

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

I hope everyone was able to **see the recent Shepp News article highlighting our Solar Boat success**. There should also be an upcoming WIN News story doing the same. I have also had more information requested by our Department Goulburn Area Executive, so the wider community is certainly taking notice!

Our **second-last Kitchen Garden session with Katie Thorp took place last Friday**. Students were busy collecting nasturtium seeds, finishing their rocket seed spheres and attending to garden maintenance. Our final session takes place this Friday and will be a Kitchen session to finish off 2024. **I would like to thank Katie for all the fantastic things she has provided our school** and students this year and am very happy to announce that her role will continue again in 2024.

We had a couple of **highly anticipated guests arrive at school yesterday**. **Mrs Tricarico brought in her beautiful baby boy Frankie** to show him off to staff at morning tea and then to her Grade 1/2 classroom. This put a smile on the faces of staff and students for the rest of the day after being able to see Sarah again and meet Frankie for the first time.

Our **Grade 6 Graduation last night was attended by approximately 100 students, teachers and family members** and was a fantastic way to celebrate our thirteen senior students. It was hosted at Noble Monks in Shepparton and the school was able to book the restaurant exclusively, which was terrific. The student speeches were the highlight for me, and Ms Craik also had a very touching and enlightening introduction for each student. We will also present our graduating students at our School Concert next Thursday and look forward to sharing our Graduation Slideshow especially! In the meantime, congratulations to our thirteen graduating students; **Alex, Callum, Blake, Anderson, Ethen, Asim, Brodie, Will, Piper, Hamish, Hudson, Tate, and Lucinda**. **You are nearly there!**

Our much-anticipated Classroom Compositions for next year can now be confirmed in preparation for our Statewide Transition Day next Tuesday. I can confirm that the classroom teachers next year will be **Mrs Wendy Sidebottom (F/1), Ms Julia Kildey (1/2), Ms Sage Kuch (3/4) and Ms Amelia Mangiameli (5/6)**. **Ms Kylie Craik (STEM), Ms Hannah Foster (LOTE), Mrs Katrina Campbell (Library) and Mr Clark Pettigrew**

(Art) will remain our specialist teachers for 2024. There will be more staffing announcements to come regarding Education Support roles next week. **Please see the attached classroom lists**. We have once again worked together as a staff to place all students and staff in the best places for everyone individually and collectively. Please contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

The school, in conjunction with our Student Leaders and Student Voice Team, have decided to **run a Family Picnic Fun Day on Monday 18th December**. As much as we love travelling to Fun Fields and other places, it is great to mix things up a bit and so we have decided to organise something at school. **Families will be welcome to attend for a 'picnic-style' event from 10am to 2pm for \$15 per person** and partake in several student-led activities, as well as have fun on a **giant inflatable water slide and visit an animal nursery** that will be set up at school. At this stage, we have a coffee van booked and will announce if we were able to confirm any food vans in next week's newsletter, as well as some more details about the student-led activities. Save the date!

Our **OSHC Holiday Program** will be running once again in January. Please see the attached Holiday Program. There will also be **two days available before Christmas on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December** should families require this extra support.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**True wealth is
having your health
and knowledge
of self.**

~ Benjamin Franklin



2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: Tim Bye
Deputy: Lauren Sibio
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Fiona Davis
Members: Adam Cleary, Sarah Tricarico, Jess Benton, Jeremy Lee, Jill Richardson, Sam Prentice and Jaclyn McCarty.

2023 SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

President: Angie Grills
Secretary: Amy Ellis
Vice President: Georgina Prentice
Members: Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Robyn Reynolds, Alice Evans, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Rebecca Threlfall, Jayde Bannister, Brooke McLeod, Ebony Thorn, Fiona Davis and Erin Wilson.

TERM 4 CALENDAR 2023

December

8th Kitchen Garden Program
12th 2024 Statewide Transition Day
13th Raffle Tickets Due
14th School Concert
20th Last Day of School - 2pm Finish

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2024

January

30th First day of School for Students (Tuesday)

March

27th School Photos

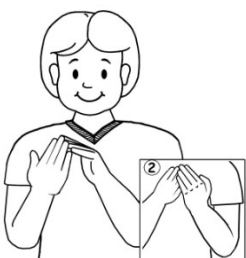


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Deaf

Touch ear with extended pointer and middle fingers together.



Community

Start with first hand flat, palm out, fingertips upwards; and other hand bent, palm towards you and fingertips touching.



We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**

2024 Class List

Grade F/1 - (Mrs Sidebottom)		Grade 1/2 - (Ms Kildey)	
Liam Ellis	Adeline	Charlie W	Jorden
Zoran Bains	Aria	Dooly	Billie
Bentley Charters	Asher	Jack C	Jack M
Will Brittain	Billy	Levi	Archer
Sterling Evans	Jaxon	Jordyn	Jack L
Flynn Sibio	Luke	Zoe El	Harriet
Emily Preston	Matilda	Lincoln	Freya
Artie Sharp	Phoebe	Zoe H	Kaiden
	Azhalia	Ethan D	Luca
Grade 3/4 - (Ms Kuch)		Grade 5/6 - (Ms Mangiameli)	
Hestton	Ari	Heidi	Issaiha
Harmony	River	Ivy	Will W
Harriette	Thea	Tilly B	Benji
Jenna	Dakota	Zac	Caleb
Skye	Indigo	Ryan	Edwin
Emily	Dusty	Ella	Jack
Alby	Flynn	Bill	Leigh
Chad	Eli	Jackson	
Daisy	Macie W		
Amelia	Tanner		
Macie D	Ayaan		



P & F Christmas Raffle

Dear School Community

The Parents and Friends are organising a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the end of year school concert.

We would like everyone to help and are asking for donations of items to make up some Christmas hampers as prizes. Donations can be anything from non-perishable food, decorations, or any kind of giftware suitable for all ages. Baskets will be placed in the Office for you to drop off your donations.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with each family. Tickets are \$1 each, with each raffle book worth \$10, please write a name and phone number on each ticket and return them to the school office. We encourage you to sell as many tickets as you can, with addition raffle books available from the office.

We appreciate the support from families by donating items and selling tickets.



If anyone is available we will meet at 9am on the Sunday 10 December at the Pony Paddock Park to put up some of the

Christmas Decorations. Thanks to Tony Farrell for his help to organise this. Please bring along rechargeable drills if you have them, as we attach the decorations to the fence.

Regards, Trish Moss
Ph 0427298288





We are **KIND** Awards

Levi Dohnt - for always being eager to help out others and for being a kind friend, and for your cheerful greetings you give every morning. Thanks Levi!

Skye Richardson - for her kindness towards others during the school sleepover, along with her positive attitude in her learning.

Piper Rogers - for assisting her teammates on their first flight and being a good sport during the Solar Boat Competition.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the week

Chad Thorn - for being a positive and outgoing student everyday, along with upholding the values of Congupna, of being kind, brave and curious. Keep up the great work Chad!

Drumming with Tam (right) ➡

We had a special visit from Ms T & baby Frankie (below) ↓





We are BRAVE Awards

Jaxon Krake - for doing such a great job when you became a big brother and coping with everything that went on. Well done Jaxon! !

Macie Wallace - for using the skills she has learnt in Respectful Relationships to overcome a challenge. Well done Macie.

Hudson Simpson - for persevering when he was outside his comfort zone, during the Solar boat Competition.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the week

Jacko Moore - for being such a friendly student to everyone at Congupna and bringing such a positive and enthusiastic vibe to our school. Thanks Jacko for making our day!

STEM Award

Adeline Prentice - for her focus to complete her Pokemon.

CHAPLAIN CHAMPION

Hariette Newham - for having a kind heart & caring for others.



*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

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1 JAN

no service
Public Holiday!



2 JAN

Service closed!



3 JAN

Service closed!



4 JAN

Service closed!



5 JAN

Service closed!



8 JAN



Passport to Summer

Pick your bags and fashion your suitcase! Today you'll be creating your very own passport to summer to explore all the corners of the earth. Then, challenge your friends in the "Around the World" group game, and express your creativity with the Rainbow Weaving Plate activity. Let's fly away on this summer journey!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**



9 JAN



Movie Magic

Set in the kingdom of Rocas, where Acta, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force - a ball of boundless energy called Star. They confront the formidable King Magnifico to prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.

From as low as \$10.76*
Full fee \$107.58**



10 JAN



Shoo Fly Hats

Friday matter! Let's go on an Aussie adventure today. Make and take home shoo fly hats with friends! The all-American Mouse group game and build a car with square wheels. Then it's group game time with a traditional Yulgur Kangaroo Games and an old favourite three-legged race.

From as low as \$7.91*
Full fee \$79.11**



11 JAN



Soap Box Derby!

Let's go! Build and race Billy Carts in the TheCraze Soap Box Derby! The all-American Mouse group game and build a car with square wheels. Then it's group game time with a traditional Yulgur Kangaroo Games and an old favourite three-legged race.

From as low as \$8.54*
Full fee \$85.36**



12 JAN



Ancient Egypt

Step back in time to the land of pharaohs and pyramids with our Ancient Egyptian adventure! Build magnificent pyramids, sand art, create Egyptian clay cartouches, and craft papyrus paper. Dress up in Egyptian costumes, complete with a Cleopatra necklace and Pharaoh headdress. Then, play a strategic game of Forbidden Desert!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**

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15 JAN



Bubble - O - Fun

Don't burst your bubble! Nurture your creativity, innovation, and imagination with our special STEM Bubble Machine! But that's not all. Dive into a realm of endless fun with activities such as vibrant sidewalk chalk art, create mesmerising bubble paintings, and engage in friendly competitions with sponge loss games!

From as low as \$7.91*
Full fee \$79.11**



16 JAN



Mexican Fiesta

Hola! Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Mexico with a fiesta extravaganza! Enjoy a fun filled day with activities like Pass the Somboro and Mexican Kick Ball! Unleash your creativity with your very own Mexican sombrero and Pan-de-azúcar craft activities. Then savour the day and making your very own DIY Nachos!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**



17 JAN



Matilda's

Let's go Matilda! Pay tribute to the iconic Australian Women's Soccer team. Decorate and take home your very own Matilda's branded sports bag and tag! Get soccer crafty with soccer finger puppets, soccer ball photo frame, soccer goal launcher and pom pom craft. Work up a sweat with an energetic game of soccer ball freeze tag!

From as low as \$7.91*
Full fee \$79.11**



18 JAN



Farmyard Friends

Embark on a journey to Kyabram Wildlife Park! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. But that's not all! Engage in the Pibb Group Game, create a Paper Plate Veggie Patch, and experiment with the Salt Crystal Feathers STEM activity. It's a day filled with hands-on learning and fun.

From as low as \$10.76*
Full fee \$107.58**



19 JAN



Japanese Journey

Komichwa! Get ready for an enchanting Japanese journey! Dive into the art of Sushi Making and Rice Paper Crafting. Embrace tradition with the mesmerizing Kabuki Dance. Adorn yourself in Kimono Art, and master the art of crafting Paper Ninja Stars. It's a cultural adventure like no other!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**



22 JAN



Scottish Charm

Och aye! Experience the charm of Scotland with an array of engaging activities! Engage in homemade Highland Games, craft Loch Ness Monsters from Playdough, create your very own Bonnie Bagpipes from paper bags and recycled gift wrap rolls. Dive into 'Aran Paper Weaving and Loch Ness Monster Puppets.

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23 JAN



Gymtacular Wonderland

Get ready to soar and bounce to new heights at Rebound! A day filled with gravity-defying flips, slam-dunks, and endless fun awaits. Get your bounce on and make memories that will leave you flying high!

From as low as \$10.76*
Full fee \$107.58**



24 JAN



Spray Dye Panda

Ni Hao! Today we celebrate the wonder of China. You'll get to create and take home your own Tie Dye Panda! We'll get crafty with Terracotta Clay Warriors and Panda bookmarks. Let's construct our very own Great Wall of China! Then it's game time with two trusted favourites, Red Rover and the Streets, Alleys and Lamp Posts.

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25 JAN



Hawaiian Luau

Aloha! Dive into a Hawaiian adventure with a spirited Luau celebration. Craft Lei and Imaginative Recycled Sea Creatures, then challenge Friends to a lively game of Crab Soccer and Limbo. To cap it off, whip up your own refreshing Tropical Punch. An island-inspired day of endless excitement awaits!

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Full fee \$71.18**



26 JAN



Public Holiday!



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