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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Thank you for the warm welcome to Kongorong Primary School and CPC. It has been wonderful to meet the students and those parents who have been able to call in. I look forward to working with you all. We welcome new Reception students Hudson, Kingsley, Leighton and Tyler and preschool students Paisley and Adelyn to our LP class. Thank you to all staff, both teaching and ancillary, who have spent countless hours at school preparing for the return of students. Together we have made sure the school is ready and looking fantastic for our students.

### Staffing News

As previously circulated in term 4 of last year, I am pleased to be appointed as Principal for terms 1 and 2. In addition to the Principal role I will be teaching Health and Physical Education on Wednesdays. We also welcome Miss Morgan Cooper in our Upper Primary classroom and Mr Ross Mackenzie who will be teaching Science on Mondays. Together with our existing staff members Angela Jordan, Stacey Wright, Marilyn Gordon and Melissa Gibbs, we look forward to a wonderful year at Kongorong.

### Welcome Morning and AGM

The Welcome Morning will be held on Wednesday 14th February from 8:45am finishing at approximately 10:00am. Welcome Morning will be an opportunity for you to visit your child/ren's classroom, observe routines and engage in their learning. We would like to welcome you all to attend the AGM at 10:00am and if you are interested in nominating for council please fill out the nomination form or ring the front office. Please give some thought to nominating for Governing Council as we need members this year. In order to do the best for your children, we need your support.

**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

Circus Skills Workshop  
Friday 9th February

Adelaide Cup Day  
Monday 11th March

Kongorong Sports Day  
Tuesday 12th March

Grandparents Day  
Friday 15th March

Good Friday  
Friday 29th March

Easter Monday  
Monday 1st April

## REMINDERS

Full payment or 1st instalment of school fees are due Friday 9th February 2024.

Please contact Stacey in the Front office for information.

Cash or direct credit to:  
Kongorong Primary School

BSB: 065-504

Account No: 10385800  
Reference: Family name



### **Sharon Day**

I have worked for the Department for Education for over 30 years as a classroom teacher and leader. I've worked in small and large schools in regional SA as a junior primary and primary teacher. I've also been a Literacy Coach in multiple sites and most recently Deputy at McDonald Park. In my spare time I enjoy following sports, spending time with my husband and three adult daughters, walking my dogs, reading and crafts.



### **Morgan Cooper**

Hi everyone, I am Miss Morgan, I am super excited to be joining the Kongorong Primary & CPC community and look forward to meeting you all throughout the year. This is my third year of teaching and I'm excited to be spending it with the Upper Primary class. In my spare time you will find me either playing hockey, doing CrossFit, spending time with my family or watching Formula One.

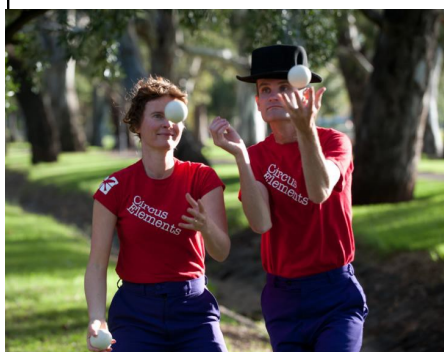


### **Ross Mackenzie**

I started teaching English as a second language in Colombia and I lived there for three years. Since then I have taught in Orbost Victoria and here in Mount Gambier. I teach all subject areas, but my passion is Science. Outside of school, I enjoy being outdoors. I work as a fire-fighter in the summer in the pine plantations. I play lots of different sports including hockey, tennis, squash, touch football, and long distance running. I have two children, and a pet dog. Teaching at Kongorong is going to be awesome!

### **School news**

This year we are unable to order lunches, so we will have Heat Ups on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to wrap food in foil as the pie warmer is the only appliance that will be used. All food must be precooked as the pie warmer will be on low heat. Our senior students will help out with the Heat Ups.



### **Circus Skills**

On Friday 9th February we will be learning some new skills in a Circus Workshop with visiting performer, Scott Griffin. Our students will learn skills in juggling, flower sticks, plate spinning, stilt walking and much more. These activities will increase our physical activity, hand-eye coordination, balance, flexibility, team work and self esteem. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photos of the action!

### **Bushfire reminders**

Please see the enclosed information regarding bushfire and your child's school or preschool.

### **Absences**

For our new families, and just a friendly reminder to our current families, if your child is away could you please send a text message to the school mobile phone on 0427 015 244 or ring the front office on 08 8738 9231 notifying us of the reason and expected duration of the absence. If we have heard no communication on the day your child is absent, a courtesy text will be sent to you.

### **Playgroup**

This year Playgroup will once again run on Tuesday mornings from 9 – 11 with Melissa Gibbs facilitating the sessions. All children aged 0 – 4 are invited to attend with their parent/caregiver. If you are aware of any families with preschool aged children living in our community who may wish to attend, could you please pass on the information.

### **Hats/Sunscreen**

As a "SunSmart" school, we require the students to wear their hats for all outdoor lessons, recess and lunch. Hats can be purchased from the Front Office for \$5.00. Sunscreen will be provided by the class teachers at recess and lunch. If your child requires special sunscreen please send it to school labelled.

### **Important Dates**

This week we will send home with the newsletter a term 1 calendar. Please note all important dates for your child/ren.

### **School Terms 2024**

Term 1 Monday 29th January – Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 22nd July – Friday 29th September

Term 4 Monday 14th October – Friday 13th December

### **Public Holidays for 2021**

#### **Term 1**

Adelaide Cup Day Monday 11th March

Good Friday 29th March

Easter Monday 1st April

#### **Term 2**

Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April (during the holidays)

Kings Birthday Monday 10th June

### **Working with Children Checks**

If you would like to volunteer at school or assist with excursions, you need to have a current Working with Children Check. As a volunteer there is no cost to apply for one. Please contact Stacey at the front office from Monday to Thursday if you would like to apply for one or your previous check has, or is about to, expire. If you have a completed one through another organisation please bring in a copy for our records.

**Sharon Day**  
Principal



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY  
**WHAT'S AT YOUR LIBRARY FOR FAMILIES?**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**STEAM CLUB**  
**8 - 13 YEAR OLDS**

**Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
 Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics through a series of programs designed to foster a love of learning.  
 Bookings essential.



**TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB**  
**8+ YEAR OLDS**

**Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
 Enjoy all the classics and more! With a selection of games and brainteasers each week - you'll never be bored!  
 Bookings not required.



**LEGO FAN CLUBS: CLASSICS AND TECHNICS**  
**Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**CLASSICS - ALL AGES**  
 Weekly challenges and fun for the whole family.  
**TECHNICS - 8+ YEAR OLDS**  
 Weekly challenges, using machines and mechanics.  
 Bookings essential for both clubs.



**FRIDAY AFTERNOON POOL**  
**12+ YEAR OLDS**

**Fridays 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
 Join in with a game of 'Kelly Pool' or maybe 'Reverse Eightball' with our weekly tournaments.  
 Bookings not required.



**CAVE CLUB - UNDER 5'S**

Fostering a strong connection to community and a sense of belonging for our littles visitors, our Cave Club runs simultaneously with our **Storytime** and **Move & Groove** programs held weekly. Join the Cave Club and start collecting stamps in your Cave Club passport today.

**Baby Bounce:**  
 Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00am  
**Storytime:**  
 Tuesday at 10:30am  
**Move & Groove:**  
 Thursday at 10:30am



Mount Gambier Library

**LEGO Fan Clubs**

**Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Bookings essential for both clubs.**

**TECHNICS**

Weekly builds, using machines and mechanics.  
 Suitable for ages 8+.



**CLASSICS**

Weekly challenges and fun for the whole family.  
 Suitable for all ages.

**HIDDEN LEGO MAN**

Hidden in a new spot every Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm - find me and receive a treat!



City of Mount Gambier

Mount Gambier Library  
 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290  
 Phone (08) 8721 2540

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**STEAM CLUB**

Let's explore:  
**The Rube Goldberg Machine with One Thing Leads to Another**

**Term 1: Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**6 February to 9 April**

Unleash your inner engineer and enjoy learning about simple machines, chain reactions, stored energy, and much more as we take engineering to a new level.

**Suitable for ages 8+.**  
**Bookings essential.**



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