

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Thank you to everyone that helped **establish our school Gaga Pit**. Our students **absolutely love it**, and our new pit provides another playground opportunity to the many that already exist. We had a very successful Working Bee on Saturday morning, and we are certainly putting it through its paces this week as we refine rules and expend lots of energy! Thank you to everyone that helped make this a possibility including school councillors **Greg Joinbee and Brad Benton**.

The Healthy Living Sessions with Lily Summers last week were terrific. We re-planted the vegetable garden, and each classroom now has a garden bed that they are responsible for so that we can start harvesting vegetables again soon.

Our **Grade 5/6 Writers Program run by the State Library of Victoria has got off to a terrific start** for our senior classroom on Monday. They will be attending a number of virtual lessons with indigenous author Kirli Saunders, before meeting her and a host of other Australian authors in person at SAM (Shepparton Art Museum) later in the Term. Our students will be creating their own poetry pieces over the next 5 weeks, and we look forward to seeing what our students are able to learn from Kirli.

Our junior classroom teachers have begun our **compulsory Year 1 Phonics** Assessment as prescribed by the Department earlier this week. This is a system-wide measurement tool that is being used to measure the effectiveness of the Department's newly articulated approach to Reading F-2.

Local Federal **MP Sam Birrell presented our local Landcare group** with a **Bee Hotel** yesterday in the Pony Paddock. It was a lovely chance for our Grade 4 classroom to attend and witness the ceremony after participating in a Landcare Incursion on Insects last Term. This was a gift that was bestowed upon Sam for being a

member of the Friends of Landcare Parliamentary Group in Canberra and he **wanted to bring it home and give it to someone interested in insects!**

Parents & Friends are catering for our Community Teas next Thursday 13th August. Please continue to volunteer and fill any roster gaps that are present (**see roster on Page 5 of this newsletter**). This is normally a very good fundraiser, and funds go towards important things like subsidising school camps, which obviously benefit everyone.

We have started **accepting Foundation enrolments** for 2027 which is very exciting. Letters of Offer and Enrolment Forms have been distributed to all those that have applied.

Our next **F-2 excursion** has just been confirmed. Our junior students will be attending a **'Frozen' Production** performed by the Junior Campus on **Wednesday 19th August**. Permission Forms will be distributed next week.

Kind Regards, Adam Cleary – Principal.

Thought for the week

Happy Principal's Day Mr Cleary!

Tomorrow—Friday, 7 August 2026

A big thank you to Mr Cleary for your outstanding leadership, dedication, and the care you show our school community every day.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

TERM 3

Monday 7th September 6:30pm

SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

President: Angie Grills
Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds, Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister, Melissa Hudson.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

August

13th P&F Footy Tea
19th GVGS School Production "Frozen"
Excursion
31st Curriculum Day (student-free)

September

2nd Grade 5/6 Writer Excursion to SAM
10th Healthy Living Sessions
18th Last day of Term 3

Congupna FNC Teas

Join us at Congupna Recreation Reserve
on Thursday 13 August from 6:00pm
for a great meal and good company.

Menu

- Full Schnitzel, Chips & Salad – \$15
- Half Schnitzel, Chips & Salad – \$8
- Nuggets & Chips – \$6
 - Chips – \$3



The Congupna PS P&F would love to see you there!



Gaga Pit
Working Bee



Landcare &
Sam Birrell Visit

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We are **KIND** Awards

Lottie Head - for being thoughtful and caring towards others in our class by helping others when they need it. Thank you Lottie.

Arite Sharp - for always including others in and out of the classroom. Especially when playing One Touch during lunch and recess.

Ronan Nicolopoulos - for always being kind, thoughtful, and fair. Thank you for making sure everyone in your group had a fun and important job to do during our garden time!

Billie Sibio - for being kind to others and always lending a hand. Well done.

Emily Bye - for always putting the needs of others before your own, and leading by the best example. Well done Emily!

SUPERSTAR Award

Jaylen Hovenden - for engaging well with learning and with others

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KID** of the Week

Jaxon Krake - you consistently try your very best, take on feedback and approach all learning tasks with a positive attitude. Well done Jaxon!

AUSLAN AWARDS

Matilda Robertson & Asher Reynolds - for signing the National Anthem.



CONGUPNA CRUZERS Soccer Report

Under 7 Blue

What a beautiful afternoon for our 2:30pm game against Shepparton East. Max did a fantastic job leading the team as captain today. There was lots of great teamwork on display, with everyone working hard together, Kohen and Eli worked hard on defence. Ammasyn, Scarlett and Benji never gave up, continuing to be team players.

This week's Encouragement Award goes to Kohen.

A reminder that this Saturday we have an early start with an 8:30am game.

Coach Lindy

Under 7 Yellow

This week we played against All Saints

This game started with a bang with Charlie hitting the back of the net early a few times. Finn and Justin and Hugh did some great work rotating back into defence and keeping things locked down. Jaxson was getting into some great spots and had a few open looks on goal. All saints were very happy to sit back and defend in the second half so that meant that we had most of the run of play meaning that there were plenty of shots on goal. It also meant that the game was built a bit more around stoppages with giving us a chance to practise some kick ins. This week our awards went to Charlie for kicking a bag full of goals and Hugh for helping out and filling in.

Coach Phil

Under 10 Yellow

The boys had a tough day against a very well-structured and disciplined Kyabram team. Our fellas didn't let the age gap worry them as they pushed right to the final whistle. Awards went to Liam (SJSA award) for his brilliant defence and ability to cut off the opposition. Flynn (Boost award) gave us plenty to work with in the midfield and was great in defence in the 2nd half. We're back at 10.30am next week on pitch 5C. Go Cruzers!

Team Manager Matt

Under 10 Blue

Under 10 blue had a fresh, sunny 8.30 game this weekend and were given a challenging game against a strong Shepp East team. Ashton was captain and got us underway with the starting kick off and our opposition put on great defence and even stronger attacking in the first half. Archer was our goalkeeper to start and did a great job, needing to rely on his defenders for support. With a 4 - 3 score at half time, it was important for the team to regroup and talk about what improvements we needed to make. Jaylen led the way with good listening and held in his defence sweeper position to support Lincoln in goals. Lincoln showed great confidence in goals in the second half and provided some great saves. Zoe, Hestton and Archer worked well together making it almost impossible for Shepp East to get past them. Kaiden and Ashton teamed up to move the ball through the mid-field to keep pushing the ball forward and Jack and Jorden turning their hard work into goals, Jack scoring 2 and Jorden picking up a bag of 5 goals earning one of our awards this week. Skye took to the pitch and showed great bravery, after getting hit on the leg on a cold morning, she took a moment to sub off but got straight back into the game, earning our second award for the game. Daniel has again showed great improvement in reading the field and manning up on players. With a strong second half the team turned the game around with a 8-5 final score. Great work Cruzers.

Coach Brad



Congupna Primary School

We are Kind, We are Brave, We are Curious

Football Dinners at Congupna Community Hall

Thursday 13th August 2026

P&F are providing the catering for the after training dinner at the Congupna Football Club. This is a great opportunity for us to maintain our connection to the broader Congupna community, as well as raise more funds for the school.

Thank you to everyone who has put their hand up to help in the kitchen. The roster is looking good now.

School families are also welcome to come down to the Community Hall for dinner from 5:30pm!

3.20pm – 5pm	Setup – Preparation of salads, gravy & hall set up.	Jarrold Hudson	Bern O'Toole	Liz Garner				
5pm – 7pm	Cooking, serving meals, money handling, dishwashing.	Amy Jurd	Brad Benton	Lauren Sibio	Amy Ellis	Duncan Newham		
7pm – 8.30pm	Cooking, serving meals, money handling, dishwashing, tidy/pack up.	Bec Threlfall	Georgina Prentice	Jill Richardson	Wendy Sidebottom			



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GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

CONGUPNA AUSKICK CENTRE

CONGUPNA PS OVAL
STARTING: THURSDAYS 27TH AUGUST (4 WEEKS)
3:15PM - 4:15PM

For any enquiries please contact: **\$55 EACH**
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KATANDRA CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET

2026/27 SEASON



FREE SUBS FOR ALL GRADES!

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!

JOIN THE EAGLES FOR ANOTHER HUGE SEASON OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP & CRICKET!

U10s U12s U14s U16s

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

ALL SKILL LEVELS – COME HAVE A CRACK!

 DEVELOP NEW SKILLS	 MAKE FRIENDS	 BE PART OF A GREAT CLUB	 PROUDLY KATANDRA
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GO EAGLES



GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

ASPIRATION
INTEGRITY
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY

YEAR 7 FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

JOIN US TO DISCOVER EVERYTHING GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS TO OFFER

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

 **SCHOOL TOURS**

4:00PM

MEET AT ENTERPRISE RECEPTION

explore our neighbourhoods, specialist learning facilities and student spaces with a guided tour of the college

 **INFORMATION SESSION**

5:00PM - 6:00PM **GSSC GYM**

Learn about:

- Transition to Secondary School
- Curriculum & Learning
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities
- Student Support Programs
- Frequently Asked Questions

ON THE NIGHT

 **COLLECT YOUR ENROLMENT PACK**

 **TRANSITION INFORMATION**

SEE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A YEAR 7 AT GSSC



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GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 7

HIGH ABILITIES PROGRAM

APPLY NOW FOR 2027

Interested students will be required to undertake an assessment to determine suitability for this program.

REGISTER TO SIT THE ASSESSMENT

Expressions of Interest open:
Monday, July 13



CHALLENGE YOURSELF ACADEMICALLY

Learn valuable 21st Century Skills in communication, collaboration and creativity.

Set yourself up for the rigour of senior secondary school and the opportunity to fast track subjects.

Year 7