

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Welcome Back to school for 2026. We begin the year with 93 students in our five classrooms: **Grade F/1 (Mrs Wendy Sidebottom), Grade 1/2 (Ms Celeste Huttley), Grade 3 (Ms Julia Kildey), Grade 4 (Mr Clark Pettigrew), and Grade 5/6 (Ms Amelia Mangiameli).** Our two junior classrooms occupy the BER Building, our two middle classrooms occupy the Northern Portables, and our senior classroom now occupies the Library in the centre of the school. With two new teachers and a reshuffle of our classrooms, the environment feels refreshed and rejuvenated and staff have returned re-energised for a successful year.

We have some **pertinent messages** for our new families and a reminder to our current ones too:

- **Hats and Water Bottles** are compulsory in Term 1 to stay SunSmart and hydrated. If students do not have a hat at school, we do have spares, otherwise students must stay undercover. The school does have a supply of sunscreen, and we encourage all students to apply this before breaks or outdoor learning sessions.
- We also encourage the use of **hand washing and sanitising** before eating and after returning from play, so if your child has a preferred product due to allergies or preference, please supply these to the school.
- **Any medications taken at school must be accompanied by a blue 'Medication Authority Form'** available at Administration. This includes any tablets, sprays, liquid, creams, ointments, etc. We will not apply or administer anything that is not approved by a doctor or parents/carers.
- Please **download the 'Spriggy Schools' App for lunch orders** and choose Congupna Primary School. You will need to upload credit before making a purchase so get organised before Friday (tomorrow) if required.
- **Attendance and Punctuality** will be a continued focus for the school this year. Please drop off students between 8:30 – 8:45am each morning. Late arrivals are a disruption to our important daily routines and require internal calls, staff collection, and unnecessary learning time loss. The same goes with the collection

of students in the afternoon. All staff attend the school gate in the afternoon and if we must wait until after 3:10pm for the collection of students, this is a very inefficient use of our school administration and planning time.

There are many 'little things' that we do here at Congupna that can be further explored in our [School Information Booklet](#) located on our website (<https://www.congupnaps.vic.edu.au/>).

We do not do homework at Congupna Primary School, but we do read every night and record this in our Reading Log. **Reading Logs will be distributed early next week** but please feel free to read a book to your child or have them read 'free choice' in the meantime.

Our **Congupna Literacy Instructional Model (CLIM) sessions will also begin next week** and take place every day for half an hour after Recess. For those that are interested, this is a systematic synthetic phonics program that extends now into morphology and etymology. Students are streamed through different classrooms each Term, based on their learning needs. CLIM Assessment will take place this week.

Our **School Swimming Program** will begin on Monday 9th February and permission notices will accompany more information in the coming days.

Please remember we will have our School Assembly first thing tomorrow at 8:45am.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

Be curious, be adventurous and make the most of every opportunity.



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

24 February 2026 —AGM

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 1 CALENDAR - 2026

January

29th First day of School for Foundation
 30th First Assembly (**8:45am due to heat**)

February

2nd Prep photos for Shepparton News
 9th Swimming Program
 10th Swimming Program
 12th Book Club Due
 13th Student Learning Conferences
 16th Swimming Program
 17th Swimming Program
 19th Swimming Program
 20th Swimming Program

March

9th Labour Day Holiday
 13th Athletics Carnival
 31st School Photos

National Lunch box Week 9 - 15 February 2026

See page 4 of this newsletter for some healthy snack ideas.

Auslan Holiday



Hold both hands with fingers spread apart and palms slightly downwards and towards chest, thumbs pointing towards, but not touching, shoulders. Wiggle all fingers.

Spriggy Schools Lunch Orders Start Tomorrow



The Congupna General Store offer lunch orders for our School each Friday.

Please **download the 'Spriggy Schools' App for lunch orders** and choose Congupna Primary School. You will need to upload credit before making a purchase so get organised before Friday (tomorrow) if required.



School Uniform

Families can purchase selected school uniform items through the Administration. Current prices are listed below:

- Polo shirts – \$22
- Jumpers – \$25
- Jackets – \$38
- Hats – \$15
- Dresses – \$22
- School bags – \$55
- Library bags – \$15
- Beanies – \$15

Please note: Uniform bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts and skorts) are not available for purchase through the school and will need to be sourced from retailers such as Kmart, Target, or the School Uniform Shop.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

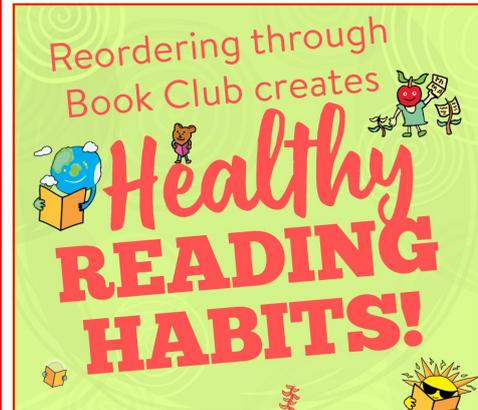
- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

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orders are due:

Thursday 12 February



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

HEALTHY SNACKS *For Kids*



Mini homemade meatballs



Yogurt smoothie with banana and milk



Homemade granola bars



Orange segments



Frozen yogurt with fruits



Apple slices with peanut butter



Banana 'sushi' rolled in nut butter



Grapes (halved)



Watermelon balls or cubes



Carrot mini muffins



Applesauce cups (no sugar)



Air-popped popcorn



Carrot sticks with hummus



Celery sticks with nut butter



Veggie pita pocket



Bell pepper strips with yogurt dip



Mini veggie wraps



Turkey and avocado roll-ups



Edamame pods



Cucumber slices with lemon and a sprinkle of salt



Banana oat cookies



Hard-boiled eggs



Berries mix



Cheese sticks



Cherry tomatoes with mozzarella balls



Whole wheat toast with almond butter



Tuna salad on cucumber rounds



Greek yogurt with honey and berries



Cottage cheese with pineapple chunks



Whole wheat pancakes with nut butter



Baked apple chips



Baked sweet potato chips



Smoothie popsicles



Homemade fruit jelly (no sugar)



Roasted chickpeas



Sliced pears with ricotta cheese



Cottage cheese



Oatmeal



Olives (pitted)



Energy balls



Kiwi



Kale chips



Peanut butter and banana quesadilla



Mini sandwich (cream cheese and cucumber slices)



Rice cakes topped with cream cheese and sliced strawberries



Whole grain crackers with cheese



Banana oat muffins (low sugar)



Mix nuts, dried fruit, and a whole-grain cereal

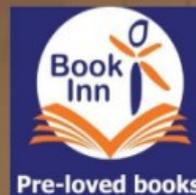
BOOK SALE

2 FEBRUARY TO 13 FEBRUARY

WE HAVE A HUGE RANGE OF
GOOD QUALITY BOOKS
AVAILABLE, FOR EVERYONE!

OPEN MONDAY - THURSDAY
10AM - 4PM &
FRIDAY 10AM - 1PM

THE BOOK INN
94 WYNDHAM STREET
SHEPPARTON



4 books for \$2!

Children's books
10 books for \$2!

familycare

BUS TRAVEL



Travel for Young Victorians from January 2026

From 1 January 2026, public transport will be free for all Victorians under 18.

This initiative will save families up to \$755 per child, per year, while helping young people stay connected—whether travelling to school, sport, work or social activities.

The new **Youth myki card** was launched on 8 December 2025 and is now available online for \$5.00 transport.vic.gov.au/myki

To buy a Youth myki, customers can create an account or log in to an existing myki account, purchase and register the Youth myki, and wait for it to arrive in the mail.

Important: Due to high demand, delivery of the new Youth myki may take longer than the standard 10 business days. Printed or digital confirmation emails can be used as a valid ticket to travel from 1 January while waiting for the Youth myki to arrive.

Once obtained, a Youth myki allows eligible young Victorians to travel for free on trains, trams and buses across Victoria.

To access free travel, passengers must tap their myki card on and off each time they travel in metro areas. In areas where myki is not used, travellers must present their Youth myki card to access free travel.

Students who turn 18 will need to purchase the appropriate ticket for their travel needs or, if eligible, may apply for a conveyance allowance to assist with costs. Youth myki card purchased online will expire on your 18th birthday.

For more information about the Youth myki card, visit the Transport Victoria website on transport.vic.gov.au/myki.