COASTHILL NEWS

THE IKPS NEWSLETTER

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EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

Active Learners, Safe and Respectful

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 13th August	Year 3 Art Excursion - Art Crawl Wonthaggi and Berninneit Phillip Island
Friday 22nd August	Book week multiage day - **Book Week dress up day come dressed as you favourite book character.**
Tues 26th - Thurs 28th August	Jungle Book Production
1st - 5th September	Dental Van Visit
Friday 5th September	Fathers Day Stall
Thursday 11th September	R U OK? Day
Wednesday 17th September	Footy Colours Day - Wear your favourite footy team colours
Thursday 18th September	Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday 19th September	Grade 1 Big Day Out Excursion Last Day Term 3 - 2.20pm Finish

Principals Message

WEEK 4/11 TERM 3, 2025

NAIDOC WEEK

What a thrill it was to see so many members of our community visiting our school to enjoy the Deadly Doors display to finish off our NAIDOC week learning. It's critical that our wider community continues to promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history significant dates. However, it's even more critical that we build our cultural learning into the everyday happenings at our school. One huge step we've taken to ensure that we are building our learnings into classroom activities in an authentic way is to introduce NGUL-birrm Bunwurrung language to our students. We've had the privilege of having Aunty Melissa and Aunty Ada (two local elders) visit our school to work with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. They have taught our students a selection of words from the local language and those students were able to visit classrooms and teach their peers. I just loved seeing those words added to the Deadly Door designs in a display of appreciation and understanding.

PARENT/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Yep....it's that time of year again. It feels like you only just filled out the survey a little while ago, doesn't it? I'll be sending out a link and a pin soon. Please take the time (less than 20 minutes) to complete the survey. We had a record number of parents complete the survey last year across both schools and it gives us a great insight into the experiences that we are providing our families. The results are used to guide some of our priorities to improve the school in the future.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising plays a critical role in helping both of our schools improve facilities and enhance the experience for children in ways that we might not otherwise be able to afford. In 2024, our Kongwak PS community fundraised to install new playground equipment and our Inverloch community fundraised to refurbish our Library. In 2025, KPS have raised funds to install a new junior height basketball tower. The efforts from volunteers have been amazing and I especially enjoyed going along to the recent Bunnings BBQ where our parents raised $1800 in one day. Thank you to everyone involved, that basketball ring will be installed in no time. (Aaaaannd if you're wondering.....I didn't hit a PB at the sausage sizzle, I demonstrated some self control and only had two perfectly cooked snags, with onion on the bottom of course).

PROMOTING AREAS OF STRENGTH AND PASSION

It's well known that School Sport Victoria has a wonderful structure set up for students to be challenged, developed and celebrated in all manner of sports. Basically, if you are talented and out-perform your peers in any sport, you can progress to the District level to compete against bigger 'fish'. If you succeed at that level you can move onto Division, then Regionals and maybe even State level. It's a fabulous system set up to showcase the elite sporting talent across Victoria.

There isn't quite the same structure or system for students to showcase their strengths or passion in our other specialist areas like Music, Art, STEM or Auslan. Therefore, we need to keep working at a local level across both schools to provide opportunities for our students to shine in these other areas that they are passionate about. Activities such as music lessons, whole School Musical, Art excursions, STEM competitions, Maths competitions, writing festivals etc are all designed to create an environment where all of our students can be celebrated, recognised and valued for their strengths and passions, no matter what the speciality area is.

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WONDERFUL TO SEE

- Kongwak students planting trees around the school site. I'm not sure KPS can get much more beautiful than it already is but we might as well keep trying.
- Our Gr 4 students visiting the Latrobe Regional Gallery on their Art Excursion in week 3 and then our Gr 3 students on their Visual Arts Crawl across Wonthaggi and Phillip Island. A huge thank you to Sarah Reark for initiating and driving these experiences. We're so excited for our students (and teachers) to have these inspiring experiences embedded as annual events.
- Our boys Netball team winning at Regionals. More importantly, they were commended on their respect, sportsmanship and skill. Thank you to those players and their coach Clare Peterson for representing themselves and both of our schools with distinction.

P.S. I'm on the lookout for:

- Over the past 18 months we have needed to repair a number of our footy goal posts at IPS. I'm hoping we have a parent that has a contact with a steel manufacturer or someone who 'knows' steel. I need 8 lengths of 60mm steel pipe to reinforce the inside of the goal posts. We'll insert them into the ground sleeve and reinforce the weak points of the post. If you or someone you know can help Gedzo and I with this, please give me a call.
- The Back track is an attractive place for many 'backtrackers' to play each day, buuuuuut we are short on supplies. We need plenty of large sticks for cubby making. If you are clearing your block, know an arborist who can save a few large sticks from the mulcher or you have a pile, please give me a call. Our kids need to have adventurous areas for unstructured play, so they can use their creative skills, learn to cooperate and develop conflict resolution skills.

Kind regards

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Inclusion News

DEADLY DOORS

All of our Deadly Doors looked amazing but our winners by vote was **1/2J!!!**

Below are a few of the doors

The Winning Door!

Bullying No Way Week (August 11th-15th)

Bullying No Way Week (August 11-15) is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools. It provides an opportunity for our school community to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and how we can raise awareness about bullying. The theme for 2025 is 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.'

Bullying is everyone's responsibility. Students can be bold, kind and take a stand to support others being bullied. Working together, parents and teachers can support children and young people learn how to be kind, seek help and speak up if they experience or witness bullying.

We had a free dress on Monday the 11th of August to raise awareness of the importance of us boldly speaking out against bullying . Each class also participated in an online bullying lesson run by Kids Helpline to provide understanding across the whole school about what bullying is, and how we can stop it.

If you follow this link, you can watch a Kids Helpline parent webinar about bullying to find out what you can do to support your children and our school in creating an anti-bullying culture at our school. There are many other useful parenting resources to be found here.

If you have concerns about bullying at our school, please reach out! We are committed to preventing, teaching about and responding to bullying but we need people to be bold and speak up

Natasha Bird (she/her)
Learning Specialist (Inclusion)
Inverloch & Kongwak Primary Schools

Kongwak News

Changing Chickens

Unluckily, four of our five young chickens found their voices over the school holidays and we realised they were in fact roosters! We have learnt a lot about roosters and how LOUD they can be...particularly in the middle of a maths lesson when everybody is trying to concentrate! We are grateful to Sophie (MARC Van) for taking them with her last week, and to the Davis and Foat family for rehoming two of their hens to keep Brittney and Bella company. They've even started laying eggs- we're looking forward to more cooking.

Jungle Book Kids

Have you heard? We're the Jungle VIPs! We are having so much fun practising 'I Wanna Be Like You' with Nick in Music. Don't forget to bring in your brown t-shirt (named) to Fiona and to buy your tickets to watch us in The Jungle Book Kids!

MARC Library News

For 80 years the Children's Book Council of Australia has been working to promote quality literature for young people. Term 3 is always a celebration of the very best in Australian publishing as we head towards Children's Book Week in August. This year, the theme is 'Book an Adventure' and during MARC Library lessons, students will be reading the shortlisted books, completing tasks on the books and theme and casting their own votes for preferred titles. Books are shortlisted in several categories and Book Week provides a great opportunity to promote authors, illustrators and their stories.

In Term 3 our preview of learning looks like this:

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1-5	CBCA – Picture Book of the Year (Early Childhood) Shortlisted titles in this category will be read and classes will vote on their book of the year.	CBCA – Picture Book of the Year Shortlisted titles including 'Afloat' and 'We Live in a Bus' will be shared. Students will cast their votes for the book they feel is 'best'.	CBCA – Fiction for Younger Readers Students will share the blurbs and first chapters of shortlisted books whilst working on a board game around the theme of *Book an Adventure*.
6	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature
7-8	Series Focus Students will be introduced to a new and older book series. Series include The School of Monsters and Ebb & Flo.	Series Focus Students will be introduced to a new and older book series. Series include Little Lunch and Something Terrible.	Series Focus Students will be introduced to a new and older book series. Series could include The Wizards of Once or Stuff Happens.
9	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature

Yours in reading and learning

Sophie Callcott & Anda Banikos

80 years

BOOK AN Adventure

80 YEARS OF AUSTRALIAN STORIES

100 days of School

Kongwak News

NAIDOC Celebration

It was wonderful to have some of our school community join us for our NAIDOC Assembly in Week 2! Our senior students shared their learning about the theme for NAIDOC Week ("The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,"), Preps and Grade 1s shared their understanding of the different colours in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, and Grade 2s shared their Readers Theatre play, 'Tiddalik the Frog'. We are looking forward to continuing our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture at Kongwak Primary School every week, not just during NAIDOC week.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

A huge thank you to Jai's family (Kate, Cal and Evie) for welcoming us so warmly to Lance Creek for tree planting on their property on National Schools Tree Planting Day! Kate shared with us that, including us, there had been 70 people tree planting over the week and 2,500 trees had been planted. As well as using the Hamilton planters to plant trees, we enjoyed a nature walk, some birdwatching and a snack before heading back to school. Thanks also to Cass, Sally, Kelly, Jane, Ange, Sunny (with Pia, Joey and Celie) and Madeline who helped us get to and from the excursion.

Kongwak News

THANK YOU

Parents and Friends

It was a magic winter's day on Saturday 2 August for Kongwak PS's Bunnings Sausage Sizzle selling almost 500 snags to fundraise for the "goal" of a junior-height basketball system for the school!
Thanks to all the amazing supporters of the event including admin, marketing, organisers, donors, shift workers, gophers and of course the customers! A special thanks to Kate Davis, School Council President, for her tireless work in organising the event. We are getting so close to getting our basketball ring!

Can Collect

Did you know that you can donate to Kongwak PS when you recycle your 10c cans and bottles? Just let the team at the Wonthaggi Can Collect Depot (Inverloch Rd, Wonthaggi) that you'd like to donate your can money to Kongwak Primary School.

Sustainable Kongwak

We have been lucky to have Donna join us for Sustainable Kongwak over the past few weeks! A highlight was cooking on the 100th Day of Prep in Week 2, when students talked about food which people might have eaten 100 years ago. Junior students made jam biscuits and '100s biscuits'- Donna and Kelly stayed up extra late picking out the 1000s from the sprinkles for us! Senior students made pumpkin scones and herb scones. Everybody enjoyed cooking and of course eating their treats, with lots of requests for the recipe to be sent home so they could be made again and again!

SWPBS

FORTNIGHTLY WINNERS

Congratulations to these students who had their SWBPS tickets drawn in todays raffle. It was wonderful to see the number of tickets and so many students being identified as Active Learners, Keeping Others Safe and Respectful.

No Raffle Drawn until next week!!

Fishy Stories

WRITING CHALLENGE 2025

The Fishy Stories 2025 Writing Challenge!

The Writing Challenge and Picture Stories is open to students from Year 1 to Year 8.

Let your imagination run wild and submit up to 350 words or a picture story on your favourite topic. Twenty stories selected and performed at the Fish Creek Festival of Stories on Saturday 15 November 2025.

Entries open - 21 July 2025

Entries close - 19 September 2025

Judging Decision - 3 October 2025

Final Selection Performance

Fish Creek Festival of Stories - 15 November 2025

For more information head to: www.fishystories.org/writing challenge

Artist of the Week

Inverloch

Our artist of the week is Caitlin in grade 3 with her oil pastel drawing of an aerial perspective of the ocean. Caitlin has used different blues and enjoyed blending and tinting with the oils.

Community News

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching
Parenting Program

Free live ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 to 12 years

Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 to 12

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle challenging behaviours
- How to use emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour
- How to sort behaviours and choose correct strategies using "The 3 Choices Model"

We'll also work on strategies so you can:

- Strengthen your relationship with your child
- Strengthen your child's emotional resilience

On completing the program parents will receive:

- A FREE workbook (valued at $12) to apply the concepts learnt
- A Certificate of Completion

Do this highly sought-after program live online from the comfort of your own home!

When?
11:00am – 2:00pm
Over 3 Thursdays:
August 21st
August 28th
September 4th, 2025

Cost?
FREE - but bookings are essential!

To book your spot please contact:
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Applications close Monday 18th August

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