



# NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

9 May 2025  
Mothers Day  
Activity

20 May 2025  
Assembly 3pm

4 June 2025  
JAM Band

10 June 2025  
School Photos

16 – 20 June 2025  
Centenary Week

18 June 2025  
Walking the Seasons

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

As we wrap up a productive and positive Term 1, it's a great time to reflect on the rich learning and connection that's taken place across our school.

A highlight this term was our cultural learning experience, Walking the Seasons, which deepened students' understanding of local Country and Aboriginal perspectives. This hands-on opportunity supported both respect and curiosity as students engaged with First Nations knowledge and traditions.

Our camp experience also stood out as a valuable opportunity for building independence, teamwork, and resilience—all within the context of fun and adventure. These shared experiences help shape a strong sense of community and belonging.

Throughout the term, staff and students have continued to build deep learning environments through the use of clear **learning intentions** and **success criteria**. When students understand what they are learning and how to be successful, they are far more likely to achieve strong outcomes. We're already seeing students articulate their learning goals and track their own progress.

In writing, the Upper Primary students focused on expanding their sentences using what, where, when, and how to add detail and improve clarity. Meanwhile, the Lower Primary students worked on developing their sentence-level writing by using who, do, and how to create more complete and meaningful sentences. This structured approach to writing will continue to grow in Term 2.

Looking ahead, Term 2 starts strong with a 3-week whole school gymnastics program in PE, a trip to Noorla-Yo-Long for the Upper Primary and Mother's Day in the first three weeks. These experiences offer wonderful opportunities for students to build strength, confidence, and connection. We're looking forward to a term full of growth, challenge, and memorable moments.

Jamie Ryan  
Principal

## Reminders

**28 April 2025**  
**Term 2 begins**

**2 May 2025**  
**Two Bros Dough Orders Due**  
**Please share with family & friends**

**9 May 2025**  
**Mothers Day Activity**

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

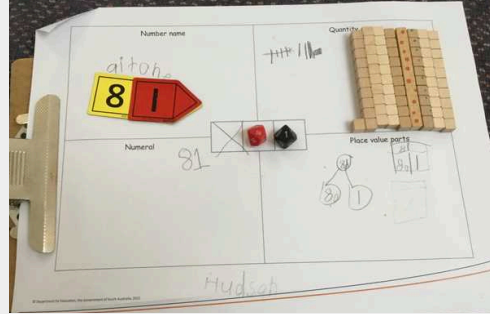
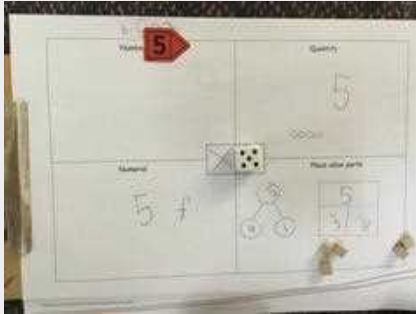
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# Lower Primary Learning

As part of our maths learning, students have been working on breaking amounts in different ways. This is called partitioning and is a valuable skill to support calculation and general number sense. Students in Reception have been working with numbers to 5, year ones with two-digit numbers and year twos with three-digit numbers. We have finished off our learning by bringing it all together on a 'think mat.'



# Kindy Learning

In the Kindy, the students have been exploring their sense of identity by talking about themselves and creating life-size artworks. Students were traced and then used paint and collage materials such as fabric and buttons to decorate. Talking about themselves provided opportunities for students to see things that are different and the same about us all.



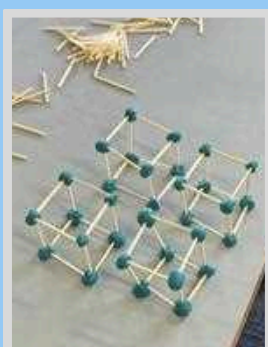
# Upper Primary Learning

In the Upper Primary Class, we have been busy learning through fun and exciting activities.

In HASS, we have been learning about different environments and renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Students have each been exploring an energy source, researching where it comes from and how it's turned into energy for us to use, at our homes and at school.

In Mathematics, we have been exploring the world of shapes and geometry. Students had lots of fun constructing different 2D and 3D shapes and learning how to sort them based on their features like edges, faces and vertices. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they worked together to solve problems and share their thinking.

In Visual Arts, our creativity took flight with inspiration from two amazing artists – Australian artist Tracey Keller, known for her colourful animal paintings, and American artist Peter Thorpe, who creates exciting space-themed artwork. Inspired by their work, students created their own beautiful pieces full of colour, personality, and imagination. Their artworks are a true celebration of creativity!



## Pizza and Movie Night:

It was wonderful to see families connecting and students enjoying a relaxed evening together. Events like this strengthen the sense of community we value so highly at our school—thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such an enjoyable night. We also raised \$380, which will go toward our playground upgrade project—a fantastic result! Next time, we hope to expand the event to include families from surrounding communities and make it an even bigger celebration.



# ROBE CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

## Robe Camp 2025 – Adventure, Learning, and Camels!

- Our recent Robe Camp was packed with unforgettable experiences, hands-on learning, and a lot of laughs! Based at the beautiful Tarooki Camp Site, students took part in a diverse three-day program that brought together adventure, culture, sustainability, and a whole lot of teamwork.
- We kicked things off with a visit to the Beachport Museum, where students explored local history through a fun artefact activity. From there, we enjoyed an afternoon at the beach, paddling, jumping waves, and building sandcastles in the sunshine.
- Thursday's highlights included a visit to Humpalicious Camel Farm, where students fed camels, learned about wild camel mustering in the APY Lands, and sampled delicious camel milk ice cream—a clear crowd favourite! We also visited Transmutation, a local business focused on sustainability and recycling, which inspired great conversations about how we can care for the environment in our own community.
- The camp wrapped up with exciting team-building games facilitated by Beyond Limits on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. These activities helped students build trust, strengthen communication, and work together in new and challenging ways.
- Throughout the camp, our students were well-mannered, respectful, and inclusive. The connections they built during the experience will continue to strengthen our school community throughout the year. We're incredibly proud of them all!



# MORE ROBE CAMP PHOTOS



## Kongorong Primary School Centenary – Term 2

In Term 2, Week 7, we'll be celebrating a major milestone—100 years of Kongorong Primary School! A number of special events are being planned to mark the occasion and involve students, families, and the wider community.

To help shape the celebration, students will take part in a learning expedition in HASS, exploring the school's history and the changes in education over time. This unit will guide their learning throughout the term and connect meaningfully with our centenary events. We're also looking forward to welcoming back old scholars and reconnecting with those who've helped shape the school over the past century. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the big week!

## Aussie Rules Football Clinic a Hit!

This term, all students from Preschool to Year 6 participated in a fantastic four-week AFL skills program, supported by our Sporting Schools Grant. The clinic was led by Heath Sims from Glenelg and focused on building confidence, teamwork, and fundamental movement skills through fun, engaging activities.

Held on the Kongorong Football Club oval, the program gave students the chance to enjoy a range of drills and games tailored to their age and ability. Across the four weeks, students showed great enthusiasm and improvement in their ball handling, kicking, and game awareness.

A special congratulations to our four standout students—Brodie, Jayce, Mary-Jane, and Molly—who were each awarded their own football in recognition of their teamwork, dedication, and helpful attitudes throughout the program. To wrap up the final session, all students received a drink bottle to celebrate their participation.

A big thank you to Heath and Sporting Schools for making this program possible!



## Staffing Update – Welcome Vanessa Hook

We're excited to welcome Vanessa Hook to our team this term! Vanessa brings a wealth of experience in Early Childhood education and care, having worked across kindergartens in the Mid North, Flinders, Adelaide, and Mount Gambier, as well as facilitating community playgroups. Vanessa shared, "I look forward to working in this role and getting to know people in this community." We're thrilled to have her on board!



We also thank Melissa Gibbs for her incredible work and dedication to the Kindy space over the past year. Melissa has truly raised the bar in our Kindy, facilitating beautiful environments and meaningful experiences, and forming strong connections with our children. She now moves into a classroom support and intervention role across both Lower and Upper Primary, where she will continue to be a valuable asset in supporting student learning and wellbeing.

# MR SNOTBOTTOM



## Fringe Festival Comes to Kongorong!

We were thrilled to host two Fringe Festival shows this term—Mr Snotbottom and Juggling Dom—who brought laughter, amazement, and plenty of energy to our school. It's always a privilege to bring high-quality arts and cultural experiences to our students, especially in a rural setting. These performances sparked joy and curiosity, and reminded us of the importance of the arts in a well-rounded education.



# Juggling Dom



## Blue Lake Gymnastics

We're excited to kick off Term 2 with a three-week gymnastics program for the whole school, running in Weeks 1-3 at Blue Lake Gymnastics. This program supports students to build balance, strength, coordination, and confidence in a fun and supportive environment.

Please ensure you respond to the excursion forms on EdSmart as soon as possible so we can finalise arrangements.



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

# PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX HOLIDAY CRAFT PROGRAM

WEEK 1

Mon 14 & Tues 15 April



Yarn wrapped leaf card

Wed 16 & Thurs 17 April



Noodle Monsters

Easter Weekend  
Sat 19 to Mon 21 April  
Closed Good Friday



Easter crafts

WEEK 2

Tues 22 & Thurs 24  
April  
ANZAC craft



Wed 23 April  
ANZAC Biscuits



**\*Bookings Required\***  
10:00am to 11:30am  
Call (08) 8738 3000 to book

Fri 25 April  
ANZAC Day  
Closed



Sat 26 & Sun 27  
April



Mothers Day flower



Story Time Tuesday 15 & 22 April at 10:30am

No bookings required for crafts -  
PlayStation, Wii, iPads & 8-Ball Table available



LET YOUTH BE ACTIVE!!

Can't afford to play sport?

FRW believes you can't afford not to!

SPORTS MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funding available for youth aged 9 - 25 years

to participate in, but not exclusive to;

- club sports
- gym memberships
- dance lessons
- horse riding lessons
- swimming lessons
- physical activities



EASY APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility criteria applies, available to

Limestone Coast residents - email us for an application

[trudi@fourreasonswhy.org.au](mailto:trudi@fourreasonswhy.org.au)



Applicants must be from a low socio-economic background and unable to afford the fees involved to participate in their chosen activity. All applicants must have an agency, club or school referee to confirm their circumstances and need.

Funds of up to \$850 per youth, per year are available for each individual applicant. Fees paid direct to the biller.