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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

It has been an absolute pleasure to be at Kongorong Primary School this last week, while Mrs Hunt was on leave. The swimming program has defined the days as students hopped on the bus and headed to Wulanda. The quality of both the swimming centre and the program has been impressive with students making significant progress over the week. I have enjoyed teaching the Upper Primary class while Miss Cocks has been on leave. The students have distinguished themselves with their respectful attentiveness, focus on their learning and most importantly, their care for each other.

Having spent multiple years leading small schools, I am convinced that small settings provide the optimal environment for students to thrive. Students graduate as competent young people who are aware of the needs of others and are comfortable in their own skins. Kongorong students are indeed most fortunate to be in such a nurturing school supported by this team of dedicated staff. Small, rural schools are one of the country's best kept secrets!!!

Thank you to all of the wonderful staff, parents and students I have met during the week. You have a beautiful community. There is much to be proud of in Kongorong. I wish you all the very best for the last weeks of term, as families come together to celebrate the achievements of the year at the concert, and preparations are made to ensure a smooth transition for everyone, into 2024.

Go well,
Joyce Dinan

Camp Recount

We left Kongorong in the morning and travelled to Port Fairy. Our first stop was at Portland for recess and a play on the playground. Then we hopped back on the bus and went straight to Port Fairy. When we got to Port Fairy we unpacked the buses, once we had unpacked, we went to the Courthouse which was built in the 1870s. In the Courthouse we learnt about the witness boxes, the judges and lawyers, the spectators/pedestrian's box and the accused box. We looked around the Courthouse and there was a whaling room where we talked about the hunting of whales. There was a shipwreck room which showed pieces of

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 8—Wednesday 6th
December & Thursday 7th
December**

Transition Days

12th December 2023

End of Year School Concert

REMINDERS

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shipwrecks. In the middle of the Courthouse there was a table which showed victims and the first nations people. We also visited the oldest house in Port Fairy which is around 180 years old. We saw a replica of a whaling boat. After that we re-enacted saving someone who was on the shipwreck with lifesaving equipment from the 1800's as well as a unused lifesaving boat which was 1 of 10 in the world. When we got back, we set up our beds and went fishing and we caught a lot of fish like rock cod, salmon, mullet and whiting.

On Thursday in Port Fairy, we cooked the fish we caught for breakfast. The fish was delicious. We did a tour of Griffith Island, Cohby and Sam lead the tour and talked about the Mutton bird and how it flies from Alaska to the island to lay their eggs on the island. They only lay 1 egg. We then went to the Maritime Museum at Flagstaff Hill, we saw a bank, blacksmith, a hotel, a sailmaker, peacocks and turkey and a dressmaker. We had to adventure around Flagstaff Hill to complete challenges based on our year levels. After the museum we got to play on the playground at Lake Pertobe, then we went back to our accommodation and had afternoon tea and a relax. After tea Sam, Connor, Angus, Cohby and Jayce went fishing again and caught a big whiting, some smaller whiting, mullet and salmon which we got to take home.

Friday morning we woke up and were supposed to go to Tower Hill on our way home but a few students were sick so we came home early.

Swimming

Last week we went to swimming lessons at Wulanda. The Upper Primary students started off with our teachers telling us the rules of the pool and emergency exits and what to do if there is an emergency. After that we did some warm up swimming and getting used to being in the water, we also practised our free style swimming. Tuesday we practised our survival strokes which were survival backstroke, breast stroke, star float, treading water and sculling. Wednesday we did some more survival strokes, our entries into the 2.3m end of the pool. There were the pin drop, compound jump and stride in. Thursday we wore clothes and life jackets to practise a real life scene of falling into the water and real life, life saving. We first started down the deep end in our clothes and jumped in, then we had to swim down to the shallow end and take off our clothing and life jackets while in the water. Friday was our last day which we did a bunch of warm ups which were doggy paddle and free style, as well as our survival strokes which were outside. We then practised a fire drill and then moved inside to practise our diving. We did a sit down dive, squat dive and a standing dive. We then practised our entries again. After that we did a mushroom float and free style competition. After that we had free time on the splash pad, my favourite thing on the splash pad was the enclosed waterslide. I loved learning how to swim, especially learning all the different entries.
Claire

Boxing

On 16th November we went to Dwyers Boxing Club with Mrs Muller for Health and P.E. We first started by getting our boxing gloves, we then went into partners to do our warm ups which were one partner punching the bag while the other one was running between the boxing ring and punching bag. We then practised our straight punches with our partners receiving our punches. We then learnt how to upper cut on our partners. We then had a game where we had to tap our partners shoulders as much as possible, the next round was shoulder and foot. After that we all got into the ring where we did some cool downs which felt more like warm ups. We did push-ups and running around the ring, mountain climbers, burpees and squat jumps. Sam our instructor kindly gave us all a free session for his gym.

My favourite part of boxing was when we were in partners and we did the game where we had to tap their shoulder and foot as many times as we could whilst blocking their taps. *Claire*

My favourite part of boxing was playing the shoulder and foot tap game. *Samuel*

My favourite part of boxing was being able to practise punching into the punching bags. *Mason*

My favourite part was when we were in partners, one was punching the bag and the other was running. *Immanuel*

My favourite part about boxing was punching the boxing bag and the game we played with the tapping shoulders and feet. *Brodie*

My favourite part of boxing was the shoulder and foot tapping game in partners. *Cohby*



SAPSASA Cricket

Congratulations to Claire, Angus and Connor who participated in Cricket SAPSASA for the Lower South East. Everyone enjoyed their time participating and making new friends. Both teams were runners-up in the final, what a great achievement, well done.



