**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

What a busy and fun filled couple of weeks Kongorong Primary School and CPC have had.

**SSO Week**

I would like to acknowledge and thank Stacey, Marilyn, Melissa, Zoe, Hannah, Josh and Simon for their dedication, professionalism, time and support they give to all our students, staff and families at Kongorong Primary School. Small schools are a unique place to work and we certainly couldn’t run a successful and happy school without them. We are forever grateful to them all, thank you.

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**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.**
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Book Week
What an outstanding celebration Kongorong Primary School had for Book Week. We began the week with our dads being invited in to share their favourite book to the students. Tom came in and shared the book “A Father’s Heart”.

The whole school was involved in a Book Week activity by Mrs Marshall. She read and shared the book “A is for Australian Reef” by Frane Lessac. It was a short listed book for 2023 for the Children’s Book of the Year Awards and all the students were involved in creating a colourful sea mural.

On Tuesday mums were invited in to share their books to our students. Hilary, Jen, Chanelle, Sarah and Cassie shared some classic books.

Wednesday was our annual Book Week Parade with the ‘Read Grow and Inspire’ theme. All students got into the spirit and dressed up for the day. We had an array of colourful book characters. Special guests included George the Farmer, Gangster Granny, Mario and Wednesday Addams, just to name a few.

On Thursday we invited grandparents and special friends in to share their favourite books. We were thrilled to have Bill’s Gran, Angela in to share a couple of short stories she had written from her book Top Dogs and share some poems that she use to read to Hilary, Bill’s mum as a little girl by C J Dennis. Rory’s babysitter Jamie, shared the book, That’s not my Tractor and Kingsley and Willows Grandmother travelled from Adelaide for the event.

On Friday students and staff shared a book. It was great to see so many students volunteering to read.

All staff created an inspiring library space for our parents and grandparents to share their love of reading and favourite books.

Thank you to everyone who came in to read and for dressing the students in such amazing outfits.

Carpenters Rocks to Kongorong Primary School Departmental Bus Route
The school bus service provided by the Department for Education operating at Kongorong Primary School has been reviewed by the Transport Service Unit for the second time this year. A review of the route was done to assess the viability of extending the Carpenter Rocks Departmental bus route. As a result of this the extension was deemed viable, extending the Carpenter Rocks departmental bus service by travelling into Nene Valley to pick up those students.

Footy Colours Day
On Friday 29th September to coincide with the AFL Grand final we will be holding a Footy Colours Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite AFL, NRL, soccer or local footy colours on the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle and parents are invited to come in and join in some footy drills and the parent’s verses student’s footy match. Please also wear your favourite colours to join in the fun.

Lions Eye Health Program
On Thursday the 14th of September at 11:30am the Lions Club of Mount Gambier are offering a comprehensive vision screening program for children aged 3 years and older which is free of charge to the participating children. Please see attached the consent form and pamphlet for more information if you would like your child to participate and return to school by Wednesday the 13th of September.

Michelle Hunt
Principal