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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!

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

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

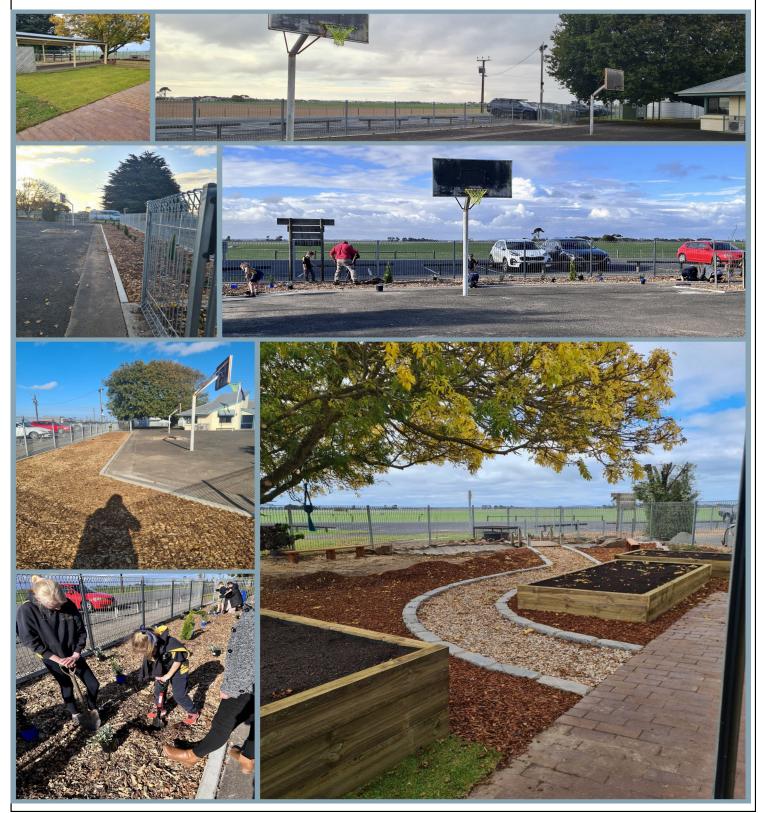
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Thank you!

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







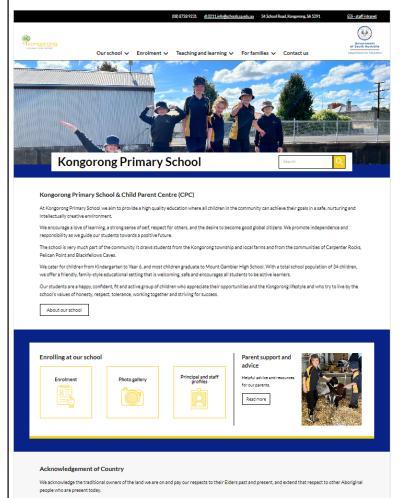


School Photos

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.



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.



2024 LOWER SOUTH EAST SAPSASA CALENDAR

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WEEK	DATES	SPORT	EVENT	VENUE
2	ТВС	GIRLS NETBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	MT GAMBIER
2	твс	BOYS NETBALL	REGIONAL TRIAL	твс
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	твс	BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	DISTRICT TRIAL	MT GAMBIER
8	твс	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	ТВС	BOYS HOCKEY	REGIONAL TRIAL	NARACOORTE
2	твс	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	ТВС	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	твс	GIRLS CRICKET	REGIONAL TRIAL	BORDERTOWN
9	TBC	BOYS CRICKET	DISTRICT TRIAL	MT GAMBIER

TERM 4

WEEK	DATES	SPORT	EVENT	VENUE
1	ТВС	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