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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### Site Improvement Plan

On Friday 5th May all teaching staff participated in professional development with Melaleuca Park Primary School and Compton Primary School on developing comprehension through reciprocal teaching, facilitated by Rosemary Saxon - Primary Project Officer, Curriculum Support, Curriculum & Learning. Teachers will plan their Teaching Sprints using reciprocal teaching strategies learnt on the day.

Please find below the fourth instalment to our Parent Reading Workshop. There is also a handout on How to Motivate Reluctant Readers enclosed.

### What else can I do to support my child's reading development:

- When talking to your children, try to use interesting language. Explain and discuss the meanings of new words. Oral language skills and vocabulary are vital elements to developing sound reading and writing skills.
- Read out loud with your children, regardless of their age or ability level.
- Show that you value reading. Get caught reading, whether it's a newspaper, novel or catalogue. Talk to your child about why you are reading. Read a book, website or magazine that your child is reading. Discuss them together.

Also if you have any spare time in the morning at drop off time or when you pick your child up we invite you to come in and listen to some reading in your child's class.

Here are some more profiles of student's favourite books.

*Connor:* My favourite book is Dog Man 1. I like this book because it's very funny and it has a good storyline.

*Delilah:* My favourite book is Slinky M. I like this book because Slinky M's naughty and it is funny.

**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

**Monday 15th May**

Mother's Day Mini Quiz

**Friday 19th May**

Walk to School Day

**Friday 9th June**

Whole School excursion

Millicent Library & Tantanoola Caves

**Monday 12th May**

King's Birthday

**Friday 7th July**

End Term 2

## REMINDERS

Payment of school fees are overdue.

Please pay as soon as possible 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

We are also running a whole school reading competition. If your child can read for 20 nights in a row they get to have a special morning tea with Mrs Hunt.

### Anzac Day

On Anzac Day, we remember not only the original Anzacs who died on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, but every one of our service men and women who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations since. Anzac Day is a time to reflect on the contribution made by all our past and present servicemen and women who have displayed great courage, discipline and self-sacrifice in choosing a life of service to their country. We thank and acknowledge those who contributed so much in shaping the identity of this proud nation.

**“They shall grow old, as we  
That are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the  
Years Condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and  
In the morning  
We will remember them.”**

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam War

In July and August 1962, the deployment of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam marked the beginning of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. A decade later, in December 1972, the last Australian troops withdrawn. More than 60,000 Australian troops had served in Vietnam. We want to thank them for their courage and sacrifice.

Kongorong Primary School and CPC school leaders, Sam and Cohby and Miss Cocks attended the Dawn Service in Mt Gambier on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April at Vansittart Park. Sam and Cohby laid a wreath during the service to honour the bravery, mateship and sacrifice of the men and women who have and still are defending the nation's freedom and value.

The Kongorong Sportsman's Club also attended the service and laid a wreath. The club also held a special Anzac Day match between Kongorong and Pt MacDonnell with RSL members attending to commemorate the fallen and serving personnel.



### Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Our year 4 -6 students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in weeks 2 to 5 of term 2 (Monday 8 May to Friday 2 June 2023).

#### Purpose of the survey

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

### What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

### How will students complete the survey?

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. **If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this newsletter.**

### Will students' information be kept confidential?

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

### What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole
- students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

### Where can I get more information?

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email [Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au)

### Cross Country

On Friday 12th May students from Kongorong Primary School and CPC will participate in the 37th South East Cross Country Championship in Naracoorte. We wish all these students success in completing the course.

### Mother's Day

In 2023 we invite all Mothers and Grandmothers to our special Mother's Day Quiz on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 9:00am until 10:30am in the Upper Primary class. Please wear something pink and refer to the invitation sent home last week with your child.

### Material & Services Charges

A final reminder that our 2023 school fees were due in full by Friday 14th April 2023. Please do not hesitate to call Stacey if you have any questions regarding your Materials and Services charges or the School Card application process. All fees are to be finalised by this Friday 12th May as the debt collection process will proceed after this date as per the Department for Education policy.

### Morning Drop Offs

Please be reminded that students can not be on the school grounds before 8.30am as teachers are not on yard duty before then for supervision.

Michelle Hunt  
Principal



# Whole School Excursion

