



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

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CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance Allowance is available for children who are attending their nearest government school (or in some circumstances your next nearest government school) and live 4.8km or more from the school. If you think this applies to you please collect an application form from the office. **These forms must be returned to school by 8th March.** Parents who already receive this allowance do not need to reapply, but if your circumstances have changed you need to notify the office. If you have another child who has just started school, you will need to complete an application form for them.

VISUAL ART

Have you got any old shirts/tshirts which could be used as Art Smocks? We have LOTS of smocks which fit our juniors, but are looking for more to fit senior students. These could be old adult sized polo shirts or thick shirts. Let Fiona or Sally know if you can help!

TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

February

March

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| 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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week we held our Junior School Council Elections. We couldn't be prouder of all students who spoke about their ideas to improve our school, and of Lily-Ann and Poppy (JSC Leaders) who organised and supported students through the process and ran the speeches and elections. A huge congratulations to our representatives:

Semester 1	Semester 2
Daisy Cody Isobel	Hugo Lincon Charlotte Eva



Backup JSC: Indi, Norah

"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."



MARC Preview of Learning – Term 1 2024

As the year of 2024 begins, we have been pleased to welcome students that we already know and new students to our weekly MARC Library sessions of learning.

The MARC van continues to visit (with either Mrs. J or Mrs. Callcott at the helm),.. Tarwin Lower PS...Mondays, Welshpool and District PS...Tuesdays, Toora PS ...Wednesdays, Powlett River PS...Thursdays, Kongwak PS...Thursdays and Fish Creek and District PS...Fridays. Students are able to borrow books for two weeks. Students can reborrow current borrowed books if they wish to or delve into the wonderful range of books that we 'carry' in the van, making a new choice.

You may not know this, but the acronym MARC stands for Mobile Area Resource Centre. The MARC van is currently based at Fish Creek and District PS. The MARC van has had several bases since it was begun in this area in 1979.

The following is a preview of our focused learning sessions in Term 1, 2024.

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1	MARC program expectations. 'The Children who Loved Books' by Peter Carnavas	MARC program expectations. 'The Great Book Swapping Machine' by Emma Allen.	MARC program expectations. Introduction to 'visual note taking' (sketchnoting). The Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
2	Share texts which celebrate traditions associated with Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year.	Share texts which celebrate traditions associated with Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year.	Introduction to novel study of 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. During reading students will practise visual note taking.
3 -5	Learning about authors. Enjoying and sharing books written by Stehen Michael King, e.g. 'Henry and Amy – Right way round and Upside down.'	Learning about authors. Enjoying and sharing books written by Andy Griffiths, e.g. 'The Treehouse' series.	Continue weekly serial reading of text 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. Students to work on learning tasks from an activity grid providing many choices.
6	The fun and delights of Dr Seuss.	The fun and delights of Dr Seuss.	As above.
7	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature	As above.
8	Our life force, water, is explored using fiction and non - fiction texts.	Our life force, water, is explored using fiction and non - fiction texts.	As above.
9	Easter traditions	Easter traditions	As above.

Yours in reading and learning.

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

EGG CHALLENGE

We had some stinky eggs from last year, so we undertook an egg challenge! We made parachutes for the eggs so they would land safely when dropped from the highest place on the play ground onto concrete pavers. We had some wonderful constructions but the only egg that didn't crack or break belonged to Daisy and Buley.





In Art this week, we learnt about Wassily Kandinsky, who painted in the expressionism style. He also had synesthesia, so could see music as colours and shapes! We looked at his painting 'Colour Study: Squares with Concentric Circles' from 1913, and used pastels and watercolour paints to create our own Kandinsky-inspired hearts. Finished artworks are beginning to appear on the SMART Room windows- come and have a look!



SUSTAINABLE KONGWAK



We started the year with having a big SusWak cleanup. All the students busied themselves with cleaning up after the summer break.

Happy 10th Birthday Norah
&
Happy 8th Birthday Jai



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

TOM CURTAIN
WHY WE LIVE OUT HERE TOUR
WITH KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE, CHRIS MATTHEWS, MELISSA FRASER & LAURA FRANK
WONTHAGGI
Saturday 9 March 2024
Dolly's Dream

About this Event

- Where: Wonthaggi Pony Club | 5 Dudley Road, Wonthaggi
- When: Saturday 9 March 2024
- Time: 6:00-8:30pm | Gates open 5:00pm
- Tickets Purchased Online*: Adults: \$40 | Senior: \$35 | Students (6-17 years): \$25 | Kids 5yr&U: Free | Family (2x Adults + 2x Students): \$117
- Tickets Purchased at the Door: Adults: \$50 | Seniors: \$45 | Students (6-17 years): \$35 | Kids 5yr&U: Free | Family (2x Adults + 2x Students): \$153
- *+Booking Fees on top of ticket price (but still cheaper than at the door).
- Food/ Drinks: Food/drinks will be available to purchase.
- What to Bring: Guests encouraged to BYO chairs and picnic blankets. Cash and EFTPOS accepted for merchandise purchases.
- Cancellation: Should the event be cancelled, guests will be issued a full refund.