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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Claire Lucas and Gemma Van Dooren who will be our Kongorong School Leaders for 2024. In order to win these positions, Claire and Gemma were asked to write a letter of application, addressed to Mrs Day, which outlined their suitability for the job and what they would like to achieve.



Both girls wrote about helping other students and the school community in general as well as representing our school at community events. We also conducted an informal interview in which Gemma and Claire talked with me about the responsibility of student leadership and what is expected of a School Leader. I was impressed with their sense of community, their willingness to help others, and their excitement about taking on the job. I am sure these girls will be wonderful leaders for Kongorong Primary School.

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## REMINDER—SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE

Full payment or 1st instalment of school fees were due Friday 9th February 2024. Please make sure you pay either in full or make a payment as soon as possible.

Cash or direct credit to:  
Kongorong Primary School  
BSB: 065-504  
Account No: 10385800  
Reference: Family name

**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

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

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Please contact Stacey in the front office for information.

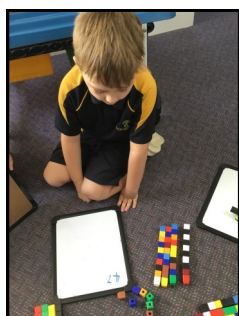
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## Lower Primary News

In Lower Primary we have started our maths learning for the year with a focus on number, particularly counting, number recognition and recording. We play a game called "Greedy Chickens", where the greedy chickens grab the grain and then have to count it. It opens up a lot of discussion around a range of mathematical concepts including working with larger numbers and place value. We only had time for a short game today, so our greediest chicken was Mary-Jane with 99 pieces.

We welcome Paisley and Adelyn to our kindy program.



## Science

In Science with Mr Mackenzie our students have been planting vegetable seeds, as part of their study of living things. They have been learning about the parts of a flowering plant and the conditions needed for growth. It is lovely to see our garden beds filled with plants and we have seen some quick growth which is wonderful!



## Governing Council AGM and Open Morning

It was wonderful to see parents joining in with classroom activities on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> for our Open Morning. Thank you to those who were able to make it. We will schedule the next one in the afternoon in order to enable parents with different work hours to join in.

A fantastic turnout for our Governing Council AGM resulted in very pleasing numbers for our 2024 Governing Council. A warm welcome to returning members Tash Vickers and Kayla Podobnik and new members Jess Ritchie, Chanelle Morgan and Sarah Lucas. A big thank you to Amanda Sealey and Pete Gordon for continuing in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer for another year, providing us with ongoing continuity and expertise in these very important roles. We look forward to working together for the benefit of our students.

## Circus Skills Workshop

Check out our Facebook page for some photos of the Circus Skills workshop last Friday with Scott Griffin. As well as being a lot of fun, circus skills develop motor skills and co-ordination, build resilience and problem-solving skills, and encourage collaboration amongst students and adults. The skills learnt were not easy, but that's the point! Our students built skills in all of the above areas, and maybe took home a new hobby which they can continue to practise.

On Friday of Week 2, we got a visit from Scott Griffin. Scott taught us different circus tricks, some tricks we learnt were juggling, flower sticks and stilt walking. Our class found the stilt walking the most difficult, because it was challenging to balance while standing on them. We had a mixture of people enjoying the flower sticks or juggling more. We enjoyed these tricks because we had to use our hand-eye co-ordination and it was fun to get to throw items into the air. - Upper Primary Class

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February we were lucky enough to have Scott Griffin come and teach us about the circus and all different skills. With juggling, we learnt how to swap in front, behind our back and under our leg. I personally found that stilt walking was the hardest because it was hard to balance on the stilts and walk. I really enjoyed the flower sticks and having Scott Griffin come and show us cool circus skills. - Claire

I learnt to hold and stand on the stilts. But I found the stilts hardest. It is tricky because it is hard to balance on the stilts. I learnt to juggle and use flower sticks. I enjoyed the session with Scott and want to do more practice. - Jayce

On Friday, we got a visit from Scott Griffin. Scott taught us the flower sticks, juggling and stilts. The most challenging was the stilts because it was hard to balance. I liked the juggling because it was fun and cool. I enjoyed it. - Liam

On Friday of week 2, 9<sup>th</sup> February, Scott Griffin came in to teach us some circus skills. Some things we learnt were juggling, stilt walking and flower sticks. I think that the stilt walking was the most challenging because it was hard to balance, while walking on the stilts. The most enjoyable thing was the flower sticks because it was fun to balance the centre stick on the hand sticks. - Gemma

On Friday Scott came to Kongorong to teach us circus tricks. I liked doing the flower sticks because I liked rolling the flower stick up and down my arm. - Delilah

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I was spinning a plate. It was fun. - Tyler

I liked the spinning plates. I liked the flower sticks. - Willow

I like the juggling ball. - Ella

I was spinning a plate. - Leo

Here is a plate and ball. - Leighton

I was balancing my plate on a stick. I liked passing it to people. - Kingsley

Sharon Day  
Principal





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