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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing holiday, slowing down and enjoying spending quality time with family and friends. It was great to see most of our students back for the beginning of term 3. Students have been highly engaged in their learning and have enjoyed catching up with their friends.

Site Improvement Plan

Yesterday, four students and I celebrated the whole school reading challenge, reading 20 nights in a row with a delicious morning tea in the Principal's office. I bought in the book 'The Magic Hat' by Mem Fox to share with the students. Connor kindly read it. We discussed the student's favourite books and why they liked reading. See below the student's favourite books:

Bill – 'Dogman'.

Rory – 'Macca the Alpaca'

Mason – 'Dogman', 'Captain Underpants' and 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

Connor – 'Percy Jackson' and 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

Goodluck with your reading challenge, I look forward to celebrating successful reading achievement.

Once the students achieve 20 nights in a row they will begin at the bottom of the rocket and work up to another 20 nights with another special morning tea. Please pop in and see the reading rocket and where your astronaut(child) is. Happy Reading!

Optional Interviews

On Tuesday August 1st we will be conducting optional interviews. If required, your child's class teacher will make contact with you to further discuss your child's academic achievement. As always we have an open

Our school values— Working Together, Respect, Striving for Success, Honesty, Tolerance

Our school vision—We encourage a love of learning, a strong sense of self, respect for others and the desire to become good global citizens. We promote independence and responsibility as we guide our school towards a positive future.

DIARY DATES

Week 2-Monday 31st July

Student Free Day

Week 2-Wednesday 2nd August

August

Tree Planting Excursion

Week 3-Tuesday 8th August

Governing Council

Week 5-21st—25th August

Book Week

'Read, Grow, Inspire'

Week 5-Wednesday 23rd August

Mid Term Assembly

Week 7-Monday 4th September

Father's Day Breakfast

Week 7-Tuesday 5th September

School Photo's

REMINDERS

Full payment of school fees are **overdue.**

Please pay as soon as possible to avoid referral to **Debt Collections** or contact Stacey in the Front office for alternative arrangements/ payment plans.

Eftpos available or direct credit to:

Kongorong Primary School
BSB: 065-504
Account No: 10385800

door policy or you are welcome to phone, text or make a time to discuss how your child is going.

Illness

As winter continues, we offer a friendly reminder regarding student illness. If your child is unwell, please keep them home to rest. There is a number of viruses around at the present, including COVID-19, Influenza, gastro and common colds.

COVID-19 and Influenza if students test positive to either need to remain home for the infectious period (5-7 days) and inform the school via text message to the school mobile 0427 015 244 or phone call to the school 8738 9231.

If students present unwell at school. Parents will be contacted to make arrangements for collection. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Amendment to term 3 Calendar

We have an action- packed term ahead, please see below some changes to term 3 for upcoming events. Also, there is a new term 3 calendar inside the newsletter for you to put on your fridge to refer to.

- Week 2 Mini Camp Mt Gambier TBA
- Week 5 Tuesday 22nd August Mum sharing books
Wednesday 23rd August Book Parade and Book Swap
- Week 7 Monday 4th September Fathers Day Breakfast

Student use of Mobile Phones and Personal devices

At the beginning of term 3 it is a Department for Education expectation that all schools have a student use of Mobile Phones and Personal devices policy approved and integrated into schools. This policy is now in place at Kongorong Primary School and has been approved by Governing Council.

Parent Survey

The Department for Education coordinates an annual survey to better understand the things we're doing well, where we can improve, and what's important to you as a parent. The information we collect from this survey is driving change for the department.

On Tuesday 1st August you will receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. I highly encourage you to complete the survey, which takes less than 10 minutes.

Your feedback will be used locally in our school improvement planning and more broadly to inform other key initiatives to improve education in South Australia.

Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

If you do not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

For more information visit the [Department for Education website](#)

Student Free Day

In Week 2, Monday 31st July, we will be having a student free day for the Kongorong Primary School staff to participate in the Literacy Guarantee Conference.

Book Week

Kongorong Primary School will be having Book Week in week 5, 21st August until 25th August. The theme for 2023 is 'Read Grow Inspire' We would like to invite family members in to share and read their favourite book/s or their favourite book/s that they love to read to their child/ren at 9am on the following days:

- Monday 21st August we would like to invite all the dads into read
- Tuesday 22nd of August we would like to invite the mums into read
- Thursday 24th of August we would like to invite grandparents to read.

Staff and students will also share and read their favourite books during the week. The students will participate in activities and will be reading some of the 2022 short-listed books of the year. Our Annual Book Parade will be on Wednesday 23rd August at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing all the colourful and creative costumes.

On Wednesday morning at approximately 9.30am after the parade we will be having a book swap in our school library. So, if you have any unwanted/preloved children's and adult books that you would like to give away or swap and be part of this fun initiative please send them in with your child or drop them into the front office.



Connor, Bill, Aurora and Mason enjoying their reading challenge morning tea with Mrs Hunt.

Michelle Hunt
Principal





MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

STEAM CLUB

Let's Explore:

CIRCUITRY and controlling ELECTRICITY with A Light Bulb Moment!

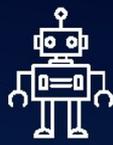
Term 3: Tuesdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

1 August to 26 September

Unleash your inner engineer with STEAM Club's circuitry craft adventure!

Have fun and learn about the speed of electricity, how to direct it, and more through hands-on activities.

Suitable for ages 8-12 years.
Bookings essential.



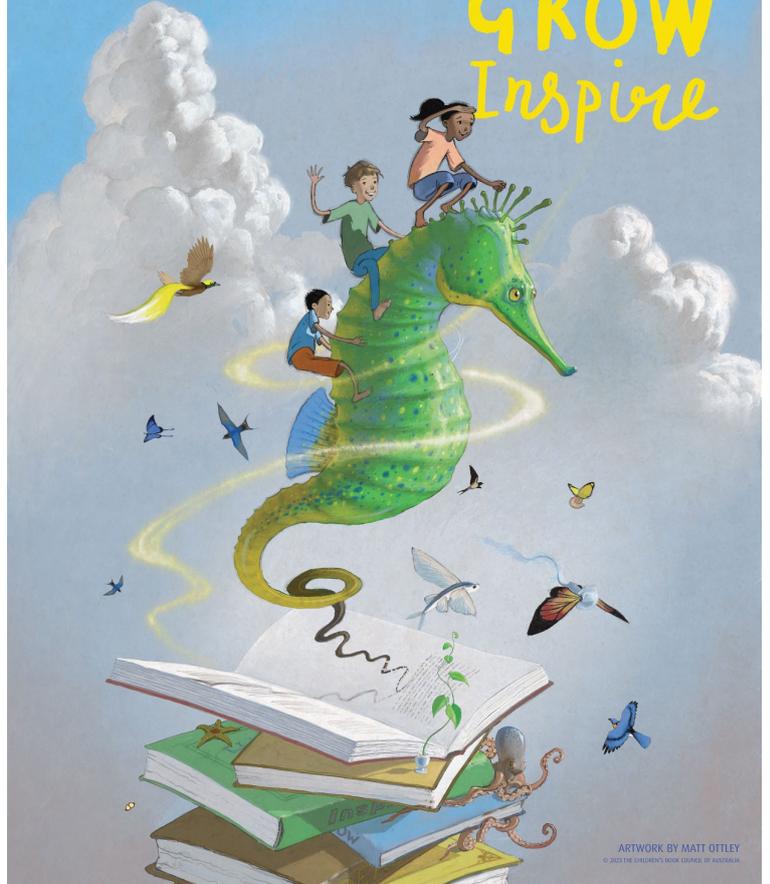
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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

#CBCA2023

READ GROW Inspire



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MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY After School Chess Club

Thursdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Learn a new skill or test yourself with a game!



Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290
(08) 8721 2540
www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

LEGO FAN CLUBS

LEGO helps with problem solving, enhances fine motor skills and encourages children to share and play with others whilst having fun.

Bookings
8721 2540



LEGO CLASSICS
Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm All ages

LEGO TECHNICS
Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm 8+ years



Hey

We like your style!!

The Federal Baseball Club is recruiting for the upcoming summer season of Baseball, and we think you'd fit right in!

If you'd like to play a fast-paced summer sport on Saturday afternoons that only takes a couple of hours, with multiple batting opportunities and brief sessions in the field... then Baseball with the Feds could be right for you!

Federal Baseball Club are holding come and try / pre-season light training days until the start of season on Sunday afternoons from 27th August 2023, at Blue Lake Sports Park on Diamond 5, from 2pm until around 3:30pm.

If Baseball with the Feds is for you - then ask your parents to read this information and to contact us via our website, our junior development officer, our coaches, or our club president.

Additional information for parents:

Federal Baseball Club is recruiting for Junior Players (turning 8-18) and Senior Players of all abilities. Federals have a strong focus on Junior Development, building skills, teamwork, making new friends and having fun!

Mount Gambier & Districts Baseball League Season starts around Saturday 7th October, and carries on through March. Junior games take around 80-90 minutes, plus a pre-game warm-up.

Training for all Federal Baseball Teams will be held on Monday afternoons at Blue Lake Sports Park, and games are usually played on Saturday late morning to afternoons.

Junior equipment and playing top are issued to players for the whole season upon providing a security deposit. Purchase your own cap, socks, groin protection and baseball pants. Alternatively find pants and various equipment in our Buy, Swap, Sell group on the website. Junior players may be eligible for \$100 Sports Voucher from the State Government, for students up to Year 9.

For further information and to register, please see our website:
www.federalbaseballclub.com.au

Or contact our Junior Development / Committee Officers:
Jeremy Butler on 0405 539 599 / yaincognito@gmail.com
Jud Wheatley on 0407 313 335 / jud@debruilingroup.com.au

Thank-you!