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REMINDER—SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE

Full payment or 1st & 2nd instalment of school fees are now overdue.
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

If you need to arrange a payment plan, please see Stacey in the front office.

The School Card Scheme is also available to eligible families. Go to <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Camps

This week our year 6 students Claire and Gemma along with Ms Morgan, are away at camp in Adelaide with other small schools. Camps are a wonderful way for students to learn across the curriculum in an environment other than school. Some of the most important things they will learn, in addition to all the interesting information they will find out, revolve around collaboration, co-operation, communication, independence and other life skills. They will get to know students and teachers who they might meet again in high school. They will visit new places and discover new skills.

We are fortunate to have staff at Kongorong who are happy to take our students on camp, which often involves significant time away from their own family (and pets!) We understand and value the great learning that students can do in a camp environment and we believe it is worth the extra effort. I thank our staff for their time and commitment and I'm sure you do as well.

We are currently planning a whole school camp in late term 2. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

DIARY DATES

Good Friday
Friday 29th March

Easter Monday
Monday 1st April

Student Free Day
Tuesday 2nd April

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Interviews

Our parent/teacher interviews have been rescheduled to week 11 (9-10 April). You should have received a booking slip in your child's bag by now. Please fill them in and send back to school as soon as possible to allow us time to schedule the interviews. We look forward to sharing your child's progress and achievements with you then. If you have any questions or concerns, please message your child's teacher before the interview so that they can be well-prepared.

Finally, thank you to the Lions Club of Mount Gambier for a \$200 donation towards our Breakfast Club program. The Lions Club were impressed that we add reading, games, speech and social skills to our program. Thank you again to all families who have sent along donations.



What is the Autism Inclusion Teacher role?

Autism Inclusion Teachers (AITs) are given time to focus on strengthening our school community's inclusion of students on the autism spectrum.

The Department for Education provides an Autism Inclusion Multidisciplinary (AIM) team to support the AIT roles. The team includes senior advisor educators, developmental educator, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and an Aboriginal cultural project officer. The information from the AIM team is evidence-based and informed by the autistic and autism community.

The role of an AIT is to pass on information, resources and training that they receive from the AIM team to other staff and parents, and to support student inclusion.

This year I have been given the opportunity to undertake the AIT role. I am available in this role every second Thursday, but can be available at other times if needed.

As part of the AIM team's current spotlight on peer-to-peer relationships, I have been running lunchtime activities such as badminton and parachute games. These have been well attended and lots of fun and a great way for students of all ages to come together. As a response to well-being data from 2023, I have also surveyed UP students on the topic of verbal bullying and will continue to monitor this data throughout the year.

If you have any questions, want to chat, need help with forms or appointments or some information; please contact me to make a time to connect.

Angela Jordan, AIT

Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact



We wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter. Have a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families and we will see you back on Wednesday 3rd April following our Student Free Day on Tuesday 2nd April. Only a couple of school days to go until District Small Schools Sports Day on Friday 5th April!

Principal Sharon Day on 08 8738 9231.

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.

Sharon Day
Principal



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