

# Congupna Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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*Dear School Community,*

**Swimming is now over for another year and I would like to congratulate all students and teachers for a fantastic couple of weeks.** I thought our Swimming Instructors were fantastic and all of our staff worked tirelessly to help students with the complex 'after-swim change' so well that there were very few hitches over the two weeks.

Well done to all of those students that worked hard each day to make progress towards passing the individual Austswim levels that they have been working towards. We acknowledge that it is a big effort for most students to get into the pool each day. To see them work so hard for success is thrilling for us to see as teachers as we can then apply this analogy to the classroom!

**Our School Pride building project is 'on-track' and most of the internal demolition has been completed.** Our newly positioned internal walls will be constructed in the coming weeks and the composition of rooms inside our new administration building will be almost unrecognisable (in a good way).

There will be a single main entry at the front of the building to be used by all students, parents, carers and visitors. The existing entry at the rear of the building will be a 'staff only' door that will open into the resource and staff rooms. The existing Administration entry (the red door) will not be used and the steps will be taken away. I will attempt to update you on some different design features in the coming weeks before the project is expected to be complete in Term Three.

**This week is NAPLAN Testing and we have approximately ten young students in Grades Three and Five sitting four tests over three days.** Yesterday, we had our Language Conventions Tests administered before Recess and our Writing Test after the break. Today we have given the Reading Test our best shot and tomorrow we will have a crack at Numeracy.

We celebrate the achievements of all of our students and to prepare last week, arrive each day this week and to give it their best effort is an achievement in itself. Mr Pettigrew will be holding a NAPLAN party on Thursday after the final test to celebrate.

The results of these tests give the school a snapshot of each child's progress in each area and can contribute (along with many other forms of assessment) towards teachers making an informed judgement of your child's progress at year's end. It is by no means the 'be all and end all' for our young students and no added pressure should be heaped on students to perform well. In fact, this has a negative affect in most cases.

It is **Mother's Day** this weekend and the school will be celebrating this annual milestone with:

- The Parents and Friends holding a **Mother's Day Stall on Thursday** after Recess (please send \$5 maximum with your child), and
- The **Junior F/1 Classroom holding a Mother's Day Morning Tea** on the Friday morning at 10:30am.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you out there in our school community. **It is a very special day, especially when you have Primary School-aged children that take delight in showing you the affection you deserve, only if it is for one day!**

**Our School Open Days are taking place next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 9-11 am here at school.** We will conduct a school tour, provide school information packs, take a peak in each of our three classrooms, show off some of our new Lego Robotics with Mrs Woolley, have some hands-on activities provided for children of all ages and provide Morning Tea for our visitors. If you are able to help out with Morning Tea on any of these mornings, please contact the school.

*Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal*

Thought for the week  
Don't find a fault,  
Find a remedy.

# Congupna Cruisers Round 2 Wrap

## Under 6's

We played St Luke's this week and it was a tough game as they were well trained and goals were their main focus. The cruisers played a great game with 7 players this week and having a lot of fun was our goal. It was great to see TED come to cheer us on. Our best wishes go to Alex and his fast recovery from surgery we look forward to him coming back. Hamish got the award this week. He was our captain and led by example. He ran hard when we had the ball and even harder to get back in defence to stop them scoring. Well done Hamish. Cooper got knocked down a few times putting his body on the line to steal the ball and Tait was everywhere the ball went. Our other cruisers all fought hard and everyone had a lot of fun. We clearly have some talented young sports players in our team who will star in any sport they play as they grow up. We scored a heap of goals and are looking forward to next week.

**Go Cruisers, Coach Jason**



## Under 7's

The Under 7's had another great game against St Mels in beautiful weather once again. Tom was our captain for Week 2 and gave the team some instructions before the game. He thought it might be good if we had a striker, a defender and two chasing the ball and that they could all swap positions so that they could all have a go at different positions. The coach thought this sounded alright and talked about what we do differently when we have the ball compared to when they do. Jack said we needed to 'get in their way' and this was our catchphrase for the day! The final score was 5-3 and our goal scorers were Tom (3), Kai (1) and Dayne (1), The McDonalds Award went to Jack for spawning the catchphrase of the day! **Coach Cleary.**



## Under 8's

The under 8's came up against a well organised St Brendan's Saints side and many goals were conceded. Lily and Alina had great games and were right in the action. Goalies were kept busy and showed some good skills. The team is adjusting to the bigger pitch and the faster passes of the game really well. Best part of all they all seem to be having great fun. **Coach Linton**

## Under 10's

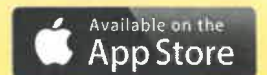
Great work from the Cruiser's this week playing against St Mel's after being down by 2 at half time to coming back with a loss of only 1 goal in the end. Final scores 4 to 3. It was excellent to see the great teamwork coming together with lots of running and really good defending. Goals this week were kicked by Sean, Will and Hunter, well done boys. Thanks to our goalies Josh J and Aden. Everyone played a great game. Awards this week went to Darcy and Will.

**GO CRUISERS! Team Manager Kylie Sutton**

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



## 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

## **Mother's Day Stall**

Parents & Friends will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at school after Recess.

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

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

### May

10th

NAPLAN

11th

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11th

Mother's Day Stall

12th

Mother's Day Morning Tea (F/1)

15th

School Open Day 9-11am

15th

Book Club due

18th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

19th

School Open Day 9-11am

21st

**Term 2 Working Bee**

23rd

Gr 4/5/6 Reedy Swamp Excursion

25th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

### June

1st

Congupna FC Footy Tea –

**Helpers needed!**

1st

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

2nd

GV Health Smiles Program

8th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

9th

Curriculum Day (No Students)

12th

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

21st

Parents and Friends Meeting 6pm

22nd

Cluster Alpha Performance -  
*Snow Queen*

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!



From left: Lucinda Threlfall, Tayla Jackson, Emily O'Toole and Ryan Lee

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

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

**Lucinda Threlfall** - For showing kindness to all her classmates.

**Emily O'Toole** - For being a kind class mate.

**Ryan Lee** - For showing kindness to all his school mates. Well done!

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

**Tayla Jackson** - For being an all round terrific kid. Excellent work ethic.

# Swimming Program 2017





**2017 OPEN DAYS**

# CONGUPNA 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**

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## **CONGUPNA TALLYGARROOPNA LANDCARE GROUP**

**AGM, Casserole Tea & Guest Speaker**

**Tuesday 16th May, 2017**

**6.30 pm at "The Congupna Hall"**

**BYO Casserole & Sweet to share**

**New members welcome**

**Our Landcare Group is involved in:**

- **Planting Trees with Community Groups**
- **Control of weeds and pests in the area**
  - **The Pony Paddock Park**
  - **The Congupna Bushland Reserve**
- **We have Potopouki Planters and a watercart for members to use**



One of our tree planting days with Tally School

Pres; Neville Moss

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Tres. David Doyle Ph 58 298416