



## DIARY DATES

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

30th October 2024  
Special Lunch Day

12th November 2024  
Assembly 3pm

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy fortnight, I want to take a moment to reflect on some recent highlights within our school community.

On Friday 30th September, we celebrated Father's Day with a special breakfast, and it was wonderful to see so many dads, grandpas, and father figures join us. Your presence brought so much joy to the students, who were thrilled to share this special time with you. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day memorable for our students.

Additionally, we want to express our gratitude to the families who came together to spread soft fall over the playground and attend to the creek. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated and have made a significant difference in our outdoor learning spaces.

We value the connections we build through these moments, and we appreciate your ongoing support. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community.

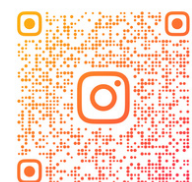
Warm regards,  
Jamie Ryan  
Principal

## Reminders

**20th September 2024**  
**Special Socks Day**



Kongorong Primary School & CPC is now on Instagram. Scan the QR code to take you to the page and keep up to date with the latest news and happenings of our school.



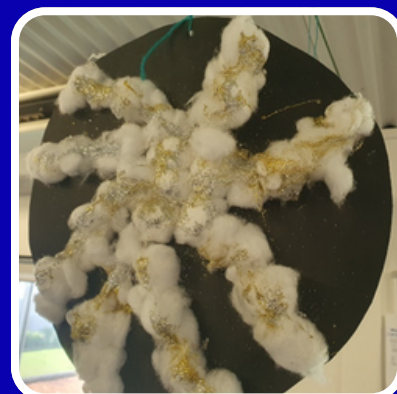
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## Science Term 3

We have been learning about the planet Earth and our place in space. On earth, the junior primary class has studied the water cycle. We imagined how long water has been on the planet and how many places it has been over millions of years. We drew diagrams of how we use water in our homes and where it goes afterwards. In space we studied the moon and the stars. We made a diagram of the milky way as described by the Aboriginal dreamtime story of the emu.



The upper primary class learnt about natural disasters on Earth such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and cyclones. We made models of the layers inside the Earth, built a village next to an erupting volcano, and constructed a paper house to withstand strong winds. In space we studied the how the solar system works, the names of the planets, and the milky way galaxy. We learnt about different space missions, the moon landing, and designed our own astronaut suits.



## Sun Smart Reminder: Hats at School

As the sunny days return, we're reminding everyone about our Sun Safe policy, which requires students to wear hats when the UV index is 3 or above. This helps protect against UV radiation, which can be harmful even on cooler or cloudy days.

Parents will receive a detailed letter about this policy, but please note that from Week 9, we'll be stringently reinforcing hat wearing. Ensure your child's hat is labelled and returned to school within the next week. Hats will stay at school year-round, and students without hats will be directed to shaded areas, with parents notified. All new Term 3 enrolments will receive a hat to support sun safety. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe under the sun!



SUN PROTECTION and the UV INDEX										
Low		Moderate			High		Very High		Extreme	
UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	UV INDEX	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
SUN PROTECTION NOT REQUIRED		SUN PROTECTION REQUIRED								
Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces such as snow or water.		Wear sun-protective clothing, a broad-bimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply SPF30+ sunscreen to any unprotected skin. Seek shade.								



# Exciting News: Kongorong Primary School Wins George the Farmer Book Collection Bundle!

We are thrilled to announce that Kongorong Primary School has been selected as one of the winners of the Rabo Community Fund 2024 George the Farmer Book Competition! With applications received from over 450 educational institutions across Australia, we are proud to be among the 70 schools chosen.

The George the Farmer Book Collection Bundle, valued at \$260.00, is a significant addition to our library resources. As a small rural school where many of our students live on farms, George the Farmer's stories resonate deeply with our students, reinforcing their daily experiences and helping them understand where their food and fibre come from in an engaging and educational way.

This collection will offer new perspectives on agriculture that reflect our students' own experiences and deepen their connection to the farming world they are familiar with. We are excited about the opportunities this collection will bring and look forward to using these valuable resources to further enrich our students' learning experiences.

A big thank you to Rabobank and George the Farmer for hosting this wonderful competition. We are grateful for their support and generosity.



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



# Fathers Day Breakfast



## HIGHSCHOOL

### Year 6 Transition

On Monday of week 7, our Year 6 students joined their small school peers from across the region for a guided tour of Mount Gambier High School. Lead by Middle School Leader Miss Sutton and Year Level Leader Miss Magarey, Claire and Gemma explored a range of subject areas and learning spaces they will experience next year. Highlights of the tour included visits to the arts building, tech rooms, home economics kitchens, the gym, and the CLC (library).

While Claire and Gemma were initially nervous, their excitement grew as the tour progressed. They left with much to look forward to, eagerly anticipating the three full transition days at MGHS in Term 4.



### FREE Parent Workshop

Supporting your child with reading difficulties.

- We will answer questions such as:
- What does high-quality evidence-based reading instruction look like?
  - What can I do at home to help?
  - How do I know if my child is getting what they need at school?
  - Do we need to arrange a formal assessment? What if my child has been diagnosed with dyslexia?
- This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

**Monday 16 of Sept 2024, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**



**Mount Gambier Library**



BOOK ONLINE at:  
[speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops](http://speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops)



Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.