

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Thank you for your attendance at our Semester Two Goal Setting Conferences on Monday. It was a great chance for students to share what they have learnt and what they plan on learning next with both their teachers and parents/carers. Inclement weather and a temporary lack of available meeting space made the management of the day difficult but I think that our regular and specialist teachers and support staff did a fantastic job in trying conditions. Time Management on the day was pretty good too with only some minor delays taking place. If you were unable to make it on the day for any reason, please make contact with your classroom teacher to reschedule an appointment.

Our School Pride Project is taking shape with some visible signs of progress now becoming evident. Our new concrete steps and ramp at the front look very flash and I have been assured that the blue and yellow façade at the front of the building will be finished next. Inside, our large Collaborative STEM benches have arrived and there is now plaster on the walls. To say that we are 'looking forward' to moving into our new Administrative Building and STEM Laboratory would be an understatement and we hope that these recent milestones point to a 'grand opening' in the very near future!

Although Justine and I have been trying to better communicate the great things that are happening at school each week through the use of our regularly updated website, Updat-Ed App push notifications and emailed newsletters, we feel that more can be done to communicate the great teaching and learning in our classrooms. It is for this reason that we have asked teachers to take turns in contributing a classroom update in the newsletter each week. Hopefully this helps highlight the great work students are doing in all of our classrooms each week.

Parent Opinion Surveys are now accessible online. These should only take 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any time within the period from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August. All responses will be anonymous and all parents and carers will be invited to participate in this year's survey. We sent a confidential link home to you all with last

week's newsletter and we hope to get a good response rate. If you require further information, please visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

Playgroup took place again yesterday and it was great to see young smiling faces socialising in our school environment once again. As the weather improves and more Playgroup space becomes available, we really hope to see these fortnightly sessions boom.

Last week we invited Carmel to assembly to thank her for her contribution over many years as the Congupna Store owner. You can see below her happy face and the appreciation she felt surrounded by all the children.

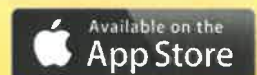
Our Parents and Friends Committee require volunteers for Footy Tea Thursday 17th August. Please see information on the calendar page.

Finally, please remember that there is a Parents and Friends Meeting this evening at 6pm in the P/1 classroom.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal



Thought for the week
Think big thoughts, but relish
small treasures.



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 3

6:30pm on Tuesday 5th Sept 2017

TERM 4

6:30pm on Tuesday 24th October 2017

6:30pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017

Volunteers Required

Congupna PS Parents and Friends Committee are running Congupna Footy Tea Thursday 17th August.

They need your help!

Serving and clean up time is where numbers are most needed.

Time: 6pm-8pm

If you can assist, please contact:

Narkea on 0418 106 732 or

Nicole on 0417 546 161

TERM 3 CALENDAR

August

- 9th** Parents and Friends Meeting 6pm
- 11th** Athletics Practice
- 15th** Athletics Practice
- 16th** Athletics Practice
- 17th** Congupna FC Footy Tea - **Volunteers Needed**
- 18th** Curriculum Day
- 22nd** Playgroup 9:30– 11:30am
- 24th** Athletics Practice
- 25th** Athletics Practice
- 25th** Healthy Smiles sessions with GV Dental Group
- 28th** Athletics Day
- 30th** Chess Tournament

September

- 4th** CFA Van at school
- 5th** Playgroup 9:30–11:30am
- 5th** MACC Art Display at Eastbank Begins
- 10th** Working Bee 9:30am
- 14th** AFL 9's Cluster Day
- 19th** Playgroup 9:30– 11:30am
- 22nd** Last Day of Term (Early finish at 2pm)

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Students of the Week!



From left; Piper Rogers, Charlotte Phillips, Lachie Clark, Lucinda Threlfall

We are 'CURIOUS' Award

For displaying qualities at school that make this student a CURIOUS person. Excellent!

- P/1- Lucinda Threlfall** - For showing curiosity towards her writing and working out how to become better. Well done!
- 2/3- Lachie Clark** - For showing curiosity when reading and working towards being a better learner.
- 4/5/6- Charlotte Phillips** - For being curious at how to calculate time.

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- P/1- Piper Rogers** - For always doing her best and helping thers do their best, and for making other students happy. Awesome!

Classroom Update

Welcome to the P/1 Classroom!

Firstly we welcome Bodhi Luvara to our grade this term. Bodhi comes from Gowrie St PS and is in Grade 1. Bodhi is enjoying getting to know all the wonderful people at Congupna and all the wonderful things we do here at our school.



We also welcome Mrs. Ballinger to our room. Mrs. Ballinger is completing a 4 week placement and is getting to know our grade. We love having her help us out.

BRETT THE VET

Last week we invited Brett the Vet into our room to talk about what things a vet does (as we were learning the letter 'v'). We learnt some interesting things and asked Brett questions. Thanks for giving up your time to come and talk to the grade Brett. If there are any other parents who are willing to pop into the grade and talk to us about what their job is, PLEASE let us know as we would all love to hear about your work.



Congupna Cruisers Round 11 Wrap

Under 6's

This team have improved in leaps and bounds since starting their soccer careers earlier this year. This weekend we saw some great passing, some stunning length of the field runs, brilliant defending, great sportsmanship and as always some bone crunching tackles. Our opposition started one child short of a full team, so Simmie enthusiastically volunteered to turn his shirt inside out and fill in for a few minutes before reinforcements arrived. Alex showed some great sportsmanship by rushing to lend Sophie a hand after she hit the deck, behaviour we love to see on the soccer field (the helping up part that is). Reuben and Alex both took home an award for brilliant defending, whilst our skipper Cooper took home an award for a skilful goal. A feat that proved difficult this weekend for both teams, presumably due to the goals being a bit narrower than usual? Fun was had all round. Go Cruisers.

Coach Brett

Under 7's

The Under 7 Cruisers turned up to our first howling wind and water-soaked field in great spirits. We again had our full side available and all had some words of wisdom to share before kick-off. Captain Kai then shook hands with the Game Leader and tossed the coin before re-joining his teammates for kick-off. There seemed to be more sore bodies from blocked shots than there is normally as the cold temperatures attributed to numb body parts after being hit by a soccer ball!

It was certainly a see-sawing contest that saw our Cruisers down by three goals at one stage early in the second half. The troops rallied however and cruised home to a 6-5 victory. Tom scored 3 goals while Dayne and Kai shared the rest. Dayne was back to his tenacious best and was rewarded with the McDonald's Voucher while Jack was back to his entertaining best with the Pizza Hut Award. Go Cruisers!

Coach Cleary

Under 8's

We had a good game against Bouchier Street Primary School. It was nice and wet with many uniforms getting soaked through! Amaia got the award for good defence and ball control skills throughout the match.

Coach Linton

Under 10's

Our U10's met some tough competition on Saturday playing against Grahamvale United. Well done to our Cruiser's for holding them back and never giving up, some of their players training up to 3 times per week for the Suns. Final scores were 9/0. Great job to the whole team blocking their play and attempting goals. Thanks to our goalies Josh C and Justin who were kept very busy. Awards this week went to Sean, Will and Cooper. GO CRUISERS!

Kylie :)

