



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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STUDENT FREE DAYS

Monday and Tuesday are student free days- there will be nobody at Kongwak PS. Enjoy your long weekend!

TOYS & SPECIAL THINGS

We strongly encourage you to leave your toys and special things at home, not bring them to school- accidents can happen, and not everybody is as careful with our things as we are.

FLAGS

A couple of families have asked about our flags and why they aren't displayed at the moment. After our Aboriginal flag blew away last term, we had a new one arrive but then realised that the Torres Strait Islander flag was only hanging on by one clip. We're waiting for the new TSI flag to arrive, and then we will go back to proudly displaying all our flags without the fear that they will blow away in the South Gippsland wind.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you followed Inverloch- Kongwak Primary Schools on Facebook? Both schools frequently feature snippets of what we are doing at school, for example the Bird Count or one of our Literacy sessions. Sharing these posts is a great way to let all of your friends know the awesome work we are doing at Kongwak PS, too! There is also the IKPS Parents/Carers Community, a closed group where photos of students enjoying their school activities can be found.

COLOUR FUN RUN

Mr Smith visited us last week and explained the Colour Fun Run on November 24th. We will have a blast running around getting colourful! This is an opportunity to raise money for Inverloch Kongwak PS- the leaflets which went home have details of signing up for sponsorship. The top fundraisers from Inverloch and Kongwak will have the chance to SLIME a staff member on the day- Fiona and Sally are starting to get scared...

TERM 4 DATES TO REMEMBER

November

6th	Student Free Day
7th	Melbourne Cup Holiday
8-10th	Year 3 Camp
13th	Remembrance Day Assembly 9am
24th	IKPS Colour Run

December

1st	IKPS Junior Aths Day
7th-8th	Kongwak Big Night In
12th	Statewide Transition Day 2024 Year 7s and Preps
14th	Yr 6 Graduation evening
20th	Last Day Term 4

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."

BOOK FAIR

It has been wonderful to see so many students and families enjoying our Book Fair over the last two weeks! A huge thanks to Virginia Hunt and her team of helpers in the PFA for their organisation, we really appreciate it.



Territory Manager of Scholastic Stuart McCarthy, parents, and friends' association (PFA) member Natalie Griggs, Kongwak teacher Fiona Moldrich, and PFA president Virginia Branton-Hunt, with students, front, Charlotte and Lincoln Perrett, and Isobel Hunt enjoying the bi-annual book fair at Kongwak Primary. Z09_4523

Scholastic: supporting literacy in schools

KONGWAK primary school – a small rural school nestled in the hills of South Gippsland are blessed to have a community that loves books and all things reading, and as a result the children have access to a wide range of new books including take home readers with the support of Scholastic.

Due to enrolment numbers, not all government schools have access to an internal library or a wide-range of books on the school grounds to improve literacy skills in their little learners; however, with the support from Scholastic, all schools in Australia are entitled to take part in book club – free of charge, and in return earn points for their school.

Scholastic provide fiction, non-fiction, and take-home readers for students at all reading levels.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA) president at Kongwak Primary School, Virginia Branton Hunt said Scholastic supports our school through book club and bi-annual book fairs.

"As book club coordinator for the school, I facilitate these initiatives. Money spent by families on new books awards our school with points which we can redeem for school learning resources. A win-win for all!"

Stuart McCarthy is the Scholastic Territory Manager for Casey, Cardinia and Gippsland and on Wednesday morning Stuart made

a visit to Kongwak Primary to meet the PFA members, teachers and students in person and thank them for their support in bridging the important class-to-home reading gap.

The theme of this current fair is 'Hats Off to Reading' and in celebration of the literacy program at Kongwak Primary the students took part in a hat parade with three prizes given out to children – \$20 each redeemable for current book fair books.

Scholastic has been the market leader of Australian children's publishing for 50 years, bringing the joy of reading to multiple generations of Australian families.

Operating a unique model, Scholastic proudly partners

with both Australian schools and major retailers with products available in book club, book fairs, the classroom, and retail chains and independent booksellers.

Scholastic believes that all children should have regular access to quality, affordable books that they have chosen for themselves. Reading ignites a spark of adventure that a child can carry within their heart well into their adult life; Scholastic hopes to light this spark within every child.

To learn how your school can benefit from Scholastic visit scholastic.com.au

"Reading access, choice and practice helps children improve their literacy skills every day," said Stuart.

Congratulations to this week's winners, Samu and Will- both orange tickets for showing the value of Be Safe on camp whilst getting on and off trams and navigating the busy city streets!



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

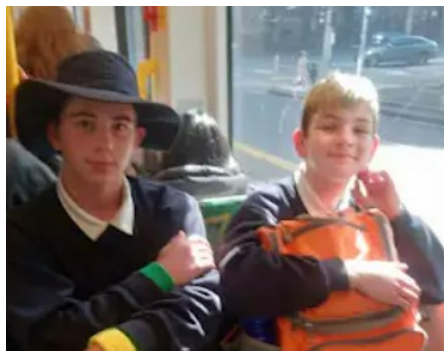


Year 6 Camp

It was wonderful to join our Grade 6s for a day of their Melbourne Camp on Thursday! They had so many great experiences, including:

- ACMI
- NGV
- Trivia Night
- Melbourne Museum
- MCG and Sports Museum
- Eureka Skydeck and 'The Edge'
- Queen Victoria Market (including shopping with spending money!)
- Tram rides
- And lots and lots and lots of walking!

They were a credit to our school and consistently showed our school values of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be An Active Learner. Well done!





Fish Creek MARC



Preview of Learning - Term 4 2023

The first months of 2023 saw us settle into Fish Creek MARC Library. There were challenges but excitement as we experienced the many 'firsts' that accompany change. There were new schools to visit, new students, timetables to familiarise ourselves with, different places to park, different roads to travel on, gates to open and close etc. We were always welcomed by teachers and students. A lovely 'add on' to our days.

Many things remained as constants: our commitment to providing planned teaching sessions; beautiful books old and new to share; opportunities to discuss ideas and thinking; focussed learning and wonderings.

What will 2024 bring? We hope lots of the above. We look forward to the unknown and what it may bring. Change is part of growth.

In Term 4 we will be teaching the following:

TERM 4 TOPICS – MARC LIBRARY			
Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1.	Australian Animals - Kangaroos	True stories from history	True stories from history
2.	Australian Animals - Echidnas	True stories from history	True stories from history
3.	Australian Animals - Platypus	True stories from history	True stories from history
4.	Author Study – Heath McKenzie	Author Study – Mac Barnett	Author Study – Martine Murray
5.	Author Study – Heath McKenzie	Author Study – Mac Barnett	Author Study – Martine Murray
6.	Author Study – Heath McKenzie	Author Study – Mac Barnett	Author Study – Martine Murray
7.	World Kindness Day	World Kindness Day	New Literature
8.	Pollinator Week	Pollinator Week	Pollinator Week
9.	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature
10.	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas

Yours in reading and learning,

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

Our Auslan signs for this week....



MELBOURNE



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TUESDAY



Fishing Rods!

How exciting to get a delivery of fishing rods for our Grade 5 students as part of Little Anglers program this week!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Fishy Stories

FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF STORIES

18 & 19 NOVEMBER

- Writing Challenge
- Storytelling
- Free Author Workshops
- Ticketed Performances
- Boxwars and more entertainment

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Come along with your friends,
neighbours & family to the Kongwak
Hall on Sunday 19th November 2 pm

for a **Bush Dance**

Visit the Kongwak Market between 10 and 2
for coffee and lunch

Please bring some afternoon tea to share,
a gold coin donation—kids free— plus your
enthusiasm for having a good fun time

If you need any more details ring Helen on
0408428270

spread the word

The Kongwak Hall is in the Kongwak main street—you can't miss it
Don't miss seeing some great local musicians



Popping up in **Inverloch**

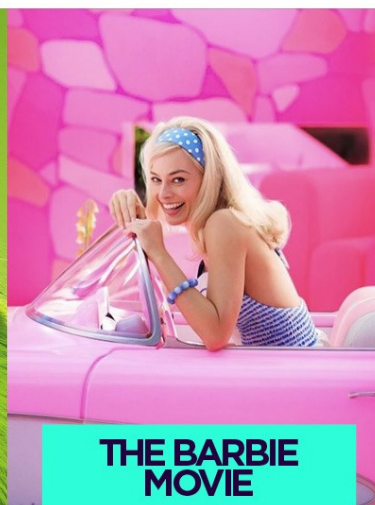
THE GLADE 23 NOV - 25 NOV
GATES OPEN AT 7:30PM

KIDS TICKETS ARE
FREE



THE GRINCH

23 NOV



**THE BARBIE
MOVIE**

24 NOV



**THE SUPER MARIO
BROS. MOVIE**

25 NOV

Tickets are limited and bookings are essential

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