Dear School Community,

Welcome to a new year at Congupna Primary School. 2017 will be a very important year for the school as we see our facilities modernised and our school program enhanced through the teaching of explicit Social & Emotional Learning Skills, the promotion of our new school community values and the introduction of a new STEM Specialist Teacher, Robyn Woolley, who will visit us on Mondays.

We have also welcomed another teacher to school for at least the first six weeks, Jayne Loveridge, as a result of Sarah Scott taking leave for 2017. Ms Loveridge will be teaching our Grade 2/3 students for four days a week while I will take the class on Thursdays this year. Please join me in welcoming Jayne to Congupna Primary School. She will do a fantastic job settling our Grade 2/3 class into a routine over the first six weeks.

Please provide the school with an updated email address on the attached form if you would like to subscribe to our Weekly Newsletters through the school’s relatively new website (www.congupnaps.vic.edu.au). You should also download and ‘allow notifications’ from the associated App, Updat-Ed. This will allow you to easily receive reminders, notifications and emergency announcements from the school. Using all three mediums together, the new smartphone App, website and emailed newsletters, will be something that Business Manager Justine Bradley and I will be working on to improve communication with our school community this year.

Our school fees for 2017 will remain at $120 once again. This does not include the cost of our swimming program, uniform, supplies, camps or excursions and we have a User Pays policy: please do not ask for uniform or to attend swimming or excursions without paying as refusals may disappoint. Please see Business Manager Justine Bradley if you would like to organise regular payments in order to budget for and be able to afford these things for your children. These will be organised on a person-by-person basis. Our preferred payment for larger amounts is by Direct Debit with your Family Name and Description (Eg- CLEARY SWIMMING) to BSB 063 527 and ACC NO. 1014 5385

A reminder that during Term 1 hats are required to be worn when outside by all students.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal
2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President – Geoff Jacobson, Secretary - Wendy Sidembottom (Teacher Representative) Members - Adam Cleary (Principal), Narkea Rogers, Damien Scott, Jared Osborne, Andrew Miles & Tracy Gauci (Parents & Friends Representative)

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES - NEW!

TERM 1
6:30pm on Tuesday 14th February 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2017

TERM 2
6:30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 13th June 2017

TERM 3
6:30pm on Tuesday 1st August 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2017

TERM 4
6:30pm on Tuesday 24th October 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2017

February
8th Foundation Students no school
10th Scholastic Bookclub forms due
14th School Council Meeting
15th Foundation Students no school
22nd Foundation Students no school

March
2nd Hockey Clinic at School
8th School photos
13th Labour Day Public Holiday
14th School Council Meeting (AGM)
27th Athletics Sports Day at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton
31st Last day of Term 1

Advertise in our newsletter

Would you like to advertise your business in our newsletter? Pop in and see Justine in the office for more information.

We are KIND

We are BRAVE

We are CURIOUS
Tuesday was the first day of school for our 12 Foundation students. It was great to see lots of enthusiasm and big smiles on their faces! I’m sure you will join me in welcoming them along with their families to the Congupna School Community and we look forward to getting to know you throughout the year.

School Communications Permission Slip

I, ........................................................................

☐ Give permission to Congupna Primary School to subscribe me to receive the weekly newsletter by email.

  My email address is: .................................................................................................................

☐ Have downloaded the smartphone App: Updat-ed allowing me to receive reminders, notifications and emergency announcements from the school.

Child’s/children’s names: .................................................................

Parent/Guardian signature .............................................................

Date: .............................
Get involved in the School Banking program

Congupna Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students again in 2017!

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week your child needs to hand in their deposit book filled out to their teacher.

For more information please see Business Manager Justine Bradley.