



DIARY DATES

27 September 2024
End of Term 3

14th October 2024
Start of Term 4

25th October 2024
Student Free Day
for Mount Gambier Show

30th October 2024
Special Lunch Day

6th November 2024
Student Free Day

12th November 2024
Assembly 3pm

18th - 22nd November 2024
Swimming Week - Wulanda

From the Principal

Dear families,

As Term 3 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few months at Kongorong Primary School. From the many wonderful events, including our Mini Olympics and Book Week celebrations, to the new initiatives and facility upgrades we've accomplished, it's been fantastic to see the school community come together.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the families for their warm welcome this term. Your support has made my transition as principal of Kongorong Primary School incredibly positive, and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Looking ahead to Term 4, we have plenty to be excited about, including swimming lessons, the Questacon Science Circus visit, and of course, the sunnier weather that spring brings. I'm excited to see what we can achieve as a school community and am eager to continue building on the strong foundations we've laid.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to seeing you all again for the start of Term 4 on Monday, October 14.

Warm regards

Jamie Ryan
Principal

Reminders

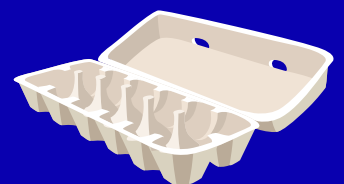
End of term
2:20pm dismissal
27th September 2024

Show Day - School Closure Day
- Friday, 25th October
(Week 2, Term 4)

A reminder to families that the Mt Gambier A&H Show will be held from 25th - 26th October this year. As in previous years, Friday, 25th October is a school closure day

Can you help us ?

We are in need of some egg cartons. If anyone has any spares available please drop them to the front office. Thank you.



Upper Primary Learning

STEM - In Upper Primary, our STEM learning this term has been focused on constructing a replica of one of the 6 First Fleet ships which transported convicts. The students all agreed that the biggest challenges were folding the cardboard into the shapes they needed for parts of their ships, holding the pieces together when trying to glue them and adding little details of their ship. This learning has connected with our Hass learning about the First Fleet and why they sailed and colonised here on the land we now know as Australia. As well as the effect the colonisation had on the First Nation Australians.

RU OK Day

On the 12th of September, it was R U OK? Day. Our class considered the importance of asking our friends and family this question. Students took note of how their class members were feeling and what they can do to help someone using the R U OK 4 step conversation. We looked at a range of different stories that highlighted emotions and learnt that people may feel different to what we do in different situations. We discussed what being a good friend looked like. We emphasised the importance of regularly checking in on the people that we care about beyond RU OK Day.

Miss Morgan

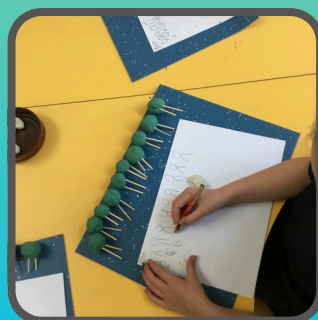
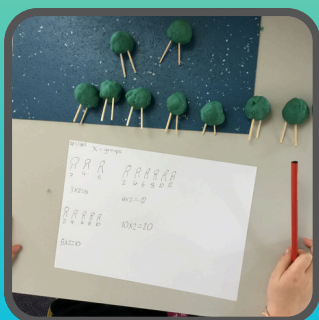


Lower Primary Learning

In Maths earlier this term, Lower Primary students explored sharing amounts into equal groups. We are currently building on this learning with students developing skip counting skills as a strategy for faster counting. Reception students have mainly focused on counting by ones but many have enjoyed the challenging of skip counting by 2s to 10. Year 1 students are developing their skills counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, while Year 2 students are using the multiplication symbol to record their findings as a number sentence.

To consolidate the idea of skipping over numbers, we put our learning into action using chalk number lines on the courts and reading a multi sensorial experience. We have also read a story called 'Eggs and Legs' about a lot of little chicks, which we then created models of to help develop our familiarity with counting by 2s. As you can see, we are having a lot of fun while also developing strong number skills.

Angela Jordan



Kindergarten



In Kindy, students have shown a strong interest in colours and colour mixing and Melissa has set up some great activities for students to explore and build their understandings. The students have enjoyed using tools such as eyedroppers, and ingredients such as food dye, milk and detergent to explore how the colours react with each other in the different experiments.

New Staff Welcome



We are pleased to welcome Simone Block, our new SSO, who will be providing classroom and inclusive education support on Thursdays and Fridays. Simone brings 10 years of experience in Preschools and has quickly built positive relationships with both students and staff. Her calm and supportive presence is already making an impact.

School Communication: EdSmart and Class Dojo

We are thrilled to announce that the school has begun using EdSmart to manage announcements, permission slips, and excursion details. This cloud-based platform streamlines communication for families, enabling parents to respond and provide consent digitally, eliminating the hassle of paper forms! Throughout Term 4, we will be sending all permission slips through EdSmart. To help with the transition, we will also send duplicate announcements and reminders via text to give families time to adjust. This week, we trialed the communication of important upcoming dates. If you did not receive this information, please contact our front office to update your email address. From 2025, EdSmart and Class Dojo will be our primary channels for direct communication with families.

Important Note: Absences should still be reported via the school's mobile phone or landline. Please remember that the mobile is only checked periodically during school hours. For all other communication, including changes to student routines or urgent messages, please contact the front office directly at 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.



Jamie Ryan -Principal

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

STEAM CLUB

CARNIVAL CURIOSITIES

Term 4: Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
15 October to 10 December

From funhouse mirrors to Ferris wheels, get your creative engineering mind on this carnival themed term!

Suitable for ages 8-12.
Bookings essential.

City of Mount Gambier

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LEGO FAN CLUB

Term 4: Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
17 October to 12 December 2024

Help LEGO characters with exciting career challenges, like building a chef's restaurant, crafting vet animals, and more.

Suitable for ages 6+. Bookings essential.

City of Mount Gambier

Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier
Phone 08 8721 2540
mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

FULL THROTTLE IN WATTLE

School Holiday Program Spring 2024

WEEK 1

TUESDAY 1ST OCT

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Library Craft Sessions
10:30am Japanese crafting - Blossom art, koi streamer kite, Kokeshi paper doll
2:30pm Paper bag creatures, lavender hangers, sticky art pictures

COME AND CRAFT
Penola School Community Library
2:30pm Paper bag creatures, sticky art fun, Koi streamer kite, VR play

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCT

COME AND CRAFT
Millicent Library Craft Sessions 10:30am Mexican fun time - worry dolls, sombrero and wool craft, 2:30pm Decorate wooden pen holder, paint a kindness rock

THURSDAY 3RD OCT

COME AND MAKE
Millicent Library Craft Sessions
10:30am Fishing Time - Salt rainbow painting, colourful wool fish, decorate a wooden trophy
2:30pm Inspirational bookmarks, wooden boats paper cup windchimes

COME AND CONSTRUCT
Mitre 10 Millicent 2pm
Ice-cream cone bird feeders
Bookings via Humanitix

WEEK 2

FRIDAY 4TH OCT

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Library Craft Sessions
10:30am African mask making, drum and neckpiece making
2:30pm Make a little book of affirmations, dream catchers

FRIDAY 4TH OCT

COME AND EXPERIENCE
The Meeting Circle at Mt Burr Trails
Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with Uncle Doug. 2 sessions.
10am - & 11:30am
Bookings via Humanitix

TUESDAY 8TH OCT

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Library Craft Sessions
10:30am Nature craft - Make a wooden robin, collaged turtle or foam peg animal
2:30pm Egyptian fun - make a headdress, hieroglyph necklace or craft a pyramid

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCT

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Library Craft Sessions
10:30am Italian fun and Pasta Art masquerade mask, pasta necklace
2:30pm Make a wooden car remote control holder, create your own medallion

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCT

COME AND CUDDLE
Kalangadoo Institute
Sessions: 10am & 12 noon
Bush Buddies with Louise and Al are back with their cuddly bush creatures
Bookings via Humanitix

THURSDAY 10TH OCT

COME AND CRAFT
Mitre 10, Millicent 2pm
Crafternoon - All things Crafty
Bookings via Humanitix

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE !!

For Library events please call 8733 0903
Enquiries regarding other events please email
events@watterange.sa.gov.au
Participants must be accompanied by a responsible adult

BOOK HERE

MILLICENT PUBLIC LIBRARY

COME AND PLAY
2nd Oct at 2pm - Super Smash Bros Switch Competition
3rd of Oct at 2:30pm - Pokemon and AFL Card Trading
9th of Oct at 2pm - Mario Kart Switch Competition
Every Friday at 4pm - Lego Club

Book your sessions online through Humanitix
<https://ticketing.humanitix.com/tours/full-throttle-in-wattle>

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