



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!

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Monday	PE
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Auslan
Thursday	Music/MARC Van
Friday	STEM/SUSWAK

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will be held next Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th of July. We welcome you to book a time with Sally or Fiona- bookings can be made on schoolinterviews.com.au. If you haven't yet had a look at your child's report, please do this before the interview- let us know if you're having trouble accessing it through Compass.



School Interviews
Booking Code:
4af5f

CAN YOU HELP US?

We have a large box of used printer cartridges that needs to be dropped to the Korumburra Post Office during their business hours. If there is anybody who would head that way from Kongwak and would be able to drop it off, please let us know.

NAIDOC WEEK

Naidoc Week is held every year from the 2nd-9th of July. This year, the theme is 'For Our Elders'.

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, Inverloch and Kongwak Primary School have spent this week participating in a schoolwide inquiry project.

We have learnt about a famous rap artist named Adam Briggs. He wrote a song called 'The Children Came Back' as a tribute to Archie Roach (an Elder). Briggs' song is a celebration of the strength and talent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

On Friday 21st July, we will virtually join Inverloch PS for a Welcome to Country with Bunurong Elder Jill West. On Wednesday 24th of July, we will be holding a special NAIDOC assembly at 9am to showcase the learning we have done over the past two weeks. Families are warmly invited to attend. Following the assembly, we will be having an open morning where you are welcome to join us in our classrooms for the morning session.

LIONS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Grade 3, 4 and 5 students are participating in the Lions Public Speaking competition again this year. Our topics are:

Gr 3 and 4: "Oh no! I've turned into a giant!"

Gr 5: Strange World Records set in history.

We have learnt a lot about different world records this week- did you know that there is a dog named Finley who holds the

14th July 2023

TERM 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

July

- 18th KPS PFA Meeting 2.45pm
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- 19th Author Visit: Craig & Lynne Jones
- Regional Soccer (Jerri)
- 20th Parent Teacher Interviews
- 24th NAIDOC open morning & assembly
- Yr 5's Korumburra SC with Vicki
- KPS School Council 7.30pm
- 28th Landcare Visit: National Tree Planting Day! Families Welcome.

August

- 2nd Prep 100 Days of School Dress Up
- 4th Prep Excursion TBC
- 28-30th Year 5 Camp
- 31st Division Aths (Kieran & Samu)

Please check Coasthill News for dates.

"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."

record for holding the most tennis balls in its mouth? (six!) and that 10, 000 people played kazoos together recently in Melbourne?

All IKPS students will present their speeches to their classmates at the end of Week 2. From there, a few students from each class will present again with their year level group at Inverloch Primary, and some will be selected to present with other schools in the Lions Club event.

You can help at home by talking about your student's speech topic with them, and encouraging them to practise in front of family/pets/stuffed toys when we get closer to the presentation date. We have spoken about public speaking being challenging for lots of people, but luckily, it's a skill (just like tying your shoelaces) so it gets better and better with practice and feedback from others.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

We really value the time we have during the school day to work with your children on their learning. To support this, we appreciate families:

Avoiding phone calls during class time unless urgent-messages can be passed on from the Inverloch Primary office, or call during lunch / recess.

Scheduling a time to meet with teachers about learning/other questions rather than dropping in. Before and after school are busy times for staff, often going to Inverloch PS for meetings or performing other duties. Making a time ensures we can give our full attention to you and your child.

See our article in this week's Sentinel Times

THANK YOU PFA

This term 320 new books are available for students to read as take home readers.



The junior room now has a collection of fine motor skills activities to support our junior students' learning. Thank you PFA for your fundraising activities this year.

LANDCARE

Kongwak Hills Landcare has obtained funding towards our KPS Sustainable Kongwak program to contribute toward the education, restoration and preservation of the Kongwak Pioneer Reserve. This will include a planting day on National School Tree Day, 3x educational workshops and propagation materials and supplies so KPS can continue to support the Reserve. We are very grateful for their support and look forward to working with them!

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

Kongwak PS in partnership with Landcare will be participating in National School Tree Day on 28th July at the Pioneer Reserve. Families are welcome to join us for this session from 11:15am. Lunch will be provided for students and families. Please let us know by Monday 24th July if you will be joining us.



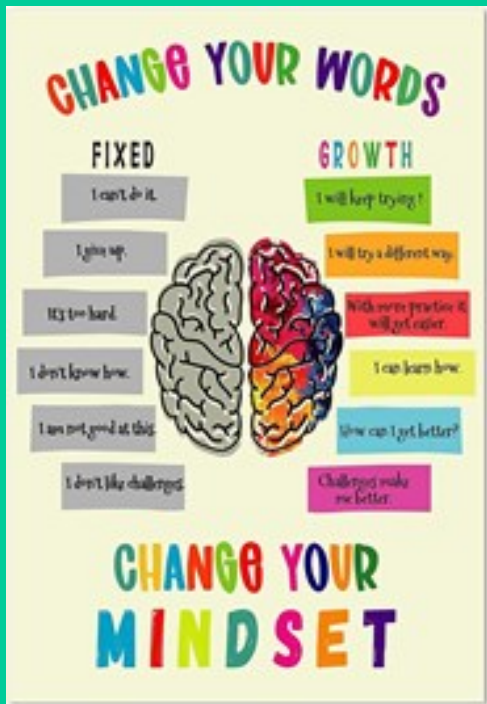
Kongwak Primary School students and the community will be planting trees in the Pioneer Reserve in Kongwak, July 28 and 29. ob20_2823



On Thursday we celebrated Poppy and James' birthdays with sushi and mochi for morning tea, and soup and fruit cake for lunch. Yum yum! Thanks to Nat, and Kirsty, Simon and Mabel for joining us.



Junior Room News



This week we have been talking about Growth Mindset. We have learnt that brains are a muscle that can grow and get stronger. By challenging ourselves in our learning, doing things over and in different ways a learning task can go from challenging to easy.

If your child comes home and says a task was challenging at school you can help by asking them:

What part was challenging?

Why do they think it is challenging?

Our first STEM lesson



with
Mr Christensen

Letty-Brooke,
Jane & Daisy



Congratulations.....

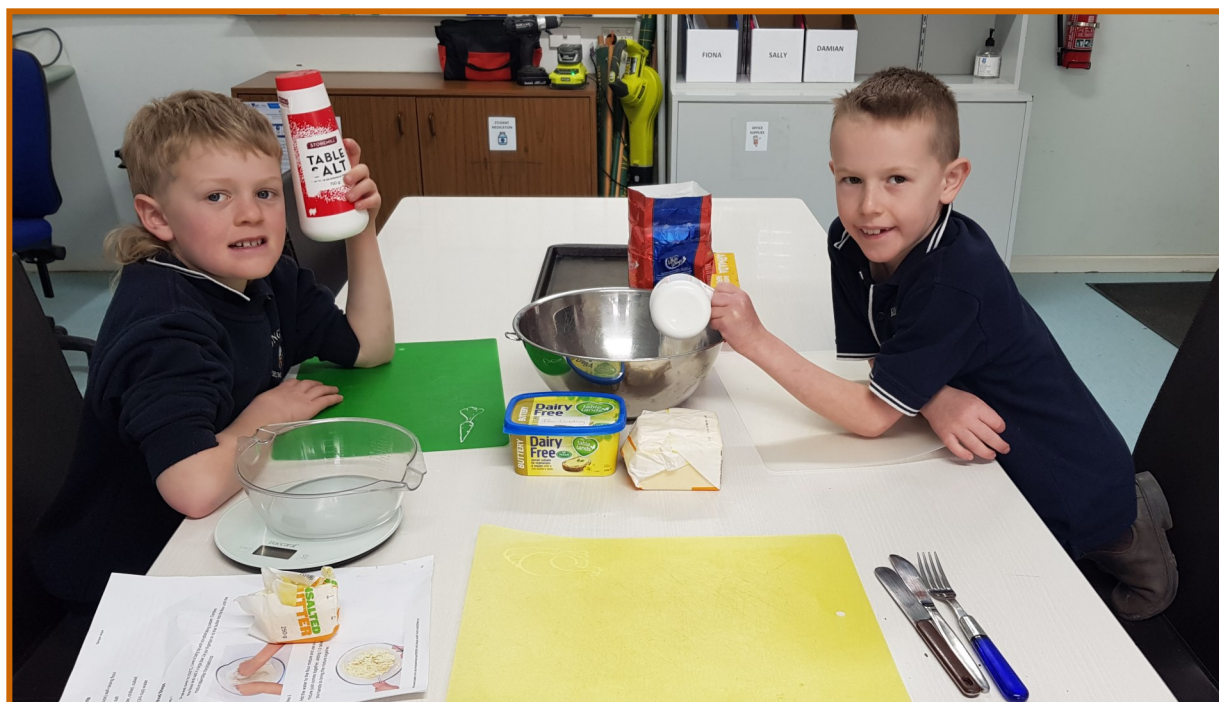
NAIDOC 2023 ART EXHIBITION - ART SPACE

Congratulations to Samu!

He currently has two pieces of art on display at ART SPACE Wonthaggi as part of the NAIDOC art exhibition. You can see the exhibition until August the 6th for free.



Making damper.....



for NAIDOC week

Senior Room News

Holiday Haiku from the Senior Classroom

Birthday in July,
Going rollerskating,
friends
Amazing cupcakes!
Luhanna

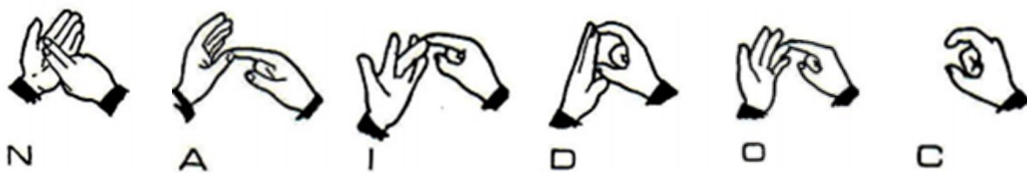
Snow sliding, crash, tree!
Sliding everywhere, ouch,
Get up. Start again.
Samu

Beautiful puffins,
Glide across the
water's edge,
Very colourful.
Isobel.

Icecream, driving, fun,
Rosy, X-trail, fire, no sleep
Challenge, RizzCo, win.
April

Jumps on mountain bikes,
Went to a birthday party,
Fresh fish for dinner.
Hayden

Our Auslan signs for this week....



WEEK



COOKING

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

JOIN US!

LOVE YOUR RESERVE



PLANTING DAY!

HAVE YOU GOT LOVE TO GIVE?

Kongwak Hills Landcare Group is coordinating a community tree planting event in the Kongwak Pioneer Reserve to celebrate "National Tree Day".



And, the Reserve is in need of some love from its community! We'd love for you to join us to get plants in the ground.

Dry years have diminished the north/west section such that a critical mass of understory and trees have died back.

Replacing the understory, midstory and trees will restore our beautiful reserve, protect it from dryness and weeds and support animals and birds.

We want you, our community, to learn about landcare, loving your forest and giving it the care it needs.

Project supported by 2022/2023 South Gippsland Shire Community Grants Program and Planet Ark Seeding Bank.

DATE & TIME

Saturday, 29 July 2023
10:00am to 4:00pm

DETAILS

Location: Kongwak Pioneer Reserve
Williams Street Kongwak VIC 3951.

Parking: R.N. Scott Memorial Park, 1455
Korumburra Wonthaggi Road.

Planting area: immediately beyond the entrance.

BYO: gloves, sturdy footwear, suitable outdoor clothing, drink bottle, snacks, planters (if you have).

Lunch: gourmet "bush foods" feast provided.

RSVP: confirm your attendance at >
(scan QR code)
or email:

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MORE INFORMATION

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