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DIARY DATES

17th May 2024
Footy Colours Day

22nd May 2024
Special Lunch Orders due

27th May 2024
School Photos

28th May 2024
Assembly 2:45pm

29th May 2024
Special Lunch Order

31st May 2024
Teddy Bears Picnic

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Student Free day

Governing Council has approved a student free day for Tuesday 11th June 2024. All staff will be undergoing First Aid training on this day. Please mark this date in your calendars; we apologise for not including it on the term 2 calendar as we did not have the dates at that time.

Learner Wellbeing

So many factors contribute to learner wellbeing. Everything that we do at school – the activities that we plan, the way we structure our lessons, the environment we strive to create, the language that we use when we speak to your children about their learning, as well as the special, fun events - all of these contribute to wellbeing. I hope that you are hearing from your children about their learning at school which would be evidence of positive learner wellbeing.

Being part of a positive, welcoming learning culture at school is very important and part of this is our physical space. Facilities, particularly the entrance to the school, set the tone for all who visit our school, whether they are students, staff, families or visitors. In 2023 the school was provided a Wellbeing Boost grant by the Federal Government with a specified time limit, and discussions were held with staff, students and Governing Council to generate ideas which could positively impact on wellbeing. In 2024 discussions continued at Governing Council and it was decided to move ahead with upgrading the front of the school and refreshing the LP playground. Over the holidays this work was completed, resulting in new garden beds and pathway in the playground, concrete around the sandpit to keep it tidy, a tree in the front which will be dedicated to Mr Buckingham, (previous Principal of KPS) and a new garden bed along the front fence (to be finished off this week!) Please come and have a look when you are next visiting the school and enjoy the new look entrance. We hope to upgrade or paint the goal posts soon and to paint some courts for students to play on.

A second initiative which is positively impacting on learner wellbeing is our Buddy Reading club which takes place after Breakfast Club each morning. Immediately after they enjoy their optional toast and Milo and wash their dishes, the students pair up with their reading buddy (closely matched by teachers). They have been taught a sequence of reading activities which suit the ability and age of the students. The whole routine takes less than 10 minutes and is sometimes completed before the morning bell has even rung!

The benefits are clear for both age groups. The younger students are reading their book at least once per day and hopefully repeating it at home; the extra practice will definitely impact their reading progress. The older students are relearning and practising early reading/phonics skills, boosting their confidence and sometimes 'filling a gap' which might have existed for them. Both groups are improving their fluency, strengthening their relationships across the school and getting each day off to a positive start. They are clearly loving it and so are the teachers!

REMINDERS

Full payment of school fees are now overdue.

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

Thank you!

Huge thanks to Tom Hunter and Peter Gordon for their help with the garden project. Tom volunteered his time to do the concreting, and Peter volunteered to help with the discarded asphalt waste. Another big thank you to all the parents who came to the working bee and completed the planting.

Upper Primary Students Garden Update—On Friday 10th May, we measured out and placed the plants for the new garden bed at the front of the school. We are currently building our knowledge of measurement in Math and we were able to use our new and developing skills to layout the plants. There are 4 different types of trees or bushes in the garden which we spread evenly across the bed. We used a tape measure and measured out the distance that we wanted between each plant. Each different plant was parted by a different measurement, we used metres to support us, which is a formal measurement unit. In our community hour, with our buddy and help from an adult, we got to plant all the trees and bushes into the ground in the locations. It was fun getting to see our design come to life. We enjoyed getting to design the layout of the front garden bed of our school and can't wait to watch the plants grow.



Buddy Reading Photos



School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Monday 27th May. Photo order forms have been sent home, if you require a family photo envelope please call into the front office to collect one.

Mothers Day Morning Tea

Thursday of week 2, we had our Mother’s Day morning tea. We got to make beautiful bracelets with our mums and have morning tea. For morning tea, the Upper Primary class made zucchini slice using our school’s own eggs and zucchinis. The lower primary class made some yummy biscuits covered in icing and lots of lollies. It was lots of fun, getting to make a bracelet and spend time with our mums who were able to come.

Kongorong Primary School & Child Parent Centre (CPC)

At Kongorong Primary School we aim to provide a high quality education where all children in the community can achieve their goals in a safe, nurturing and intellectually creative environment.

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 students towards a positive future.

The school is very much part of the community. It draws students from the Kongorong township and local farms and from the communities of Carpenter Rocks, Pelican Point and Blackfellows Caves.

We cater for children from Kindergarten to Year 6, and most children graduate to Mount Gambier High School. With a total school population of 34 children, we offer a friendly, family-style educational setting that is welcoming, safe and encourages all students to be active learners.

Our students are a happy, confident, fit and active group of children who appreciate their opportunities and the Kongorong lifestyle and who try to live by the school's values of honesty, respect, tolerance, working together and striving for success.

Enrolling at our school

- Enrolment
- Photo gallery
- Principal and staff profiles

Parent support and advice

Helpful advice and resources for our parents.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are on and pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present today.

School Website

Our new website is up and running. As new documents are reviewed or updated they will be continuously added to the website. Hard copies are available at the front office upon request.



Eggs for sale

Our chickens have started laying. Eggs are available for \$5.00 per dozen. Please call the school to confirm there are some available

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



2024 LOWER SOUTH EAST SAPSASA CALENDAR

TERM 2

| WEEK | DATES | SPORT | EVENT | VENUE |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 2 | TBC | GIRLS NETBALL | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 2 | TBC | BOYS NETBALL | REGIONAL TRIAL | TBC |
| 2 | FRI MAY 10TH | CROSS COUNTRY | DISTRICT TRIAL | NARACOORTE |
| 5 | MON MAY 27 TO WED MAY 29 | BOYS AUST. FOOTBALL | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 6 | THUR JUNE 6 | CROSS COUNTRY | STATE CHAMPS | ADELAIDE |
| 8 | TBC | BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 8 | TBC | GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 9 | MON JUNE 24 TO WED JUNE 26 | GIRLS NETBALL | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 9 | MON JUNE 24 TO WED JUNE 26 | BOYS NETBALL | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |

TERM 3

| WEEK | DATES | SPORT | EVENT | VENUE |
|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 2 | TBC | BOYS HOCKEY | REGIONAL TRIAL | NARACOORTE |
| 2 | TBC | GIRLS HOCKEY | REGIONAL TRIAL | NARACOORTE |
| 4 | WED AUGUST 14 TO FRI AUG 16 | BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 4 | WED AUGUST 14 TO FRI AUG 16 | GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 5 | FRI AUG 23RD | GOLF | REGIONAL TRIAL | NARACOORTE |
| 6 | TBC | GIRLS AUST. FOOTBALL | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 6 | FRI AUG 30TH | BASKETBALL | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 7 | FRI SEPT 6TH | BASKETBALL | REGIONAL TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 8 | MON SEPT 9 TO WED SEPT 11 | BOYS HOCKEY | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 8 | MON SEPT 9 TO WED SEPT 11 | GIRLS HOCKEY | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 8 | THUR SEPT 12 TO FRI SEPT 13 | GOLF | STATE CHAMPS | ADELAIDE |
| 9 | MON SEPT 16 | TRACK & FIELD | STATE CHAMPS | ADELAIDE |
| 9 | TBC | GIRLS CRICKET | REGIONAL TRIAL | BORDERTOWN |
| 9 | TBC | BOYS CRICKET | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |

TERM 4

| WEEK | DATES | SPORT | EVENT | VENUE |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | TBC | TENNIS (BOYS & GIRLS) | DISTRICT TRIAL | MT GAMBIER |
| 2 | MON OCT 21 TO WED OCT 23 | GIRLS AUST. FOOTBALL | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 2 | THU OCT 24TH | MULTI-SPORT | COME AND TRY | MT GAMBIER |
| 2 | FRI OCT 25TH | BOYS BASKETBALL | STATE CHAMPS | ADELAIDE |
| 2 | FRI OCT 25TH | GIRLS BASKETBALL | STATE CHAMPS | ADELAIDE |
| 4 | MON NOV 4 TO WED NOV 6 | GIRLS CRICKET | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 4 | MON NOV 4 TO WED NOV 6 | BOYS CRICKET | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |
| 5 | FRI NOV 15TH | VOLLEYBALL | COME AND TRY | MT GAMBIER |
| 6 | WED NOV 20 TO FRI NOV 22 | TENNIS (BOYS & GIRLS) | STATE CARNIVAL | ADELAIDE |