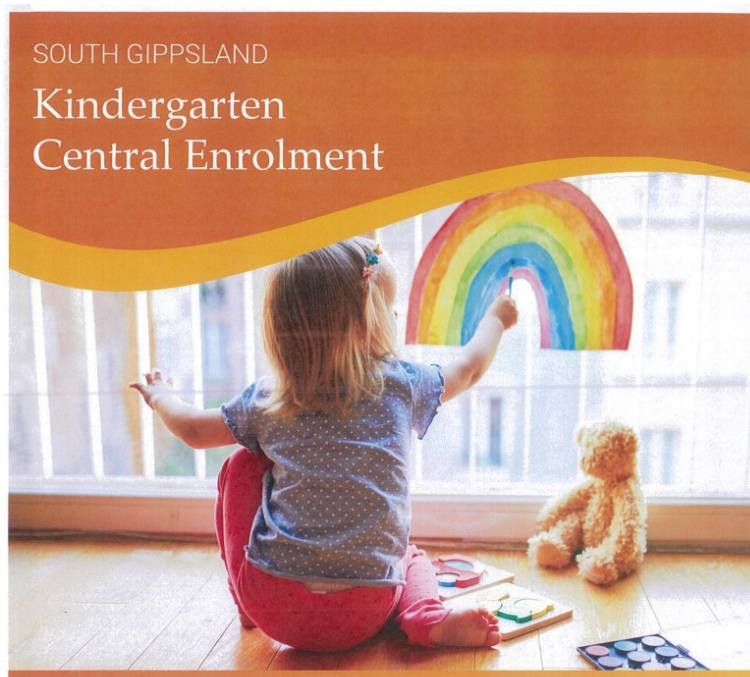


## Homing Pigeons

Free to good home

Contact:

Vicki at Kongwak Primary  
School



SOUTH GIPPSLAND

## Kindergarten Central Enrolment

### CENTRAL ENROLMENT NOW OPEN

To register your child for three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten for next year, visit the South Gippsland Shire Council website from 1 May and complete a registration form nominating your kindergarten preferences.



To be included in the first round offers you must register by 30 June.

You can register at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)

For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back.