NEWSLETTER



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DIARY DATES

30th August 2024 Fathers Day Breakfast

20th September 2024 Special Socks Day

24 September 2024 Assembly 3:00pm

27 September 2024 End of Term 3

14th October 2024 Start of Term 4

25th October 2024 Student Free Day for Mount Gambier Show

12th November 2024 Assembly 3pm

Reminders

30th August 2024 Fathers Day Breakfast 8:45am - 9:15am



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

A heartfelt thank you to our students, families and staff for making Book Week 2024 such a memorable experience. The theme, "Reading is Magic," resonated throughout our school all week long. Regular reading, both at school and at home, supports deeper learning and strengthens emotional bonds within families. It's wonderful to see our community fostering both a love for books and strong family connections through shared stories.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to nurture both the minds and well-being of our students. Together, we're building a community that values learning and preparedness.

Jamie

Mud Kitchen

Thank you for your generous donations toward our temporary mud kitchen play space. This outdoor resource has quickly become a hit with students across all year levels, allowing them to freely explore, create, and imagine. Mud kitchens encourage creativity, enhance sensory experiences, and promote collaboration among students as they engage in shared play.

We appreciate your support in providing this valuable opportunity for our students.







Tracking Student Progress: Upcoming Assessments

At Kongorong Primary School, our teachers use sequenced reading assessments to monitor students' phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension. These assessments help us to:

- · Measure students' skills against expected benchmarks
- · Identify their progress
- · Evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching practices
- Design individualised learning programs
- · Implement targeted and multi-tiered support and intervention



The Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) are online assessments for reading comprehension and maths, aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Administered annually, these tests provide valuable insights into students' learning strengths and needs. In the coming weeks, Year 1 students will undergo their annual phonics screening, while students in Years 2 to 6 will take the PAT Reading Comprehension and PAT Maths tests.

SSO Week

This week, our school celebrated SSO Week, a time to recognise and appreciate the exceptional School Support Officers (SSOs) who play a crucial role in our educational community.

Our SSOs are the unsung heroes who support teachers, assist students, and ensure our school runs smoothly. Their dedication and hard work are integral to creating a positive and effective learning environment. From managing administrative tasks and supporting inclusive education needs to providing emotional support and ensuring the wellbeing of our students, their contributions are invaluable.

Students took time to write thank-you cards for each of our SSOs, expressing their gratitude for the countless ways these remarkable individuals make a difference every day. We encourage families to join in and acknowledge the significant impact our SSOs have on our school community.

Thank you, SSOs, for your unwavering commitment and passion. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support and dedication.



BOOK WEEK



















First Aid











On Wednesday of Week 5, our students gained valuable life skills through participation in the St John's First Aid in Schools program. The Lower Primary students learned what constitutes an emergency, identified safe people in the community to ask for help, and practiced assessing for danger. Upper Primary students built on this foundation by training in CPR and mastering essential emergency response skills. These abilities are especially vital for our country kids, who may face situations where quick thinking and decisive action can make all the difference in an emergency.

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.



Jamie Rvan - Principal





2024 Parent survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 8 September. For more information, please visit the <u>department's website</u>.

This survey aims to get your views on:

- · what we're doing well
- · where we can improve
- · what's important to you as a parent/carer.

Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school.

You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed.

Please take the time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school. If you cannot find the previously sent link, then please use the QR code provided.



Parent Survey