



# 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!

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## WELCOME TO CASS LARKE!

We welcome Cass Larke to Kongwak PS next week in the role of tutor on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is looking forward to working with small groups and individuals on their reading and writing goals.

## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL DRESS UPS

On Wednesday, all students are invited to dress up as 100 year old people OR somebody from history to celebrate the Preps' 100th Day of School.

## FAREWELL TO THE HORTON FAMILY

This week we said farewell to Eli and his family as they left us for a new adventure in QLD. We will miss you!



## WINTER WEATHER

The winter weather has certainly arrived! Some of the best places to play in our school grounds can get quite wet and muddy. You can help us out by:

- Coming prepared to go out in cold and muddy conditions with a jacket, waterproof shoes and maybe even a beanie and gloves.
- Packing spare clothes in your bag in case of a slip in a muddy puddle (including socks and undies)
- Washing and returning any spare clothes from school that you borrow from us, ready for somebody else to use in case they need to.

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

We spent today in the Pioneer Reserve for National Schools Tree Planting Day. Look out for our photos and report in next week's newsletter!

## TERM 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

### August

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|-----------|--|
| 1st       | AFL Primary Play Visit—Juniors                   |
| 2nd       | Prep 100 Days of School Dress Up All Students    |
| 4th       | Prep Excursion                                   |
| 9th       | Yr 6 Secondary Placement forms due               |
| 17th&18th | IKPS School Performance (Evenings) - Details TBC |
|           | Week of 21st Book Week                           |
| 27th      | Kongwak PS Working Bee                           |
| 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."*

## COMMUNICATION

During school hours, we prioritise teaching and supervising our students, meaning that we often can't get to the phone. We do check our answering machine throughout the day, but if you need to contact staff, please call the Inverloch PS office on 5674 1253 and they will pass messages on to us.

As we have lots of events this term, the use of the Compass app is important for payments, permissions and information. Please make sure you check this regularly- see Janelle on a Friday morning if you need help getting set up.

## NAIDOC ASSEMBLY AND OPEN MORNING

It was wonderful to welcome Mr Smith and so many of our families to our NAIDOC Assembly and Open Morning this week. We hope you enjoyed hearing about the work we'd done in NAIDOC Week, joining us for Huff'n'Puff and joining us for literacy and numeracy activities in our classrooms. The senior students are still amazed at their parents' times tables and touch typing skills!

## MORE PUBLIC SPEAKING

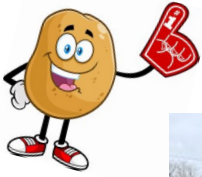
On Tuesday, Mikayla represented Kongwak in public speaking at Inverloch PS. She rose to the challenge of presenting about the record-breaking dachshund walk in front of all of the Inverloch Gr 5 students and teachers. Well done, Mikayla!

## Grade 5 visit to Korumburra Secondary College

On Wednesday, Vicki, Mikayla and John spent the day at Korumburra SC. They did Japanese, Science (shooting slingshots at a drone!) and enjoyed lunch, as well as looking at the new and old buildings there.



# Potato World Cup



This week in Maths, the Senior class has coached their potato competitors in the Potato World Cup. They participated in 4 events:

Potato Roll

Potato Shotput

Potato Spin

Potato Weightlifting

Whilst having a great time, we learnt new skills and built fluency in skills we already had, including:

Remembering units of measurement for different attributes (grams for weight, metres for length or distance, seconds and milliseconds for time)

Practising converting between units of measurement (17.45m is 1745cm and 17450mm...and even 0.01745km!).

Thinking about the best unit of measurement for the job- we measured our potato shotput in metres, but the height of our potato in cm)

Finding the median, mode, range and mean of our data and class data.

Thinking strategically- what would be the best shape and size of potato to spin? Throw? Roll? Hold weight?

# Congratulations to Lily-Ann

On Wednesday, Lily-Ann went to the MCG to receive a Triple Zero Hero award! She was nominated by a 000 operator after she called triple zero after an accident with her family's car and horse float in 2023. There were only 24 children from Victoria who received an award. We are very proud of her- congratulations!



**Creativity, Collaboration  
and Cooperation -  
Cubbies**



# SUSTAINABLE KONGWAK

Last week in SusWak we had a trial planting for our big planting day at Pioneer Reserve. Thanks to Kongwak Hills Landcare for donating wattles, eucalypts, grasses and other natives. We learnt how to remove plants from tubes and use a Hamilton Planter to plant along the oval and round the new paths.



## Our Auslan signs for this week...



National



School



Tree



Day



## MARC Preview of Learning – Term 3 2023

The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) presents awards to Australian books of literary merit each year, and these winners are announced and celebrated in August during Children’s Book Week. The CBCA began in 1945 when there were few Australian children’s books. In 1945 the CBCA chose the theme ‘United Through Books’. A theme is chosen each year and this year, 2023, it is ‘Read, Grow, Inspire’.

This term, we are using many of the books which have been shortlisted (for the above awards) by the CBCA in our focussed teaching sessions. Australian books are shortlisted according to a variety of literary criteria. For example, picture story books chosen are those in which the author and illustrator have achieved artistic and literary unity. All chosen books aim to enrich young lives through Australian stories. Reading and sharing wonderful stories which inspire student learning is our passion as teachers and important to you as parents and carers.

This term we have also chosen books which: contain features specific to certain genres, recognise special people in our lives, encourage dipping into the continuity of book series and complete our term’s teaching with the joy of new literature. New literature is always enjoyed by both teacher and student!!

Weeks	Junior	Middle	Senior
1 and 2	Cautionary tales - eg. ‘Pig the Fibber’ by Aaron Blabey.	Mystery genre - eg. ‘The Under-dogs Catch a Cat Burglar’ by Kate	Horror genre – ‘Stinetinglers’ by R. L Stine.
3-7	CBCA books eg. ‘Where the Lyrebird Lives’ by Vikki Conley.	CBCA books eg. ‘Farmhouse’ by Sophie Blackall.	CBCA books eg. ‘Amazing Animal Journey’s by Jennifer Cossins.
9	Series eg. What Zola did.	Series eg. Little People, Big Dreams.	Series – to be chosen
10	New Literature – to be chosen	New Literature – to be chosen	New Literature – to be chosen

Yours in reading and learning,

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## AFTERSCHOOL CRAFTERNOON

at Wonthaggi Library

Wednesday 30th August  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Have fun with easy paper craft activities.  
Suitable for children 4-8 years old.  
All children must be accompanied by a carer.



For Bookings please ring 03 5672 1875  
or visit <https://myli.au/events>



# 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 understorey and trees have died back.

Replacing the understorey, midstorey 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, 1465  
Korumburra Wonthaggi Road.

**Planting area:** immediately beyond the entrance.

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

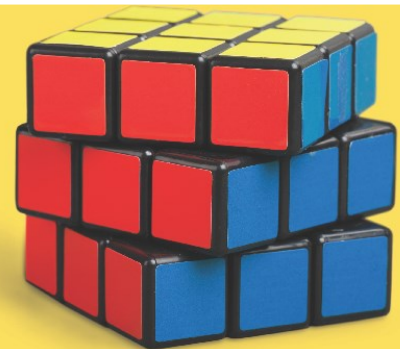
**Lunch:** gourmet "bush foods" feast provided.

**RSVP:** confirm your attendance at >  
(scan QR code)  
or email:  
[kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com](mailto:kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com)



### MORE INFORMATION

Site Organiser: Grace Couchman 0419 591165  
or [kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com](mailto:kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com)



## Rubik's Cube Event

Thursday Sep 6 @ 4pm  
After-School Event

Everyone welcome! Free event!  
Rubik's cubes and material provided or BYO cube

Come along and learn all about cubing

Free Pizza and Drinks provided

Youth Fest funded by  
Victorian Government



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## Pedal and Plant 2023

Join us for a fun-filled day to plant 1500 native plants along the Great Southern Rail Trail!

South Gippsland Landcare Network, Loch Nyora Landcare Group and South Gippsland Shire Council are hosting a community planting day on the Great Southern Rail Trail.

Cycle or walk from Loch or Korumburra and stop at Jeetho where we will plant 1500 seedlings and enjoy a light morning tea and lunch.

### What to expect

- connect with nature and your community
- help create a biolink for our wildlife
- learn about native plant species and planting techniques from members of the Loch Nyora Landcare Group
- enjoy a light morning tea/lunch at the historic Jeetho Hall
- inspired health, wellness and wellbeing

### When

Sunday 6 August 2023; 10am - 3pm

### Where

Meet and park at Jeetho Hall  
207 Jeetho Rd, Jeetho

<https://goo.gl/maps/NXVxpBUkmLyxoegc8>

### What to bring

- drink bottle, hat, sunscreen
- gardening gloves, sturdy shoes
- Enthusiasm

### Registration

For planning and catering purposes please register at:

<https://pedalplant.eventbrite.com.au>

### More information

[jane@sgln.net.au](mailto:jane@sgln.net.au) or call 0419 761 531

This project is funded by TreeXTree Service and South Gippsland Seed Bank



South Gippsland Landcare Network Incorporation No. A0051992A

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and meet.



## Lardner Park Garden + Home Expo

Saturday October 14 + Sunday October 15  
9am to 4pm daily

Come and join us, be a part of the biggest Garden and Home Expo to come to Lardner Park

**Tickets at the gate or online at**

[www.lardnerpark.com.au/garden-home-expo/](http://www.lardnerpark.com.au/garden-home-expo/)

**Exhibitor site applications open July 10.**

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Lardner Park

