



# 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 - come with a purpose

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Monday	Performing Arts - Jodie (afternoon)
Tuesday	Visual Art with Fiona and Alice (afternoon)
Wednesday	PE - Rob (afternoon)
Thursday	MARC Van - Sophie (afternoon)
Friday	SUSWAK (middle) STEM - Mr C (afternoon)

## HOUSE SWIMMING



It was wonderful to spend the day with the Senior Class at IKPS House Swimming last Friday! I was proud of every single student who stepped out of their comfort zone and was a part of the wider IKPS community. Some individual highlights to mention were:

- Norah entering all four strokes with great determination and coming 2nd in butterfly.
- Indi approaching challenge with a great mindset and swimming in the backstroke and breaststroke on her 3rd day at KPS!
- Mikayla and John in their leadership and support of their peers as Sports Captains.
- Poppy in her endless support, cheering and encouragement of all Kongwak students who were in the pool.

## LOST JUMPER

Has anybody accidentally taken home a new size 10 jumper with Charlotte's name on it? We last saw it on Wednesday.

## TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

16th	Book Club Orders Close
20th	Parent-Teacher Interviews
22nd	Parent-Teacher Interviews

### March

1st	Clean Up Schools Day
11th	Labour Day (No School)
16th	IKPS Great Fete
18th-25th	NAPLAN Testing Window (Yrs 3 & 5)
28th	Last Day Term 1, 2.20pm Finish

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."*

# Senior Room News

## In the Senior Room this week...

- We have explored data and statistics in **maths**, looking at what data is telling us and how some graphs can mislead us.
- We have begun our unit on persuasive **writing**, enjoying making strong arguments to convince others. Ask us what we think about whether a taco is a sandwich, pineapple belongs on pizza, or parents should be able to monitor our internet access!
- We selected books of different genres to enjoy **reading**, and voted for our first class read aloud novel- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate.



# SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

At IKPS, we use School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS) as a guiding framework to build a positive school culture and set clear and consistent expectations for all members of our school community. Last year, we worked as a whole school to develop our expected behaviours. A copy of our 'Everywhere, All The Time' poster has been included in the newsletter today. You can help your child to be successful at school by using this language at home and reiterating the importance of these values.



**INVERLOCH AND KONGWAK PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

<b>Be Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We wait for our turn to talk</li><li>▪ We follow instructions</li><li>▪ We think of others and treat them how they want to be treated</li><li>▪ We include others</li><li>▪ We seek help when needed</li><li>▪ We care for equipment and return it to the area it belongs to when finished</li></ul>
<b>Be Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We are upstanders</li><li>▪ We keep our bodies and other people's bodies safe</li><li>▪ We help others</li><li>▪ Seek help when we see something or someone being unsafe</li><li>▪ We give people who are dysregulated some space</li></ul>
<b>Be an Active Learner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We learn with a growth mindset</li><li>▪ We give our best effort</li><li>▪ We let others learn</li><li>▪ We listen and think</li><li>▪ We encourage others</li></ul>

### Acknowledging Outstanding Behaviour

We are giving positive feedback to our students on their following of the school values through end-of-the-day shoutouts, where staff and students are encouraged to tell the group somebody they saw going above and beyond with a value and how they were showing it.

For example: I saw John being an **active learner** when he was using the anchor chart in the classroom to see what his pie chart should look like.

You might also see some green Compass chronicles start to pop up for your students, letting you know that they're doing something exceptionally fabulous!

### Start Up Program

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a whole school focus on building relationships and expectations across the school. Both classes have unpacked our schoolwide expected behaviours and worked together to develop their own class expectations. The students have been thinking about how demonstrating our expected behaviours benefits themselves, their classmates, their teacher, their school and their community.

### Safer Internet Day—Information for Parents

It's a great opportunity when the children are learning about how to be safe and respectful online to follow this up at home. It can help to develop some rules for your household about how devices are used. If you would like some resources to support you in developing a tech agreement, visit the e-safety commission website- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.



## Here are some simple ways you can **connect. reflect. protect.**



### Connect safely

- **Keep your personal information private** on apps and games
- Only **share passwords with trusted adults**
- **Be kind and caring to others online** like you are in person

### Reflect before you act

- **Think of others' feelings** before you post, like or share content
- **Ask someone if it's OK** before you take or share a photo or video of them
- **Be curious and ask questions** about what you read or watch online



### Protect yourself and others by taking action

- **Be a supportive friend** if you see someone who needs help online
- **Ask a trusted adult for help** if something doesn't feel right

Find more tips at  
**eSafety.gov.au**

The E-safety website has so many useful resources for parents including free webinars and fact sheets. Despite our best efforts to educate our students about how to be safe and respectful online, some still do experience problems occasionally. Parents often don't know where to turn to when this happens and can be left feeling powerless. The E-safety commission is where you go to report online abuse. It is important that all incidents of online abuse are reported there to enable the commissioner to act on it. This is how changes are made to platforms, and the internet can become a safer environment for young people to be a part of.

(Natasha Bird, Student Wellbeing Coordinator)

## Wellbeing Community Event

MindfullAus  
Schools presents

# KAREN YOUNG

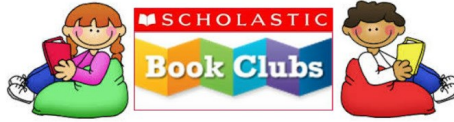
**YOUNG PEOPLE  
& THEIR  
BIG FEELINGS**

25TH FEBRUARY 2024  
10AM - 2PM

Hey SIGMUND

**PURCHASE NOW!**

Book via the West Gippsland Arts Centre



## Welcome to Book Club 2024

2 catalogues per term are sent home with your child, however all orders are to be placed online via the Book Club Loop for Parents.

No orders are taken via the school.

Simply head to <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> to create an account and add your child/children for easy ordering.

Or you can download the Book Club Loop App from your Android or Apple Play Store.

The school only accepts **LOOP** orders on-line

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



## Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

 **Australian Certified Organic**  
ACO CERT. NO. 11903

*Now Taking Orders*  
Raised and Bred Certified Organic Pigs.

**Large English Blacks Bulk Fresh Pork by 1/2 sides.** (ranges from 17 to 22 kilos)  
Cut & Packed to your specification by local butcher, \$25 a kilo

Pigs are free ranged and live in a family group with no stress. The pigs graze grass, seasonal certified organic whey, acorns and receive a daily Certified Organic balanced grain ration.

Also for sale is Pork Mince, frozen in 500g packet \$10

Natural Nitrate Ham and Bacon for sale \$45 a kilo.

 **FERDALE CERTIFIED ORGANICS**  
KONGWAK

*Thank you and Appreciate your support for Certified Organic local family farmers*

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