

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

It is that time of year when ***we cast our eyes forward and plan for what is ahead.*** It is an exciting time, but change can always bring with it a level of anxiety and uncertainty. I would like to outline the changes below.

Staffing Arrivals have already been announced but there are also some staff that will be departing next year. I am delighted to announce that ***current Teacher's Aide Emmily Sowter will be taking up teaching next year at Ardmona Primary School.*** 'Miss S' as she is otherwise known, has been with us for two years whilst also completing her teaching degree, and I would like to thank her for her dedication to supporting our students and staff. I would also like to ***congratulate current teacher Carli Neave on her appointment at All Saints in 2026.*** For those that do not know Mrs Neave was 'borrowed' from her Base School Shepparton East Primary School to look after our Grade 3/4 classroom and has done an amazing job. On behalf of our school community, I thank you both for your contributions to Congupna Primary School and wish you all the best in your future teaching endeavours.

We can also now announce our classroom compositions and teachers for 2026. ***Mrs Wendy Sidebottom will be in the Grade F/1*** and will work closely with new teacher ***Ms Celeste Huttley in the Grade 1/2*** classroom. For the first time in at least the last decade we will operate separate straight Grade 3 and Grade 4 classrooms. ***Ms Julia Kildey will take the Grade 3*** classroom, whilst ***Mr Clark Pettigrew will teach the Grade 4*** classroom. ***Ms Amelia Mangiameli will teach in the senior Grade 5/6*** classroom once again. We have collaborated amongst current teachers to find the best balance, considering that two classes (the Grade 3 and 4) will combine for specialist classes so that we can maintain 4 x 1-hour specialist learning blocks throughout a school day. ***Please see the Class Lists attached to this Newsletter.*** As always, please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns.

All 2026 classrooms will operate as they will next year for

the first time at our ***Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday 9th December.*** I can now confirm that all teachers will be available on this day which is terrific!

In the meantime, our ***second 2026 Foundation Transition Day has taken place today*** and is our last morning with them until our longer 9am – 1pm session on the Statewide Transition Day. Wendy has reported another very positive transition session in the STEM Lab with our ten youngest future students.

Hopefully, many of you have already ***seen a Seesaw message alluding to the many School Policy DRAFTS*** that can be located on our school website (<https://www.congupnaps.vic.edu.au/>). ***These policies have been prepared in line with a Minimum Standards Compliance Audit*** that takes place for all schools prior to their School Review. If there is anything we can do to tailor these policies to better reflect our unique school context, please contact us so that these suggestions can be explored.

Our Parents & Friends Committee Christmas Raffle is gaining momentum. ***Thank you for all the amazing donations that you are making.*** Extra ***Raffle Tickets*** can be sought from Administration but ***should be returned by Friday 5th December.*** All prizes will be drawn at the ***School Concert on Thursday 11th December.***

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Courage is the
readiness to accept
self-humiliation.**



SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: Fiona Davis
Deputy: Lauren Sibio
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Adam Cleary, Brad Benton, Sam Prentice, Jaclyn McCarty, Jeremy Lee, Greg Joinbee, Amy Ellis.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

2026 Dates TBC

SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

President: Angie Grills
Secretary: Alice Evans
Vice President: Erin Wilson
Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds Brooke McLeod, Fi Davis, Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister.

TERM 4 CALENDAR - 2025

November

27th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #2
27th Book Club Due (Issue 8)

December

4th Kitchen Garden (Mrs T)
5th Kitchen Garden (Katie)
9th Statewide Transition Day
11th School Concert
12th Grade 5 Aspirations Day, GSSC
15th Grade 6 Graduation at the Peppermill
18th Last day of Term (Thursday)
19th Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

January

28th First Day back at School for Grades 1-6
29th First day of School for Foundation

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F are again organising a Christmas raffle to be drawn at the school concert on the 11th of December.

We are asking for families to kindly donate items to go into these hampers.

They can be anything from non-perishable foods and decorations to giftware suitable for all ages. If you have spare gift bags at home please feel free to donate those too!

If you are able to donate anything big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. All money raised helps to fund valuable educational equipment and experiences for the school.



Auslan

Summer



With hand flat, fingers pointing upwards and slightly backwards, and just in front of chin; move hand forward twice in short sharp movements.

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We BRAVE Awards

Billy Bye - for being brave when we had a visitor come to AUSLAN and for being brave during the sleepover activities. Well done!

Adi Prentice - for showing bravery with her first sleepover at school. Well done!

Jenna Lancaster - for showing incredible bravery in her learning this term. She takes on new challenges and keeps trying, even when things feel difficult.

Thea Stevens - for your bravery in our learning this week throughout mapping, pen pal letters and playing boot ball with our buddies! Well done!

We KIND Awards (from last week)

Kaiden Charters - for being a kind and respectful member of our classroom every day. Well done Kaiden!

River Venables - for always showing your friends kindness and understanding even when it's difficult.

STEM Award

Lincoln Evans - for his in-depth investigation of rock properties during our geologist testing.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Jackson Wallace & Heidi Doyle - for signing the National Anthem.

Superstar Award

Emily Bye - for always looking out for your peers and being thoughtful at camp.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Harriette Newham - for your outstanding growth in confidence this week, speaking up for others and shaping up to be a great leader. Well done Harriette!



2026 Classroom Compositions

Grade F/1 - (Mrs Sidebottom)	
Layken Howard	Jaxson
Jake Macaulay	Kaleb
Scarlett Lee	Kohen
Atticus Howard	Ammasyn
Thomas Good	Darcy W
Jimmy Nicolopoulos	Remi
Willow Thyne	Klea
Benji Walters	Ava
Winifred Russell	Lottie
Izzy Ismet	Darcy D



Grade 3 - (Ms Kildey)	
Azhalia	Luke
Billy	Jaxon
Aria	Ace
Matilda	Ronan
Levi	Jaylen
Charlie W	Asher
Jack C	Dooly
Adeline	Phoebe



Grade 5/6 - (Ms Mangiameli)	
Hestton	Amelia
Harmony	Thea
Dakota	Harriette N
Jenna	Indigo
Skye	Dusty
Emily	Eli
Chad	Macie W
Daisy	Macie D
Zayne	Ayaan



Grade 1/2 - (Ms Huttley)	
Sasha	Charlie K
Hugh	Emily
Finn	Zoran
Darcy B	Bentley
Isaac	Sterling
Rafa	Flynn
Quinn	Liam
Florence	Artie
Frankie	Riley
Matisse	

Grade 4 - (Mr Pettigrew)	
Kaiden	Lincoln
Ethan	Zoe H
Archer	Jorden
Izzi	Billie
Nate	Jack L
Zoe E	Harriet P
Jordyn	Freya
Ashton	



Sparkle

SHEPPARTON

Kick off *A Wonder Filled Summer* with a magical evening by the lake!

Friday 28 November 6pm - 9pm Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton

Food trucks

Free kids' Christmas activities

activities in the park
Games and fun

Be among the first to see **Celine the Bauble** and **Leroy the Teddy Bear** light up Victoria Park Lake.

Join us at 8.15pm to witness the Mayor officially switch on the Christmas decorations! Bring your loved ones and kickstart the festive season.



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Take your own **FREE** Santa photo or Elfie Selfie!



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