

KONGWAK NEWS



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WEEK FIVE (AFTER CUP WEEKEND)

Week Five is a short week due to Monday being a student free day and the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday.

The Year 3 students will be on camp (Yeh!). Fiona will also be attending this camp. On Thursday and Friday, the Year Two students have their annual sleepover at IPS. Lastly, on Friday the Year One students will be having their Big Day Out at IPS. Sally will be attending both of these events.

Due to Fiona and Sally being involved in these school events, it means we are very short staffed at KPS. This means that on the Thursday and Friday of Week Five, the Kongwak site will be closed and students will need to attend Inverloch Primary School. The students will have the opportunity to work with their Inverloch friends in their classrooms on these days.

SWIMMING

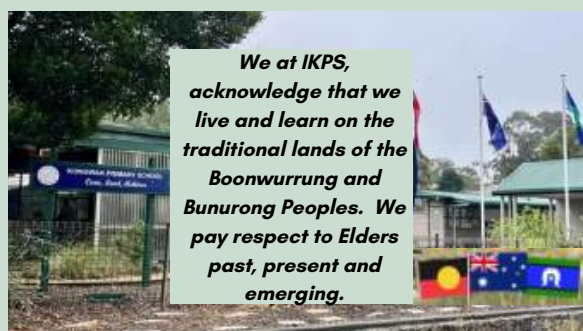
Swimming lessons at YMCA are coming up very soon! Please make sure you give permission and payment on Compass as soon as you are able. A link will come out on Compass shortly to indicate your child's previous swimming experience also.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will commemorate Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November at our 9am assembly. Families and community members are welcome to join us for this short service.

TENNIS COACHING WITH BILL OLIVER

A massive thanks to Bill Oliver from Inverloch Tennis Club. Bill provided all students with fun, inclusive and free tennis lessons. Bill will be back next Wednesday to revisit what was covered and for students to build on their new skills.



BIRD COUNT

Friday was particularly fun due to the massive downpour between recess and lunch, which resulted in a creek running under the oak tree down past the hot house and through the veggie gardens. We splashed, stomped, dug in, played and ran through the creek. After lunch we walked up through Pioneer Reserve to complete the Bird Count. Thank You Jane for supporting us with your knowledge, showing and telling us where to look and how to spot different bird species.



PREP TRANSITION

From Week 6 through to Week 10 we will have our 2025 Preps visit us weekly. During these times the 2025 Preps will spend time with Sally in the Junior Room, practising routines for learning, playing games and reading stories. There will be times that we join together for whole school activities and we will also use these times as 'step-up' transition for the rest of the school. Exciting to think that we are planning for 2025!

Monday, 11th Nov: 1.15-3.15pm

Friday, 22nd Nov: 9-11.10am

Friday, 29th Nov: 9-11.10am

Tuesday, 3rd Dec: 9-11.10am

Tuesday, 10th Dec: 9-12.40pm (StateWide Transition Day)

WORKING BEE

A Working Bee is being planned for mid November to mid December.

Big projects that we are aiming to happen are:

Soft Fall mulch under the playground

Pressure wash paths

Spread gravel around big garden bed

Spread mulch pile near car park

Concrete in uprights to make an arbour

Put gravel around veggie gardens

We also have lots of new creative play spaces in progress

This list may change due to costing and helpers on the day.

YIN THE CHICKEN

On Thursday afternoon Yin the Chicken was sent to the farm... She was in pain due to being extremely egg bound. Thanks to the Ingamells and Jeffries families for your advice and help with Yin.



DAIRY DATES TERM 4

October

14-28th	KPS Book Fair	
30th-1st	Yr 6 Camp (Melbourne)	

November

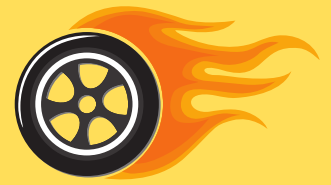
The Annual IKPS Art Show is open at The Hub, Inverloch all month.

4th	Student Free Day	
5th	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	
6th-8th	Grade 3 & Fiona on Camp	
7th	Grade 2 Sleepover	
7th & 8th	Kongwak PS Closure	All students F-2 and 4-6 at Inverloch PS
8th	Grade 1 Big Day Out Casserole Tea (community event) Kongwak Hall	
11th	Remembrance Day service (9am assembly)	Wider community welcome
12th, 15th, 19th & 22nd	Swimming Lessons at Bass Coast YMCA	
21st	Grade 5 LSV Beach Day	

December

6th	IKPS Junior House Athletics	
9th	Bass Coast College Transition Day (all day)	
10th	Statewide Transition Day (all day) - 2025	Preps to KPS and Grade 6s to KSC / BCC
13th	Kongwak Big Day Out - Wilsons Prom	
18th	Grade 6 Graduation	

WHEELS WEDNESDAY



At lunch students had the opportunity to bring some 'wheels' to school to ride around the car park. We had bikes (big and small), scooters, roller blades and roller skates cruising around. There was music pumping, kids singing and laughing, and we got lots of smiles from people driving past. Thank you to the parents that responded to our early morning call out to help clean the car park, it definitely made riding more smooth.

Due to the success... Wheels Wednesday will be back next week.
Remember - No Helmet, No Ride.



JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

We have enjoyed reading and writing using 'The Gingerbread Man' as our mentor text this week. The students had fun reading this text for Partner Reading this week. A focus was on expression; the challenge was to create different voices for the characters in the story.

This week we spent time understanding the structure of how to write a persuasive text:

- Title
- Opinion
- Reason
- Reason
- Reason
- Opinion

Ask us:

Should The Gingerbread Man stay at home? Why or why not?

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

We have welcomed SO many visitors from Inverloch in the lead up to Grade 3 and 5 camps! It has been great to welcome Austin and Lewis, Macey and Ashton, Kayley, and Emma to our classroom, and then catch up with them whilst visiting Inverloch PS.

We have begun the persuasive writing component of this term's Passion Projects. Our project topics range from Roadworks to Taylor Swift to Outdoors to Animal Conservation...and everything in between! Persuasive writing is writing to convince somebody else to have the same opinion as you. We brainstormed our ideas using METESH- reasons relating to Money, Environment, Time, Education, Safety and Health and started writing engaging introductions using quotes, rhetorical questions and painting an image for the reader.

Ask us:

- Why Fiona thinks kea birds should be able to be educated at schools.
- What our persuasive topic is and what our reasons are.



Creek fun....



MARC Preview of Learning – Term 4 2024

Reading is a journey. Young children have such a lot of learning to do as they begin this journey. As babies they hear sound, the sounds of rhythm and repetition of words and language. They see and experience pictorial images as they are read to by a parent, siblings and others. Later they learn sounds that letters and groups of letters can make and recognise words. They share and follow the story line and make connections to and with a wide variety of texts, be they fiction or nonfiction. When children reach the later years of primary schooling they are reading independently, wondering and questioning, developing understanding of authorial technique and immersing themselves in books, stories and nonfiction, of their choice.

Term 4 is upon us and our students are in their last term of this year of their learning. We are pleased, as their MARC library teachers, to have been part of our students' 2024 'Reading Journey'. We have been able to share and showcase many books which is an enjoyable part of our teaching journey. We wish all students 'enjoyable and informative' reading in 2025.

This term our shared learning is...

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1	New literature. 'Listen Hippo' by Gabriel Evans focused on what 'listening' is.	New Literature. 'Jiggliest Jellyfish' by Emma & Tim Flannery provided unique jellyfish facts.	Students are working on a unit based on heroes. How do we define a hero? What characteristics do they have?
2 - 4	Topic study. Why is an animal called native as contrasted with being called exotic? The sloth, elephants and pythons will feature in both picture story books eg 'Zizzy' by Penny Mathews and nonfiction texts eg 'Extraordinary Elephants' by Katie Melrose.	What is a graphic novel and how does it differ from a regular book? Students shared several graphic novels and had a go at creating their own comics.	In Weeks 2-4 we will look at heroes in mythology, history and fiction. We will examine the concept of the 'hero's journey' in literature.
5-6	Beautiful new literature will be shared eg 'Jonty Gentoo' by Julia Donaldson	New Literature including 'How to Move Zoo' by Kate Simpson	Heroes in everyday life Research project on a hero begins.
7-8	Learning will focus on the Emergency Services	Author Study	Heroes in war
9	Fire Safety	Fire Safety.	Heroes who are first responders. Fire safety
10	Christmas texts and craft	Christmas texts and craft	Christmas texts and craft

Could students please look for and return overdue MARC Library books? Marc Library books have a green dot on the spine which helps when looking for those missing books in home libraries. Thanking you

Yours in reading and learning.

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

Community News

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



The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

Get in quick as applications only remain open until the allocation is exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

- Applications open from 9 October 2024 until the allocation is exhausted.
- Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2024 until submission of application
- Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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Would you like to earn some pocket money? You could, by having your very own stall at the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge

Calling our entrepreneurs of the future! The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge will be held on Saturday 9 November 2024, and organisers of the event are keen to hear if any students would like to run their own stall. Previous years have seen local students run stalls including hair braiding, art / colouring, and a hair spraying stall. All money you earn is yours to keep.

If any students have a good idea for a stall, please talk to your parents about it and email your request to: bccyclechallenge@gmail.com

There are also other ways to be involved, you could enter one of our 5 rides – 40km, 53km, 85km, 121km or ~100km gravel (aged 12+ only), you could cheer your parents on if they enter, or you could come down on the day and check out the fun and games at the event village. There's even hot chips, slushies and ice cream!

The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge is a charity event, which has enabled over 3000 local high school students to participate in the RYDA road safety education program, making our roads a safer place for all.

For more information, or to enter visit www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com



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Wonthaggi District Girl Guides

Girls aged over 6 are invited to come and try Girl Guides.

Contact: cheryl.bertrand@guidesvic.org.au
[phone 0408391035](tel:0408391035)

Wonthaggi Girl Guides meet during school terms at -



the Wonthaggi Scout hall,

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

Cheryl Bertrand -District leader, Wonthaggi Girl Guides