

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Some of you may not know yet, but we have a **Student Teacher placement happening in the Grade F/1 classroom** at the moment. Our very own **Ryleigh Shannon is now nearly halfway through completing a four-week placement** with Mrs Sidebottom and our youngest students. It is great to see Ryleigh applying all that he is learning from his Teaching Degree in our classroom and the students are responding really well.

Professional Development in the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) is now complete for the year after staff attended a Curriculum Day last Friday. We have now completed all five units in 2024; Body, Relationship, Stamina, Engagement and now Character. **Staff learnt about the importance of teaching and reinforcing values, character strengths, community strengths, hope and gratitude** throughout the day and plan to imbed more BSEM strategies into our classrooms in 2024 to continue to improve and promote positive mental health at Congupna Primary School.

Our **Grade F-2 Extended Stay & Sleepover takes place this afternoon and evening**. Our Foundation students will stay for afternoon activities and dinner before going home whilst our older Grade 1 and 2 students get the chance to build their independence and confidence before attending overnight camps in Grade 3/4. **This is a very important stepping stone in building this resilience** and we understand that some students may be anxious about stepping outside of their comfort zone, but this is actually the point. We want to provide an opportunity to extend children in a safe and familiar environment with staff and students that are already known to them before venturing further afield in later years. We look forward to another successful afternoon, evening, and morning for our students with Mrs Sidebottom, Ms Mangiameli, and Mr Shannon. **Please remember that all Grade F-2 students go home at 11am on Friday.**

Our **Kitchen Garden Program resumes tomorrow after a spell last week due to our Curriculum Day**. The focus will be on nutrition for all but the ten students who will be off to Tasmania on Friday. All our 'Sleepover Crew' will have their sessions before they leave us at Recess as Katie has kindly offered to come in a little earlier on this day.

Good luck to our three Solar Boat Teams for the national competition in Hobart on Saturday afternoon. All the hard work has been done. If we turn up with the right level of organisation, collaboration, grittiness, and willingness to have fun then the rest will take care of itself. Regardless of the result, the whole school community is extremely proud of the way we know you will represent us. **Thank you to our confirmed sponsors for the trip – Rotary Shepparton, CMV Trucks & Buses, Byers Electrical, Caprice Paper, Shepparton Club, SPC Factory Sales and Model Solar Victoria.** We wish our teams, 'All 4 Cylinders', 'River Rippers', and 'The Surfing Kings', best of luck with the conditions and we look forward to hearing about your adventure when you return. Thank you to Ms Craik and Mrs O'Toole for attending and making sure that our students get opportunities like this. Without willing staff, this could not happen.

Our second 2024 Foundation Transition session takes place next Tuesday 28th November. This will be another opportunity for Mrs Sidebottom to work closely with our new students in the library. There is no parent meeting beforehand this time, so students should be farewelled at the gate and staff will be there to escort them to the library at 8:45am.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**If you want
loyalty, you
must give
loyalty.**



2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: Tim Bye
Deputy: Lauren Sibio
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Fiona Davis
Members: Adam Cleary, Sarah Tricarico, Jess Benton, Jeremy Lee, Jill Richardson, Sam Prentice and Jaclyn McCarty.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Term 4

Tuesday 28 November from 6:30pm

2023 SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

President: Angie Grills
Secretary: Amy Ellis
Vice President: Georgina Prentice
Members: Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Robyn Reynolds, Alice Evans, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Rebecca Threlfall, Jayde Bannister, Brooke McLeod, Ebony Thorn, Fiona Davis and Erin Wilson.

Auslan



Describe



Extend pointer fingers from fists and start with one fingertip near or in front of chin and the other in front of stomach. Have both pointers pointing upwards, or slightly tilted sideways and palms towards body. Bring top hand down to stomach height; move in a circle and then downwards. At the same time move the other hand up in a circle and then up towards face.

TERM 4 CALENDAR 2023

November

23rd F-2 Extended Stay/Sleepover
24th Kitchen Garden Program
24-25th National Solar Boat Competition (Hobart)
28th Book Club Due
28th 2024 Foundation Transition Day # 2 (Tues)

December

1st Kitchen Garden Program
6th Grade 6 Graduation (Noble Monks)
6th MARC Library Books Due
8th Kitchen Garden Program
12th 2024 Statewide Transition Day
13th Raffle Tickets Due
14th School Concert
20th Last Day of School—finish at 2pm

Thanks to those who have already donated to the P&F Christmas Raffle. There is going to be some terrific prizes!



P & F Christmas Raffle



Dear School Community

The Parents and Friends are organising a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the end of year school concert.

We would like everyone to help and are asking for donations of items to make up some Christmas hampers as prizes. Donations can be anything from non-perishable food, decorations, or any kind of giftware suitable for all ages. Baskets will be placed in the Office for you to drop off your donations.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with each family. Tickets are \$1 each, with each raffle book worth \$10, please write a name and phone number on each ticket and return them to the school office. We encourage you to sell as many tickets as you can, with additional raffle books available from the office.

We appreciate the support from families by donating items and selling tickets.

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**

Jordy did a great job mixing the ingredients of the muffins for the Student Voice Team Muffin Fundraiser. They were delicious.



To Congupna & Tallygaroopna
Landcare members and volunteers,

We are holding a **WORKING BEE** at the **Pony Paddock Park** on **Tuesday the 28th November** commencing anytime from 8.30am. This is to do some planting and possibly install driplines to assist with watering over the summer.



Thanks to Narkea Rogers for organising the team shirts for the Solar Boat Competition this weekend. Good luck to everyone and have fun!



Grade 5/6 Yachting



Grade 6 student Will O'Toole - "Yachting was heaps of fun but you need to remember to duck your head when the boom was swinging."

STEM with Ms Craik



Students enjoyed hanging out with stick insects in STEM last week.

