A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

**Cyber Safety**

We were very fortunate to have Stephanie Rickard and Kym D’Acoisio, 2 local police officers come and visit our school as part of setting up for a successful year to discuss cyber bullying. They ran 3, one for Year 3/4 students, 5/6 students and Year 7 students. The sessions for the Year 3/6 students focus was about appropriate games for students and their age limits e.g. snap chat your child legally needs to be 13 years to use this app, the importance of privacy when using any device and not to share your user name, decode it or photos e.g. do not take photos of yourself in your uniform in front of your car, showing your family’s number plate.

The Year 7 session focussed on respectful relationships, privacy of sending photos, snap chat, passwords and who has control over them and what passwords you should have, the importance of open communication with your parents or a trusted adult. They also were exposed to Carly McCann’s case study of grooming.

I would encourage you as a family to have a chat with your child about these sessions.

The Blue Lake Partnership is in the process of acquiring the services of Susan McLean to visit our region and talk about cyber bullying. Susan McLean is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people. She was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the ‘cyber cop’ she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety. There will be 3 sessions, one for students, staff and parents. Please let the front office know if you would be interested in attending this.

**Japanese Visit**

On Friday the 16th of March, Week 7 we will be hosting our Japanese teachers, Melissa and Alison from the Open Access College in Adelaide. Melissa teaches the Junior Primary class. Alison teaches our Middle and Upper Primary classes. The students will be participating in a variety of
activities covering the Japanese curriculum.

**In2cricket**

On Wednesday’s Kongorong Primary school students have been learning the skills of cricket. Brendon Murphy from SACA has come out and ran a variety of activities. The Year 6/7 students have been assisting with the trainings.

By Brodie A

**Future Pathways**

As you probably already know our school is creating a farm. Our group is making vegetable patches, we will be making three different types of garden beds. A raised bed, a dig bed and a no dig bed.

If anyone could please donate any of the following items, it would be really helpful.

- Hay/straw
- About 30 metres of wooden planks (not treated pine)
- 5 buckets

Thank you for your support, please contact the office for further information if needed.

Camerin, Brodie and Trey on behalf of the Gardening Group.

**Fish care**

On Monday we were lucky enough to have 2 Fish Care Volunteers come into our class and talk about Fishing for the Future, Let them go – Watch them grow!!

Here are some little facts we learnt:

- If you find an octopus leave it alone.
- If you catch a fish you don’t know about put it back.
- Some fish don’t have a size so you can keep it.
- If you catch a cat fish you have to put it back because it does not breed.
- It is important to never take the female species. Blue swimmer crabs can lay up to 1.2 two million eggs or more.
- A size Brim can take around 37 years to grow. We can’t take fish that aren’t big enough. Squid can take 1 – 1.5 years to grow the size limit.
- If you break a Garfish’s point, it can die. You have to be careful when handling fish and putting them back in the water.

We played a game, where you had a fishing rod with a magnet at the end and you had to catch laminated pretend fish and you had to size it and see if it was undersize or if you could keep it.

We all got to keep a brochure that has all the fish and size limits and bag and boat limits. We got some stickers too!

By Kelsie & Cohen

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**Kongorong Community Coming Events**

**Football**— Junior Colts trainings Tuesday & Thursday nights 5-6pm.

Mini Colts/Auskick training starts Thursday 15 March 4.15-5.15pm

**Cricket**— Presentation Night Friday 16 March at Kongorong Sportsmen's Club. Dinner available from 6.30pm.

**Yoga**— Monday nights at Kongorong Hall. 7.15-8.15pm. $15 per lesson, first lesson free. Contact Heather Cram ph 0419 035 020 for more information.