

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

I hope you all had a lovely break over the school holidays and made time to spend with family and loved ones. Term Two has now arrived and there are a few things that new parents need to know:

1. Hats are not compulsory in Terms Two or Three but are certainly recommended when the weather is clear and sunny like it has been lately. Please return your washed hats to school so that we can encourage children to wear them when required.

2. Our School Forrest is now open for business and you will find most children happily making shelters and other structures in a natural environment at Recess and Lunch time each day.

3. The School Pie Warmer is switched on each day over Terms Two and Three and is available for all students and teachers to use. Please make sure all food is wrapped in foil and clearly labelled with your child's name on it (Texta or Pen on Masking Tape works very well)

4. School Absences need to be officially recorded as School Approved or Unapproved. Written Notes are preferred but Conversations and/or Phone Calls are acceptable. Please let Justine or your classroom teacher know why your child was away so that we can record this correctly.

Swimming is nearly upon us and begins next Monday 24th April. Swimming will take place from 10:30-11:30am at Aquamoves each day over two weeks except on Tuesdays. This means we will leave school at approximately 10am each day and arrive back at approximately 12:30pm.

Students should wear their bathers underneath their school uniform each day so that they can get changed on the steps beside the main indoor pool before lessons begin. All swimming lessons are conducted by qualified swimming instructors in the heated pools inside and 'rashies' are not compulsory. Plastic bags should be used to keep school bags dry and a spare pair of dry underwear is always a good idea.

There is often a little angst about which children are allocated in which groups but in all of my time attending Aquamoves, instructors have made the necessary adjustments within the first couple of lessons. We will be working with them to ensure that all children are placed in suitable groups and that we have a very successful two week swimming program once again.

It must be the week for School Photos this week! Not only will you find a lovely picture of our Prep students in the Newspaper, you should also find your student's photos packed together with this newsletter! We also have our Whole School Photo that is temporarily being displayed on my Desk. It looks fantastic and I am always amazed when you can get 60-70 people all looking one way and smiling at the same time – it really is a great photo!

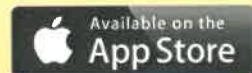
In news that may not surprise those of you that drive past John McEwan Reserve regularly, the construction of our new Athletics facilities have been delayed once again and as a result of this, **our School Athletics Carnival been has been postponed until at least August.** We had a very busy first few weeks organised at school this Term before it was re-scheduled for this time anyway so we will be happy to focus on Swimming solely throughout the coming weeks instead.

Seating arrangement changes on our Afternoon School Bus Run have been requested by Shepp Transit and we are now only using the front half of the bus. This enables the bus driver to keep a closer eye on student behaviour and makes changing seats while the bus is moving much more difficult. We think this is a reasonable request and will support these changes in order to encourage good student behaviour in transit.

Please also see attached to this Newsletter, a flyer promoting our **School Open Days on Monday 15th and Friday 19th May from 9-11am.**

Thought for the Week

Tell me and I will forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand..



2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President – Geoff Jacobson, **Secretary** - Wendy Sidebottom (DET Representative) **Members** - Adam Cleary (Principal), Narkea Rogers, Damien Scott, Jarrod Osborne, Andrew Miles & Tracy Gauci (Parents & Friends Representative)

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

TERM 2

6:30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017

6:30pm on Tuesday 13th June 2017

TERM 3

6:30pm on Tuesday 1st August 2017

6:30pm on Tuesday 5th Sept 2017

TERM 4

6:30pm on Tuesday 24th October 2017

6:30pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017



Issue 3 has been sent home with today's newsletter. Should you wish to make an order please return forms by the 15th May.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

April

24th Swimming Starts (Excl Tues Week 1)

25th ANZAC Day (Public Holiday) - No Swimming

May

2nd School Council

5th Swimming Finishes (Excl Tues- Week 2)

8th NAPLAN

9th NAPLAN

10th NAPLAN

15th Bookclub Due

18th Sporting School- Volleyball

23rd Gr 4/5/6 Reedy Swamp Excursion

25th Sporting School- Volleyball

June

1st Sporting School- Volleyball

8th Sporting School- Volleyball

2nd GV Health Smiles Program

12th Queens Birthday Public Holiday

26th Gr 5/6 Doxa City Camp begins

30th Gr 5/6 Doxa City Camp ends

30th Last day of Term 2

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of Term 1



Stephen Morley

Stephen is a great student. He is always on time, he has continued to grow in all areas of schooling and now smiles a lot more in the classroom. He has an infectious chuckle and a quick wit.

Congratulations Stephen on being the Terrific Kid of the Term!

2017 OPEN DAYS



PROSPECTIVE PARENTS for 2018

are most welcome to attend our Open Days from 9am - 11am that will include:

- A School Tour,
- School Information Packs,
- An opportunity to meet staff and other parents,
- Activities for children of all ages, &
- Morning Tea.

Call Principal Adam Cleary

for more details on 58 299 286

MONDAY 15th MAY
FRIDAY 19th MAY

We are **KIND**, We are **BRAVE**, We are **CURIOUS**.