Dear School Community,

Students from our Grade 4/5/6 classroom enjoyed a spot of Yachting last Friday morning. The sun was shining and there was just enough breeze to propel the small watercraft around Lake Victoria. All students learnt about the importance of working collaboratively and some learnt that getting into a yacht from the water can be difficult!

Our Grade 4/5/6 classroom also heads out to explore an assortment of cultures and religions this Friday as part of our Senior Multicultural excursion. This has again been organised by Matt Walker from Victoria Police and is a great day promoting understanding about our many neighbours from different cultural and religious backgrounds.

Our MARC Cluster Day yesterday was a roaring success! Over 230 students from nine local Primary Schools participated in a fantastic day of learning using “Everything Australian” as our theme. We had some fantastic costumes on display as part of our Book Parade and students thoroughly enjoyed lessons from a guest author, an artist and a musician! Thank you very much to all of our wonderful staff for making the day run smoothly and to our hard-working Parents & Friends group who once again catered for the student masses. Well done!

Ten Pin Bowling was fantastic last week and we look forward to our final two sessions tomorrow at Star Bowl in Shepparton. Our students were very well behaved last week and there were many students that improved considerably throughout the day. The bumpers were required less frequently as the day progressed and some of our students displayed an amazing technique! We focussed on stationary bowling last week and I expect that most students will be incorporating their follow-throughs into a run-up this week!

Our Landcare Working Bee last Friday went very well and our Pony Paddock looks considerably better already. Due to a dwindling local Landcare volunteer base, the school has offered to help maintain our Pony Paddock once a Term in order to maintain the area to a reasonable standard. I think this is a great opportunity for students to get involved in maintaining and improving this area and in turn, taking greater pride in its presentation and significance to the school community.

On a final note, the finishing touches are being put on our new school website and this should be ‘live’ by next week. The website will include links to newsletters, enrolment details and calendars and will be regularly updated with news events. The website address will remain the same (http://www.congupnaps.vic.edu.au/) and I would encourage anyone who has suggestions for improvement to let us know while we are in these early development stages. Stay tuned for more details.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.
What a great day the students had as they sailed up and down Lake Victoria. The sun was out and although there was not much wind a lot of fun was had by all the enthusiastic students. A brief introduction and they were off. All boats were tipped over and students struggled to get their boats upright and back on board.

Boat 1: Jhet, Thomas, Mason, Daniel, Jack and Dale.
Boat 4: Cane, Danielle, Haydn, Tim, Taylah and Nathaniel.
TERM 4 CALENDER 2016

**November**

17th  Sporting Schools - Ten Pin Bowling
18th  Grade 4/5/6 Multicultural Excursion
22nd  Third Orientation Day for 2017 Prep Students
22nd  Big Write - Report (Grades P/1 & 2/3)
22-25th Grade 5/6 Cluster Camp to Cape Otway
25th  Playgroup 9am – 11am
29th  Somers Camp (Grade5/6 - Optional)

**December**

6th  Fourth Orientation Day for 2017 Prep Students (State Transition Day)
9th  Whole-school Fun Fields Excursion
9th  Return 2017 booklists by today
12th  Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
13th  Big Write - Letter
14th  Grade 6 Cluster Transition Day
15th  School Concert
16th  School Reports sent home
19th  Last Day of Term 4 for Students (12:30 BBQ, 1.30 Assembly, 2.00 Dismissal)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

President – Geoff Jacobson, Secretary - Wendy Sidebottom (Teacher Representative) Members - Adam Cleary (Principal), Narkea Rogers, Damien Scott, Jarrod Osborne, Andrew Miles & Tracy Gauci (Parents & Friends Representative)
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (11/11/16)**

**Grade F/1**  
**Chase Adams - Persistence Award** - For persistence with trying hard to get all his work done. Keep it up! *(04/11/16)*

**Adalia Clarke - Persistence Award** - For continued persistence with improving your writing, reading and spelling.

**Grade 2/3**  
**Josh Rogers - Organisation Award** - For being organised in class and settling back into learning after his holiday.

**Grade 4/5/6**  
**Danielle Jarman - Confidence Award** – For having confidence to have a go and be positive. Great job!

**Terrific Kid**  
**Amaia Linton** - For being a great friend to us all at Congupna Primary School and loving school so much.
School Banking day is Tuesday.

Remember, Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their deposits on this day.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Congupna Primary School.

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