

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Swimming has begun and children have flown out of the blocks! All students are swimming in the 'big pool' this year due to Aquamoves having invested in platforms for students to sit on in the water in between one-on-one tuition. In the first few days, students quite often move up and down groups according to their ability.

This is something staff pay close attention to and reflects how well a student participates in these first few days. If parents or carers need further explanation about the levels that their students are in right now, please contact me directly as I can get specific feedback directly from swimming instructors. Otherwise, checklists and certificates will be provided for each student at program's end.

Our senior classroom commemorated ANZAC Day this year by designing and creating their own wreath once again. I think it looked absolutely fantastic and is a great reflection on our school to put the effort into creating a custom-made wreath with thought and care.

Many schools purchase wreaths from the local florist which look great but don't instil a sense of understanding and ownership from students quite like building one themselves! Well done Mr Pettigrew for sourcing all of the materials and going the 'extra yard' to facilitate this.

Thank you also to our School Captains Danielle Jarman and Mason Papadopoulos for attending the Shepparton ceremony yesterday and laying a wreath on behalf of our school community. Lest We Forget.

The mighty Congupna Cruzers start this weekend and we have teams fielded in the Under 6, Under 7, Under 8 and Under 10 age groups. Please make sure we represent our school in a positive light. We have teams with members from other local schools like Tallygaroopna, Katandra West and Zeerust and we are promoting these teams in order for our students to extend friendship groups and have fun.

Good sportsmanship should be encouraged and modelled by parents and winning, while it is very nice, is certainly not our primary objective here. Good luck to all of our students and families and I hope everyone has an enjoyable year.

Our next Parents & Friends Meeting is on at 6pm this evening in our Junior F/1 classroom with Mrs Sidebottom's blessing. ***A Mother's Day Stall has been organised already for Thursday 11th May for students to buy something special for Mum.*** More information will be provided regarding this in coming newsletters.

Local SES and CFA groups, in conjunction with local Council and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, have now developed Flood Plans for local communities which is fantastic. The local Congupna launch will take place on Monday 1st May from 7-8pm. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Please remember our ***Congupna Primary School Open Days will take place within Education Week this year on Monday 15th and Friday 19th May.*** Posters and School Information Brochures have been delivered to ten local kindergartens.

Please contact me at school if you cannot see these items displayed at your local kindergarten (if you are attending one this year). We may not have reached all of the kindergartens or they may have not displayed these as promised.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the Week

*If you want loyalty,
You must give loyalty.*

Anzac Day 2017



STEM with Mrs Woolley

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

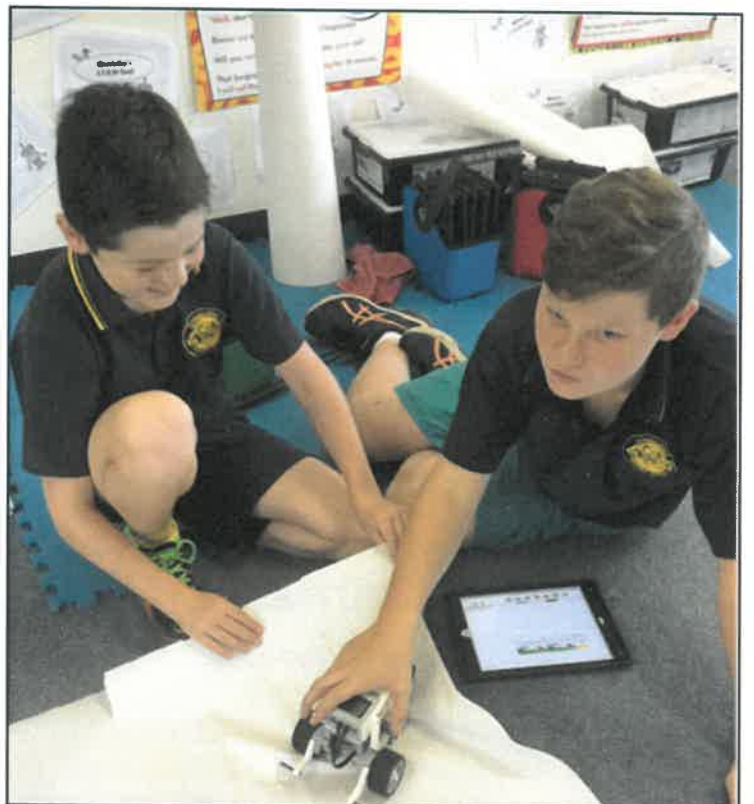
During STEM lessons last term, students focused on using technology and have been learning the basics of Computer Science. Senior students have been using a program called Scratch and our junior students have been exploring coding concepts using the Kodable and Code.org programs.

Students have been working hard to understand the basics of writing computer code and have been using coding blocks to create algorithms. All of the programs we have been using in STEM are web-based and you can access them with your children at home. I am sure they would love to share with you the work they have been doing and the programs they have created.

This Term, the Grade 4/5/6 students are continuing the Lego 'Mindstorms' Robotics Unit they began late last Term. The Grade 2/3's are beginning Lego Robotics using 'WeDo 2.0' and our Grade F/1 students will look at simple engineering concepts.

All students will work in teams to build Bridges and program their Lego Robots. The students have been very engaged with the concepts that we have been learning and we are looking forward to a very productive Term.

**Happy Coding,
Mrs Woolley**



Congupna Primary School Students of the Week



'We are KIND Award

For displaying qualities at school that make these students KIND people. Bravo!

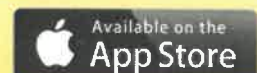
Kai Thorn - For his helpfulness and thoughtfulness he shows towards others. Well done.

Chase Adams - For being a thoughtful and kind class member.

Danielle Jarman - For being so kind to all those around her.

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Asim Ismet - For being such a happy F/1 student who enjoys his time at school.



2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President – Geoff Jacobson, **Secretary** - Wendy Sidebottom (DET Representative) **Members** - Adam Cleary (Principal), Narkea Rogers, Andrew Fletcher, Fiona Davis, Andrew Miles & Tracy Gauci.

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



TERM 2 CALENDAR

April

27th

Swimming Program (Session 3)

28th

Swimming Program (Session 4)

May

1st

Swimming Program (Session 5)

2nd

School Council Meeting 6:30pm

3rd

Swimming Program (Session 6)

4th

Swimming Program (Session 7)

5th

Swimming Program (Final Session)

8th

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9th

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10th

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11th

Mother's Day Stall

15th

Book Club Due

15th

Congupna PS Open Day (9-11am)

16th

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

19th

Congupna PS Open Day (9-11am)

23rd

Gr 4/5/6 Reedy Swamp Excursion

30th

Sporting School- Volleyball

June

2nd

GV Health Smiles Program

6th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

9th

Curriculum Day—Science

12th

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

13th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

26th

Gr 5/6 Doxa City Camp begins

30th

Gr 5/6 Doxa City Camp ends

30th

Last day of Term 2

2017 OPEN DAYS

CONGUPNA TOOHO PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**.