



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

19th April 2024

WELCOME

We welcome to the Kongwak PS family this term Lucia and her parents Indi and Simon, and Lilly and her mum Rania, big sister Jennifer.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A big thank you to Belinda Jeffries for her service as School Council President for the past 4 years. We really appreciate the dedication she has shown and all she has done for our school.

We welcome Kate Davis, our new School Council President.

Congratulations to Sunny, Cal, Buley, Pia and Joey on the safe arrival of a new daughter/sister 'Celie Sun' on the 1st of April.



TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

April

22nd Senior House Aths @ Inverloch
All students at Inverloch PS

24th KPS Tour 2:30pm

25th ANZAC Day (no school)

26th Rd 1 Winter Sport (Grade 6 only) @
Mirboo North

May

2nd KPS Tour 2:30pm

3rd District Aths @ Leongatha

8th IKPS 2025 Prep Information Night 5:30pm
@ Inverloch

9th Senior IKPS House Cross Country @
Inverloch

10th Rd 2 Winter Sport (Grade 6 only) @
Leongatha



May 15-17th Grade 4 Camp at Phillip Island CYC

June 24-26th Grade 5 Camp at Neerim CYC

October 30th-1st November
Grade 6 Camp Melbourne CBD

November 6-8th Grade 3 Camp

"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."

Specialist Timetable Term 2

Monday	Performing Arts	1.40 - 3.10pm	Jodie
Tuesday	ART/Sport	1.40 - 3.10pm	Donna
Wednesday	PE	1.40 - 2.30pm	Sally
Thursday	MARC Van	1.40-2.30 Seniors	Sophie
Friday	SUS Wak	11.10 - 1.50pm	Damian/Donna/Kelly
	STEM	1.40 - 3.10pm	Mr C



Damian 3rd April



Mikayla 12th April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Hugo 15th April



Buley 20th April



SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR- WHAT IS ACTIVE LEARNING?



INVERLOCH AND KONGWAK PRIMARY SCHOOL



EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

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

At IKPS, we have 3 expected behaviours:

- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Be an active learner

This term, we will be focussing on active learning. We have started off this week by learning about the importance of having a growth mindset.

Having a growth mindset means that you take on challenges and accept your mistakes. It means that you can learn from your mistakes instead of seeing them as failures. For example, if you couldn’t figure out a maths problem instead of thinking “I can’t do this” you would think “I can do this if I practise more”

When we have a growth mindset, we are motivated to try, we do not expect to master something the first time we do it and we give ourselves permission to make the mistakes that are necessary for learning.

Natasha Bird
Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Check us
out in the
Sentinel
Times!

This Little Piggy came to Kongwak Primary School



MEET Trevor, a rescued pig from Amber Creek Farm in Fish Creek. Trevor was rescued by Damian Howard, who teaches at Kongwak PS on a Friday in the junior classroom. Each Friday, students were in charge of looking after Trevor by taking turns to bottle feed the piglet. In between literacy and numeracy lessons Trevor would sleep in his crate in the classroom.

Students learnt to understand the sayings "squeal like a pig" and "eat like a pig". Trevor was also an inspiration for writing lessons on adjectives and adjective phrases to make writing more interesting.

Having Trevor at school reminded our older students about the time some piglets escaped their home to sniff out and 'pig out' on the acorns in the school yard. From these memories the school reached

out to local farmer Lee Storti, who owns an organic pig farm near the school, to see if they could come visit her pig and piglets. Leading up to visiting, the students spent their lunch times raking and collecting acorns to take to Lee's pigs to feed them for a treat.

If you are interested in talking to staff about authentic hands-on learning experiences, Kongwak Primary School has open tours coming up. These tours are open to all prospective families, including Preps for 2025. Our first tours are being held on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, May 2 at 3pm. For any inquiries, please contact the school office on 5674 1253.

LEFT: Rescue pig Trevor with teacher Damian Howard have been teaching students hands-on learning.



KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Grade 5 & 6 students
and their parents are invited to our

2025 Year 7 Information Night

Tuesday 30th April 2024

6.15pm—Arrive at the Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

The College Staff look forward to introducing you to the next phase of your education and will be showcasing the exciting academic program that is available at our College.

You will also receive valuable resources outlining the ethos and curriculum programs at our College.

We believe that Grade 5 students will also benefit from beginning to familiarise themselves with the Transition Process and are very welcome to attend.

Further enquiries can be directed to: Mr. Christopher Cronin
—Middle School/Transition Coordinator on (03) 56 551566



- School Tours & Enrolment -

Welcoming 2025 prep enrolments and new families to our small country primary school - meeting students at their point of need to grow their skills and knowledge. Located centrally to the townships of Inverloch, Korumburra and Wonthaggi.

Kongwak PS Tour Dates

Wed 24 April & Thu 2 May

2:30pm

Kongwak Primary School

1445 Wonthaggi - Korumburra Rd

IKPS Parent Info Evening

Wednesday 8 May - 5:30pm

Inverloch Primary School

17 Bayview Avenue, Inverloch

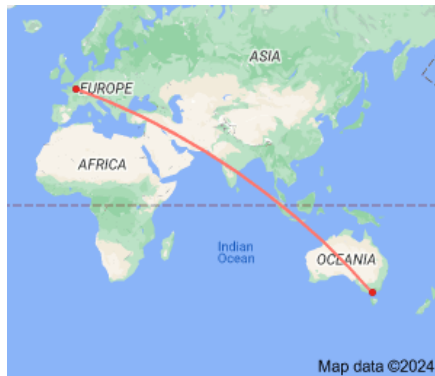
Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools operate in a hub-annex relationship, working together to provide a unified curriculum and optimal learning experiences for students.



More information: (03) 56 741 253
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RUN TO PARIS

This week we have started training for the Senior School Cross Country by stamina running as a school for 5 minutes around the oval. Each lap a student does equals 5km on our virtual journey to Paris for the 2024 Olympics. So far this week they have run 354 laps between them, which puts us 1770kms somewhere up near Alice Springs. A map has gone up in the senior room to display our efforts and help us keep motivated. There were some sore legs after a few days, but they are all very keen to help get as many laps on the board as possible.



Art - Kongwak Outdoor Gallery



Cody "elephant"



Charlotte & Indi 'butterfly'



Lucia "dog head"



Eva & Poppy 'emu'

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wonthaggi District Girl Guides

Girls aged 6 years and over are invited to join Wonthaggi District Girl Guides.

Contact: cheryl.bertrand@guidesvic.org.au or phone 0408 391 035

Wonthaggi Girl Guides meet during school terms at -

the Wonthaggi Scout hall,

cnr. Wentworth road and Parkes street Tuesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm.

Girl Guides are an international volunteer organization for girls and women with 11 million members from 145 countries.

There is a 7 point program

: leadership – the outdoors – teamwork – promise & law – international guiding – community service – guiding traditions

Cheryl Bertrand -District leader, Wonthaggi Girl Guides