

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Our **Solar Boat success is something our students, teachers and greater school community should be very proud of.** This tradition of ours is something that we have invested in, nurtured, and fostered over many years and has been the highlight of the last two School Reviews that have taken place. In 2023, we could not do much more than qualify three out of five boats to attend the National Championship and place first, second and third on the podium! **Congratulations to the winners 'All 4 Cylinders', runners up 'The River Rippers' and bronze medal winners 'The Surfing Kings'** on all your efforts at the competition and to all students in the Grade 5/6 classroom who participated and competed at the State Championships earlier in the Term. You have done yourselves, the school, the Goulburn Valley, and Victoria very proud. I would like to thank **the families that helped our team stay dry and well fed in Hobart and our two fantastic staff Kylie and Bernadette who have poured so much energy, care, and support** into this program that it was always going to be a success. Finally, I would like to thank the following sponsors who will be advertised on our Digital Sign until the end of the year as a token of our appreciation: Rotary Shepparton, CMV Truck & Bus, Byers Electrical, Caprice Paper, Shepparton Club, and SPC Factory Sales. Without your support, we would not have been able to make it. Thank you.

Our **Extended Stay and Sleepover last Thursday evening was terrific.** Our Foundation students stayed for the afternoon before going home after a movie and dinner. Most of the Grade One and Two students then stayed overnight 'camping out' in the classrooms and waking earlier than expected! **This event is a fantastic opportunity to build our younger students' independence, confidence, and resilience** before successfully attending our Grade 3/4 Camps further afield. Thank you very much to Mrs Sidebottom, Miss Mangiameli and Mr Shannon for camping out in classrooms to make this happen.

Our Kitchen Garden session last Friday focused on Nutrition and **involved students learning all about our taste buds and exploring the different taste zones on the tongue.** Students used apple pieces to dip in bowls and explore the taste sensations of sweet, bitter, sour, and salty. It was very engaging, educational, and fun to witness the students' reactions! **We have a gardening session tomorrow which will be followed by a kitchen session on Friday 8th December,** which will be our final Kitchen Garden session for the year.

Our **final School Council meeting took place on Tuesday evening** so I would like to take this opportunity to **thank our ten other school councilors for their attendance and support** over the year. We have met eight times over 2023, ensuring accountability, discussing important decisions, and ensuring compliance with the many procedures and policies of the Department. **The professionalism and interest shown by the current school council has been outstanding.** Thank you for your support.

Our **Grade 6 Graduation takes place next Wednesday evening at Noble Monks** for our students and their families. We have hired this new venue exclusively and look forward to around one hundred guests celebrating the final year of Primary School for these thirteen students.

Please continue to send donated items to school for our Christmas Hampers. We already have a nice collection of donated items that will be packaged up and awarded at our upcoming End of Year Concert. Please also continue to return your sold raffle tickets and money. This is the final Parents & Friends fundraising event for 2023 and **we look forward to awarding the hampers to happy recipients on Thursday 14th December.**

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?

~Dr Seuss



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.

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.



Welcoming Sage Kuch to Congupna PS.
Miss Kuch will be starting in 2024!

TERM 4 CALENDAR 2023

November

28th 2024 Foundation Transition Day # 2 (Tues)

December

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

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2024

January

30th First day of School for Students (Tuesday)

March

27th School Photos

Auslan Christmas



With a cupped hand moving down in a circular motion, as though outlining your long beard.



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 addition raffle books available from the office.

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



CHAPLAIN CHAMPION

Lachie Davis - Volunteering to clean and do the dishes!



We are **KIND** Award

Eli Wright - for being an inclusive school member.



**Extended Stay
& Sleepover**

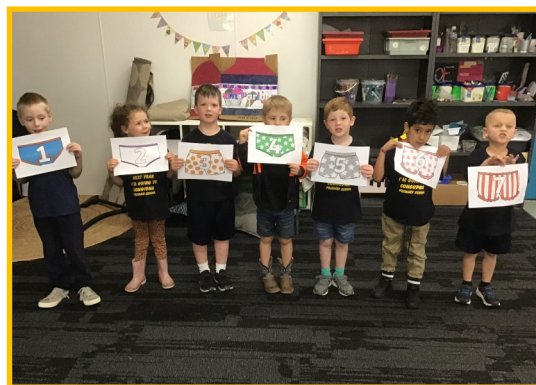


National Solar Boat Champions



**Keep an eye out for our Solar Boat feature
in the Shepp News over the next few days!**

Foundation 2024



CONGUPNA Congupna Football Netball Club
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

Junior
NETBALL
training

THURSDAY 7th
December,

5PM @
CONGUPNA

Under 11
Under 13

REGISTER
NOW:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YV7CSZZ>

For Further Information:
Contact Deb McColl
0408 502 236

activities in the park presents **THE CULTURE COLLECTIVE**

DECEMBER 15, 6PM TO 7:30PM
Amphitheatre near Shepparton Art Museum

All kids are welcome for a fun evening learning to play the Congolese Drums

GREATER SHEPPARTON

Kidstown
Adventure Playground

Santa + Friends visit Kidstown

First two weekends of December
Say hello to Santa and Batman and take your own family photos!