

# Congupna Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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*Dear School Community,*

*The construction of our 2016 School Pride Project has finally begun and will be finished at some stage in Term 3 hopefully.* We are currently in a disconnection and demolition phase whereby everything is switched off, dismantled and in some cases, even destroyed! This will be followed by an internal construction phase, whereby internal walls are re-built to reflect the new floorplan and all rooms and passageways get new floor covers and a lick of paint in the Main Building.

Finally, the external (outside) construction will take place to update the school's façade facing Katamatite Road and new ramps and gardens will be established. We certainly look forward to moving into our Main Administration Building once the renovations are complete and unveiling our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) Laboratory!

*Swimming has been fantastic over the last week and a half and children are looking forward to the final 'fun' session in the last few days.* This eight-day swimming program is a fantastic asset to the school and the swimming instructors employed by Aquamoves have done a fantastic job of accommodating our whole school in a single session.

The new 'in-water' platforms were used to great affect for our younger students in the 'big pool' and I witnessed many smiling faces making progress in their individual swimming groups. Thank you to all of our staff that have helped supervise and coordinate these daily excursions. It can be quite a hectic couple of hours and I thank you for your attention to detail and ensuring all students have had a positive swimming experience.

*The mighty Congupna Cruisers have rolled out again for 2017 and I can now confirm what a fantastic opportunity it is for our Cluster kids to socialise and have fun on the weekend together now that I am a part of it.* Despite parking being a little difficult (and I have been assured this will improve as more carparks are opened as part of the huge construction process underway at the moment), the grounds and facilities were in fantastic order and the kids had an absolute ball! Please see the attached Cruisers Soccer Reports later in this newsletter.

*We are catering tomorrow night for the first of our two Community Teas at the Congupna Football & Netball Club.* Please contact Nicole Linton on 0417 546 161 or Narkea Rogers on 0418 106 732 if you can help in any way from 3-9pm tomorrow evening. Thanks for your support.

*Our Parents and Friends Committee are offering a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May after Recess at 11:30am.* Children are asked to bring no more than \$5 each to purchase a small present for Mum. There is a lot of effort and thought put into this stall and it is not run to make money in order to be affordable. Thank you very much.

*NAPLAN Testing takes place next week for Grade Three and Five students.* A total of four tests will take place in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. All that we ask is for our students to give it their 'best shot' and our aim is to not put any undue pressure on our young chargers. This standardised test should only be seen as a 'snapshot' of your child on a certain day and is only one of many sources of assessment for our teachers to draw on before reporting. We have undertaken preparatory steps within our middle and senior classrooms and all that we ask you to do is to encourage your child to do their best and answer all questions.

Finally, *arriving on time to school is important.* We understand that it often takes a little longer to prepare for swimming days and that this is a change to routine, but we expect all students to be at school by 8:45am. When this does not occur, teachers need to return to mark the Attendance Roll, amend the Bus Roll or to run extra Pie Warmers to the Kitchen. This cuts into valuable teaching and learning time and is not fair to those that are on time. Please do your best to attend on time.

*Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal*

Thought for the Week

Improve your performance by  
improving your attitude.

# Congupna Cruisers Round 1 Wrap Up

## Under 6's

We had a full team for our first game and the excitement to play was very high. We have 6 Congupna players and 2 from Katandra West on our team. Tait was the captain this week and he lead his team well with an early goal and got a total of 3 goals himself. We started with Tait, Sophie, Hamish and Cooper on the field and after a few minutes Alex, Reuben, Jesse and Asim took over. There was a lot of goals scored by both teams and everyone had a lot of fun. Hamish got goal of the day scoring from a single kick from a centre kick off. Everyone is looking forward to next week! Pizza Award went to Alex for his never giving up attacking. He weaved the ball in between all the St Mels kids before booting it into the net for 1 of his 2 goals. The encouragement award went to Rueben for the best defence I have seen in a long time. In the second half he saved about 5 certain goals when St Mels looked certain to score each time.

**Go Cruisers, Coach Jason**

## Under 7's

The Under 7's had a great start to the Season and our three Katandra West recruits mixed well with single Congupna and Zeerust students. A total of five players rotated through our four on-field positions and they all had a great time! There are no designated goalkeepers and the fields and goals are proportionally sized! It was a very free-flowing game and we were ably led by our captain Kai, who was the only player that played last year. Kai gave the side an inspiring pre-match address before instructing his teammates to 'spread out into a square' while on the field. It is fair to say that this made the job of coaching a breeze and that our players have 'hit the ground running' early. To be passing and spreading this early is a fantastic sign but we will 'not get ahead of ourselves' and we will 'take it one game at a time'. Thank you to Ebony for helping with the Team Management. The final score was 12-2 and our goal scorers were Tom (4), Kai (3), Dayne (3), Narley (1) and an Own Goal (1). The Pizza Hut Award went to Narley for making friends with his new teammates so quickly and the Encouragement Award went to Dayne for his ability to 'Backheel' passes!

**Coach Cleary.**

## Under 8's

No Report was supplied for this week but we will chase one up for next week. I have been informed by one of the young Cruisers that the U8's played St Mels and Coach Linton put Amaia in the goals. She was very happy with this as she got to wear some warm clothes! The scores ended up 4-3 and the Cruisers had a good win.

## Under 10's

What a wonderful start to this year's soccer season. The weather was lovely, the ground was dry and the kids had a wonderful time, running around and getting to know each other. Our U10's played against Wilmot Rd with the final score 7/0, Cruisers way. We had some great team work to bring the ball down to our goals, some good long kicking and even some fancy foot work. Our goal kickers this week were Sean kicking 4, Justin 1 and Ethan 2. We also had some great defence work as well keeping it out of their goals. Goalies this week were Deacon and Josh C. Everyone had loads of fun and it was great to be back out on the soccer field.

**GO CRUISERS, Coach Jarman.**



## Footy Teas at Congupna Community Hall – 6pm Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May

- **Chicken schnitzels with salad and chips or potato scallops. \$10**
- **½ Chicken schnitzels with salad and chips or potato scallops. \$7**
- **Chicken nuggets and chips \$4**
- **Bowl of chips \$2**

**Everyone is welcome!**

P&F would love some helpers to make this fundraiser run smoothly.

1. We need helpers to do preparation of salads, gravy and hall set up, This gets underway at about 4 o'clock – 5.30pm.
2. From 5.30pm to 7.30pm we need help cooking, serving the meals and dishwashing.
3. The last part of the night includes the tidy up stage and all is done by around 8.30pm.

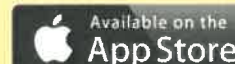
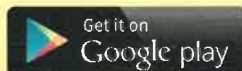
Please contact Nicole 0417546161 or Narkea 0418106732 if you can help in any way.



# Mother's Day Stall

P & F will be holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday  
11<sup>th</sup> May at school.

Children are invited to bring along up to a maximum of  
\$5 to spend on a Mother's Day gift for the very special  
lady in their life.



## 2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

## 2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

### **TERM 2**

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

## **BOOK CLUB**

Issue 3 is out now.

Should you wish to make an order please return forms by the 15th May.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

### May

**2nd**

School Council

**4th**

Congupna FC Footy Tea

**5th**

Swimming Finishes  
(Excl Tues- Week 2)

**9th**

NAPLAN

**10th**

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**11th**

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**15th**

School Open Day 9-11am

**15th**

Book club due

**18th**

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

**19th**

School Open Day 9-11am

**23rd**

Gr 4/5/6 Reedy Swamp Excursion

**25th**

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

### June

**1st**

Congupna FC Footy Tea– Helpers needed!

**1st**

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

**8th**

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

**9th**

Curriculum Day

**2nd**

GV Health Smiles Program

**12th**

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

**21st**

Parents and Friends Meeting 6pm

**22nd**

Cluster Excursion—Snow Queen performance at Bouchier St

**26th**

Gr 5/6 Doxa City Camp begins

**30th**

Gr 5/6 Doxa City Camp ends

**30th**

Last day of Term 2



# Students of the Week!



## ***'We are KIND' Award***

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

**Jhet Guthrie** - For being so kind to his little buddy. Well done!

**Sophie Aspland** - For being a kind and caring friend to others. Well done.

**Tayla Jackson** - For being a kind and caring class member.

## ***Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week***

**Tim Jacobson** - For giving his work and swimming a real good crack. Well done!

**2017 OPEN DAYS**

# CONGUPNA TOOCH 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**.