

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Our Olympic Dress-ups last Thursday were a terrific opportunity for a bit of fun and to celebrate the Tokyo Olympics. We will continue to follow the Paralympics when they begin in a couple of weeks. Some of the stories regarding these athletes overcoming adversity and achieving are truly inspirational and will be very worthwhile conversations and learning opportunities for our students.

Our Student Learning Conferences were very productive. Classroom Teachers reported great overall attendance levels and I hope our families had the opportunity to connect directly with the teacher and get a better idea of how things are working in our classrooms. The flexibility that you showed to switch straight back to videoconferencing was amazing and although we know that this is not perfect, it is better than nothing at all. We would far prefer to meet face-to-face, but our Department Guidelines do not permit it at the moment. If you feel like you didn't quite get a chance to cover everything you needed to, please reach out to your classroom teacher and request another call or conference.

Lockdown 6.0 started and ended surprisingly quick. Again, I must thank all of our families for how well you adapted to this change so quickly. No sooner had we redistributed technology to those that required it to access Seesaw, students were returning to school after having missed only one learning day. After conversations with many of our students this week, they have said that it 'just felt like a long weekend'. Let us hope that if we do experience more lockdowns that they are as short and sharp as this one (preferably with more notice!). Students enjoyed Music, STEM and/or Italian on their first day back at school and it really has felt like 'business-as-usual' this week.

Our beloved Congupna Cruzers start again this weekend. Please continue to support your teams and by extension our delegate, coaches and team managers. These are tough jobs at the best of times, let alone throughout a pandemic. Let's all commit to the final games and make sure we finish the season well. We understand that it is difficult when the season stops and starts for parents but the smile on our

players faces when they play makes it all worthwhile.

We have now reached a 22% Response Rate (13 out of 58 families) for our Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. Please head to the following link - <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> - and use the School PIN provided to you previously in a private Seesaw message. Only one adult from each family needs to complete the survey and we only have a short time left to complete it. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Our Car Park Project is moving along very nicely at the moment despite us encountering quite a wet winter this year. All of the new drainage is now in place to ensure our new Car Park drains correctly and our dam is full to water the oval in summer. Over the coming weeks you should begin to see the foundations taking shape with the mud being replaced by layers of compacted gravel. The kerbing should then be the first thing established thereafter. Please continue to give us feedback about how we can improve our temporary car park when required.

We are now making our final preparations for the Grade 3/4 Camp to Fifteen Mile Creek. Please ensure you have returned all forms and made payment in full so we can provide this wonderful opportunity to our students. Please contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.

Thought for the week

**Never overestimate
your power to
change others.**



2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- President:** Andrew Miles
Deputy: Jeremy Lee
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Fiona Davis
Members: Adam Cleary, Mark Jackson, Nicole Linton, Chris Kelly, Kylie Craik, Daryl Threlfall, Tim Bye.

2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES

TERM 3

6:30pm Tuesday 31st August

TERM 4

6:30pm Tuesday 19th October

6:30pm Tuesday 23rd November

TERM 3 CALENDAR 2021

August

- 19th Footy Club Tea (New date)
 20th Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
 24th Depart for 15 Mile Creek Camp (3/4)
 27th Return 15 Mile Creek Camp (3/4)



Mrs O'Toole (above) from the Channel 7 Commentary Team interviewing Skateboarding Gold Medallist **Keegan Palmer** and Swimming Gold Medallist **Kaylee McKeown**.

Italian Phrases of the Week

Sto male - I'm sick



Congupna Cruzers Soccer Report

Hooray! Back to soccer this weekend after restrictions were lifted in Regional Victoria on Tuesday. Team Managers will be forwarding the Return to Play Conditions to all families. Please check the fixture on the SJSA website for match times for this weekend as there has been some minor adjustments. Go Cruzers!

Kylie - Club Delegate

Parents & Friends - Footy Teas

At this stage we're planning for Footy Teas to go ahead as planned next Thursday 19 August 2021 (see roster below). If restrictions change, we will be in contact to let you know of any changes. Thank you to all the volunteers that are giving up their time to help out.



Footy Teas at Congupna Community Hall

Thursday 19 August 2021 – Roster

3.20pm – 5pm	Setup – Preparation of salads, gravy & hall set up.	Bernadette O'Toole	Helen Jackson	Brooke McLeod	Cilla Saxon	Robyn Reynolds	Simone Scott
5pm – 7pm	Cooking, serving meals, money handling, dishwashing.	Fiona Davis	Jakara Lancaster	Alicia Ennis	Marcus	Kylie Doyle	Emily Keeble
7pm – 8.30pm	Cooking, serving meals, money handling, dishwashing, tidy/pack up.	Cameron Kearney	Shannon Naude	Lexie Wright	Andrew Fletcher	Lynda Ludlow	Bill Ludlow

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