



NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

25th October 2024
School Closure Day
for Mount Gambier Show

29th October 2024
Special Lunch Day

6th November 2024
Student Free Day

12th November 2024
Assembly 3pm

15th November 2024
Jump Off Day
Jump Rope for Heart

18th – 22nd November 2024
Swimming Week – Wulanda

6th December 2024
Wheels Day & Excursion

10th December 2024
End of Year Concert

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 4!

I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting final term of 2024!

We have a range of activities and events planned as we head toward the end of the year, including swimming week, Questacon Science Circus, Jump Off Day, Wheels Day and our end of year celebrations. Staff are excited to make this term a fantastic one, filled with growth, learning, and a strong sense of community.

Last week, we launched Class Dojo for all year levels, aimed to streamline communication between teachers and families. This platform allows our teachers to provide regular updates on class activities, student learning and progress, and school news, making it easier for everyone to stay connected to the incredible experiences that are happening in the classroom and across the school.

We also kicked off Term 4 with Jump Rope for Heart, a program that promotes heart health and physical activity. It supports students in building fitness, developing coordination, and contributing to a great cause. Our goal is to raise \$500 and complete 20 hours of skipping. Students are working hard at improving their skipping skills and will showcase their efforts during Jump Off Day in Week 5.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our families for their prompt response to the introduction of EdSmart for whole school communication and permission slips. Your quick adaptation to this new process has made a significant difference, and we appreciate your continued support in streamlining our communication.

Warm regards
Jamie Ryan
Principal

Reminders

**Show Day – School Closure Day
Friday, 25th October**

**Special Lunch Day
29th October 2024**

**Student Free Day Week 4
6th November 2024**

Principal: Jamie Ryan
UP Class: Morgan Cooper
LP Class & Kindy: Angela Jordan
Finance/Administration: Stacey Wright
SSO/Playgroup: Melissa Gibbs

NIT: Ross Mackenzie
LP: Talia Thompson
SSO: Marilyn Gordon
SSO: Michelle Schofield
SSO: Simone Block



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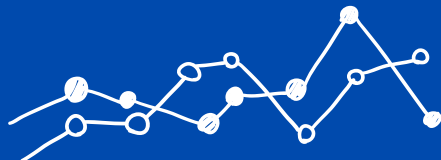
Kindergarten

The spring weather has been great for the Kindy students, with lots of opportunities for outside play. Students have been developing their curiosity, exploring spring related themes such as spring blossom and bees. The discovery of a ladybird in the garden created a lot of excitement and generated a lot of discussion. Students showed creativity through the creation of a letterbox allowing educators to support the development of early literacy skills and role play. Students even needed to create a mobile phone so they could get in touch with the postman!

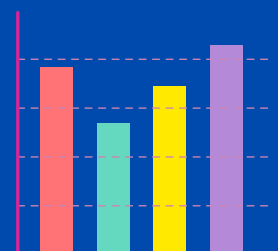
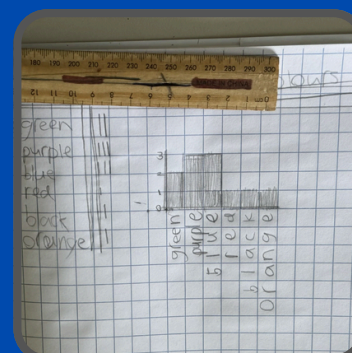
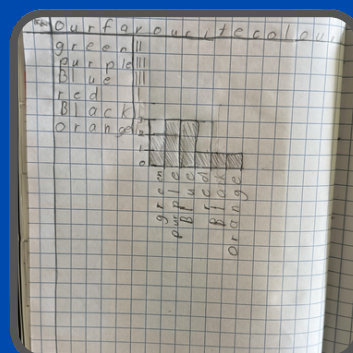
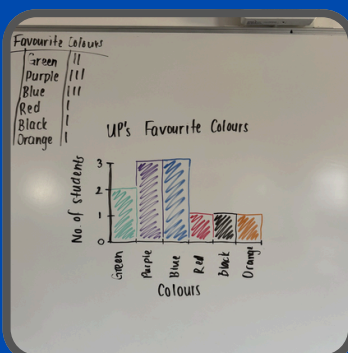
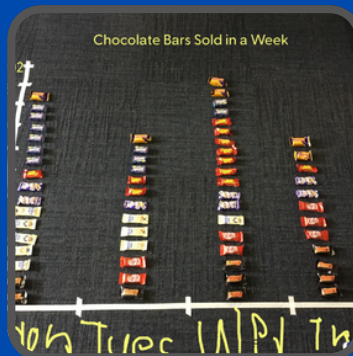
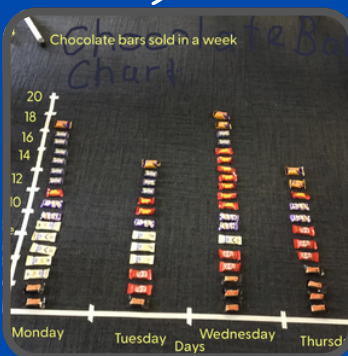
Angela Jordan



UPPER PRIMARY LEARNING

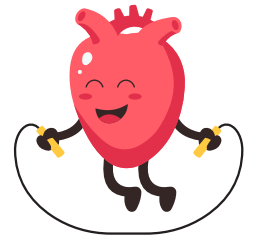


In maths, we have been learning about data and statistics. We looked at the different ways to collect data, different types of data and different ways we can collect and we can display it. So far we have displayed our data through graphs, specifically column and picture graphs. Our favourite data collection to date was seeing how many chocolate bars were sold from Monday to Thursday. We displayed the results in a column graph using mini chocolate bars. Each student used Class Dojo to take a photograph and add the features needed to complete a column graph.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Guess Who's Started Skipping!



We started our Jump Rope for Heart challenge this term and we need everyone's help to reach our school goal of fundraising \$500 and skipping 20 hours total.

Lower and Upper Primary parents: please visit jumprope.org.au/parents to register your child and set up your own secure page to log skipping and fundraise.

We understand that families may not be in a position to contribute funds, and that is absolutely okay! We would still like students to register so that we can log their skipping throughout the 5-week challenge. You'll also get access to additional skipping trick videos, post updates to your page so family and friends can follow along. Additional information was sent home with students in week one.

Friends and community members, to keep track of our efforts or to donate, please visit: <https://www.jumprope.org.au/fund.../kongorong-primary-school>

SAPSASA

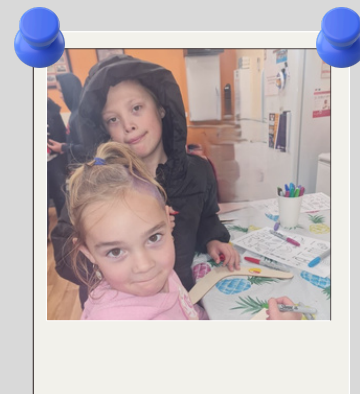
Claire was part of the Lower South East SAPSASA football team who competed in Adelaide this week. They came 8th overall which is a great effort. They won 2 games and Claire kicked 8 goals over the 3 days.

Well done to Claire on being chosen for this great opportunity.



Forming Connections - Proud & Deadly

On Friday October 18, Liam and Ella attended a special event coordinated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in small schools across our region. Students spent the day at Pangula Mannamurna building connections and friendships, having lunch together and participating in lots of fun activities. It was a special experience for them both.



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

Baby Massage Group

Babies 4wks-7mths

TERM 4, 2024
WEDNESDAYS 9:30-10:30AM
6/11, 20/11 AND 4/12- 3 SESSIONS



Unique Opportunity

This group will offer a safe space to explore new skills and ideas and build friendships with other parents.

Evidence Based
Infant massage will help parents feel more confident reading their baby's cues and more relaxed meeting their babies needs.

Both parents and babies enjoy a stronger emotional connection.

Babies may seem more relaxed, settle more easily and experience reduced discomfort from colic or wind.

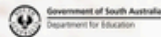


Experienced Facilitator

Steph our Occupational Therapist has had the opportunity guide many parents through this gentle, small group program.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Kerrin 0439 569 599

Mount Gambier Children's
Centre, Mulga St, Mt Gambier



Dads' & Kids' Night Out

Dads' & Kids' Night Out is an opportunity to celebrate the important role Dads play in the life of their child and an opportunity to yarn with other Dads about the ups & downs of being a Dad.

It is for any male caregiver providing care for a young child.

Free BBQ & activities to enjoy with your child..



Wednesday, 13th November, 2024



4:30pm to 6:30pm



Mt Gambier Children's Centre, Mulga Street, Mt Gambier



0439 569 599 (Kerrin)



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My Money Basics

FREE Everyday Money Management Workshops

Learn how to:

- ✓ Reduce money stress
- ✓ Live within your current income
- ✓ Plan for the future



Attend **2 SESSIONS**
and receive a
\$50 VOUCHER

Location:

Melaleuca Hub, Cnr Boandik Tce & Ayers Street

Date and time:

Tuesday 19th November, 2024 12:00pm- 2:30pm
Wednesday 20th November, 2024 9:00am-11:30am

Register now for **FREE**

Tel: 0439 569 599 Kerrin. Creche Available.



Bat night

Friday 15 November 2024

Naracoorte Caves from 6.15 pm

- Come and learn interesting facts from local bat expert Nicola Bail
- Witness the spectacular site as thousands of micro bats emerge from the cave
- View the Southern bent-wing bats up close in the Bat Observation Centre

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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TO REGISTER

OR VISIT
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Naracoorte
Caves



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