

# Congupna Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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*Dear School Community,*

***Our annual excursion to Reedy Swamp hosted by River Connect was a highlight of the week again this year.***

Our students were assigned a group that created model turtles out of clay, learnt about our local wastewater systems, played 'Recycling Tunnelball', handled our three local turtle species, conducted a 'bug hunt', played a game of Celebrity Head using native animals, searched for aquatic macro-invertebrates and learnt about indigenous art symbols. The day was supported by the local Greater Shepparton Council, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Parks Victoria, Kaela Arts, Turtles Australia and a band of willing volunteers. Our students represented the school very well and thoroughly enjoyed the many hands-on activities. We filled two whiteboards with facts we had learnt on the day when we returned to school!

***The two School Open Days that were conducted last week were a roaring success.*** We had many prospective families visit to see what the school has to offer and I believe we presented our fantastic students, teachers, facilities and programs very well. There will be a possibility to run additional Open Days depending on further enquiries. Thank you to all of our staff and students who opened their workplace and shared the great work that is happening around the school.

***Our School Pride Construction Project is now well underway and many of the wall frames in the main administration building have been repositioned.*** Much of the preliminary electrical and plumbing work has been done and we hope to see plastering begin soon. Please be advised that Asbestos Removal has been scheduled for this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. All asbestos removal will be undertaken to the professional standard to make sure there is no health risk to any students or staff. **Could I please request that no school community members enter the school grounds over the weekend?** Signs will be prominently displayed to deter visitors and we are hoping this important milestone takes place without a hitch.

***Our Sporting Schools program for Term 2 started last week and resumes next Tuesday.*** We are learning the

many skills and techniques required to enjoy the game of Volleyball. Thank you to the Gauci family for lending their metal detector to find the in-ground volleyball posts on our soccer field! It had been a while since they were last used, but senior students will now be able to use a proper volleyball net over the coming weeks!

***Our Parents & Friends require your support to help purchase some new home readers and STEM lab resources!*** Pie Drive order forms are due next week. Please ensure your forms are returned promptly to school to fill your freezers with 'Pie Warmer' lunches for our students. We also require volunteers to help with the upcoming Community Tea at the Congupna Football and Netball Club. You do not need to be a member of the club to help us support our local community and raise some extra funds for school resources.

***Thank you to our Soccer Helpers last week.*** Despite receiving little notice, many of our Congupna Cruiser families performed our annual duties with aplomb helping to mark fields, set up goals and cook the all-important barbecue to ensure players and families were looked after. Well done. Jason Aspland has also offered to run some training sessions for our Cruisers on Friday afternoons. All ages welcome. Please see Coach Jason's invitation in this Weeks Wrap.

***Finally, thanks to those that were able to make our Term 2 Working Bee on Sunday.*** We were able to prune many of our thriving plants and shrubs along the front fence, plant a few new ones, re-pave a little area under one of our water bubblers, pressure wash the walkway outside the toilets and undertake a general tidy. The school yard looks super.

***Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal***

### Thought for the Week

It's amazing how much can be done if no one worries about who takes the credit.

# Congupna Cruisers Round 3 Wrap

## Under 6's

This week in soccer cruisers played Orrvale and it was a fun game. The council parking meter maids were out in force trying to make life as hard as they could to get a park and Facebook says its own story about them. Cooper wasn't able to play due to an injury during the week and we all wish him the best and look forward to seeing him next week. Our captain was Asim and he did a great job, he picked our starting line up and played great. Orrvale had a great player and she was a natural at sport and we will see her play pro sport in the future. But Hamish and Reuben had defence in mind when she got the ball and stopped most of her attacks. Jesse stepped up and got a lot of steals and helped us move the ball forward and got the go jump award this week. Tate got the pizza award this week for his amazing attacking and ball skills as a coach it's a great to watch him at his age see the ball and understand in a second everything between him and the goals then steal the ball go and do it. Cruisers team is having more fun each week and we want to start doing some fun training at lunch time every Friday at school. Other cruiser players are welcome. Please bring your footy boots. Go Cruisers.

**Coach Jason**

## Under 7's

Our Under 7 Congupna Cruisers improved for the third consecutive week on previous performances and you can't ask for more than that! With the emergence of passing last week came the attempt to dribble and control the ball against St Brendans. Young Narley was our captain for the week and came up with a plan to centre the ball from out wide to the middle of goal where a person would be waiting to 'just kick it in'. It sounded good in theory and then, unlike so many others, proved a masterstroke in the first half with a lovely centred ball from Kai finding Dayne who slotted it straight in! The other two highlights of the game were Narley's long-term pass directly to Kai which resulted in a goal and a long-range goal from Tommy. The final (more flattering) score was 6-2 this week and our goal scorers were Dayne (3), Kai (1), Tom (1) and Jack's first goal (1). The Award this week went to Tom for continuing to get in and strip the ball from an opposition player who was attempting to dribble around tacklers.

**Coach Cleary.**

## Under 8's

The under 8 team had the full squad in on Saturday so having a substitute allowed all to rest and talk strategies with Coach Linton. Alina and Bodie took on the goalkeeper position – Great work many goals were saved. Orrvale had some fast running players that could control the ball well resulting in many fast breaks and goals. The Cruisers have started to develop their running game and we witnessed some great energy from all players. Bodie received an award for some amazing keeping and Lily received her award for getting in and fighting for the ball.

*Note that we will play the Knights this week and a changed time slot. The new time is 3pm on pitch 6D.*

**Coach Linton**

## Under 10's

After a wet morning on Saturday the pm game at 2:30 was lovely, the sun was shining and the wind was low. Our U10's played against St Brendan's Stripes who could really move the soccer ball around. The final score was 8 to 1. Our goal kicker this week was Hunter, well done. We had lots of attempts at some amazing goals however their goalie was very skilled and stopped them all. Great team work and good defending this week. Our 2 goalies Sean and Justin had their work cut out for them and both did an amazing job, well done boys. Lots of fun was had with enough energy even at half time to still be playing soccer and trying for goals..... Awards this week went to Cooper and Justin. 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

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

### May

30th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

### June

1st

Congupna FC Footy Tea –

**Volunteers needed!**

2nd

Pie Drive forms and money due

2nd

GV Health Smiles Program

6th

Sporting Schools- Volleyball

9th

Curriculum Day (No Students)

12th

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

13th

Sporting Schools - Volleyball

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

## Congupna Football Club Footy Tea

Thursday 1st June

***Are you available to assist our Parents and Friends Club Thursday 1st June?***

Parents and Friends require 6-7 helpers for the Footy Tea fundraiser next week at Congupna Football Club.

They particularly need helpers during cooking and serving time: 5:30pm– 8pm.

If you can assist in any way, please contact Nicole 0417546161 or Narkea 0418106732 as many hands make light work!





# Students of the Week!



*From left: Mason Papadopoulos, Bethany Best, William O'Toole, Joshua Lee*

## ***'We are BRAVE' Award***

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

**William O'Toole** - For being Brave by having a go with trying new things. Well done.

**Joshua Lee** - For being Brave and stepping outside his comfort zone, reporting to teachers and persisting with his work.

**Bethany Best** - For being brave and telling others about herself. Well done!

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

**Mason Papadopoulos** - For being so happy at school and giving everything a go.