

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

This is our **final newsletter for 2023**. We look forward to our first issue on Thursday 1st February!

I had promised to deliver news regarding education support staff this year so I will do my best to provide a brief summary here. **Teacher's Aide Ryleigh Shannon will be leaving us** to finish his teaching degree and perform Permission to Teach duties at another school for 2024. **Ryleigh has been a terrific asset to the school** over his time here and I am sure many students and staff will miss his big personality. We wish Ryleigh all the best in his future career as a teacher. **We have two Teacher's Aides starting in 2024, Brooke Hodgetts and Emmily Sowter**, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the team in preparation for next year. We will be ensuring that all classrooms start with a Teacher's Aide at the beginning of the year, and **we have also employed a psychologist, Rachel Robertson, to attend on Thursdays each week in 2024**. There will be a couple of days a week next year when Laura and Julie both attend to the many administrative duties we now have at school, and we are hoping to **continue our School Chaplain Tam Joyce's employment, but this is yet to be confirmed** until the summer holidays.

The **shortbread we made last Friday in our final Kitchen Garden sessions was delicious**. The 'Cheeky Reindeer' our students created were a real hit, as has every session run in 2023 by our resident nutritionist and psychologist guru, Katie Thorp. **We look forward to more kitchen, gardening, and nutrition sessions in 2024 and thank Katie for all her work this year.**

Our **State-wide Transition Day on Tuesday was fantastic**. It was terrific to see our eight Foundation students stay until lunchtime in their classroom for next year, as well as three other students in year levels throughout the school. All our students were very excited about seeing their new teachers in new classrooms and **it was terrific to have Ms Kuch onboard preparing for her role next year.**

Our School Concert is on this evening at 6pm. Please be seated by this time. **Doors open at 5:30pm**. Programmes will be available at the door, along with last-minute tickets for our Christmas Raffle. We will ensure that the air conditioners are all on prior to your arrival.

We are very excited about our inaugural Family Fun & Picnic Day next Monday. We will have an Animal Nursery from Billabong Ranch, an Inflatable Waterslide, student-led activities, a coffee van, a food van, and lots of fun to be had! We are doing this in lieu of our traditional bus ride to Fun Fields and this has been subsidised and organised in conjunction with our Student Voice Team and Student Leadership Group. All the money raised by these two student groups is going towards the day but there will also be a **\$15 per person cost which is very reasonable compared to the normal End of Year Excursion cost**. Student Permission Notes have already been distributed but you can pay cash (or by card on a new EFTPOS machine) on the day. **Families can attend between 10am and 2pm** and bring their own picnic lunch or use the two food vans invited on the day. **Please see the Food Van Price List attached**. Students should wear bathers under their school uniform, their broad-brimmed school hat and a rashie and there will be sunscreen available on the day.

Student Reports will be distributed next Tuesday. If you are not present on this day or on our final school day, your student report will be posted. **Next Wednesday is the last day of Term. We finish at 2pm**. Out of School Hours Care and the bus will align with this earlier finish time.

Please find attached the **Their Care Holiday Program** for those students that require care over the break too. There are some great activities scheduled throughout the holidays.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to a terrific 2024 at Congupna Primary School next year. Be KIND this Christmas.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Let us keep Christmas
beautiful without a
thought of greed**



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.



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Christmas



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

TERM 4 CALENDAR - 2023

December

14th School Concert (doors open 5:30 for 6pm start)
18th Family Fun Day (Families: 10am - 2pm)
19th Student Reports distributed
20th Last Day of School - 2pm Finish

TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2024

January

30th First day of School for Students (Tuesday)

March

27th School Photos (Wednesday)



Thank you to the parents, students and wider school community for helping make 2023 a wonderful school year. We are very grateful for your time, generosity and support.



We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We are **CURIOUS** Awards

Billy Bye - for being Curious about how other students are feeling and for checking in with them to see if they are ok. Thanks for caring Billy!

Ari McLeod - for his great curiosity throughout his learning. Ari always has great questions, and wonderings that enrich our learning. Well done Ari!

Lachie Davis - for always asking questions and wanting to share his knowledge.

Leigh Stevens - for his inquisitive nature and clarifying questions during learning.

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KID** of the week

Blake Doyle - for his mature choices and help in the classroom.

STEM Award

Adeline Prentice - for her focus to complete her Pokemon.

CHAPLAIN CHAMPION

Macie Wallace - for improving everyday.





MENU

HOTDOGS

HOTDOG & TOASTED ROLL WITH YOUR CHOICE OF TOPPINGS.

PLAIN WITH SAUCE -\$ 7

CHEESE AND SAUCE -\$8

PEPPERONI, CHEESE & SAUCE - \$9

CHIPS, LOADED CHIPS & CRISPY LOADED GEMS

TRAY OF CHIPS \$6

LOADED CHIPS – CHIPS, CHEESE, BACON, SPRING ONION, SOUR CREAM & SWEET CHILLI SAUCE. \$10

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HOT SELECTION

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE \$7

SAUSAGE ROLLS \$5

TOASTIES - (CHEESE) OR (HAM & CHEESE) - \$5

PIES - \$6

SWEETS & TREATS

HOT JAM DONUTS - \$3 EACH

RUMBALLS - 2 FOR \$3

BANANA BREAD - \$4

MILKSHAKES - \$6 CHOCOLATE, STRAWBERRY, VANILLA, CARAMEL, ICE COFFEE

SNOW CONES - \$5 FAIRY FLOSS, COLA, RASPBERRY, PORTELLO, PINE LIME.

COFFEE & COLD DRINKS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.



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1 JAN

NO SERVICE

Public Holiday!



2 JAN

Service closed!



3 JAN

Service closed!



4 JAN

Service closed!



5 JAN

Service closed!



8 JAN

Passport to Summer



Pick your bags and fasten your seatbelts! Today you'll be creating your very own passport to summer to explore all the corners of the earth. Then, challenge your friends in the "Around the World" group game, and express your creativity with the Rainbow Weaving Plate activity. Let's fly away on this summer journey!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**



9 JAN

Movie Magic



Set in the kingdom of Rocas, where Acta, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force - a ball of boundless energy called Star. They confront the formidable King Magnifico to prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.

From as low as \$10.76*
Full fee \$107.58**



10 JAN

Shoo Fly Hats



Glady mair! Let's go on an Aussie adventure today. Make and take home shoo fly hats with friends! Lizard and Hatchling Playdough Crafts. Then it's group game time with a traditional Yulgur Kangaroo Games and an old favourite three-legged race.

From as low as \$7.91*
Full fee \$79.11**



11 JAN

Soap Box Derby!



Let's go! Build and race Billy Carts in the Theatrical Soap Box Derby! The all-American fun continues with Eagle and Mouse group game and build a car with square wheels. STEM craft activity. Let's keep racing with mini-Olympics and make paper plate Olympic rings and medals!

From as low as \$8.54*
Full fee \$85.36**



12 JAN

Ancient Egypt



Step back in time to the land of pharaohs and pyramids with our Ancient Egyptian adventure! Build magnificent pyramids, sand art, create Egyptian clay cartouches, and craft papyrus paper. Dress up in Egyptian costumes, complete with a Cleopatra necklace and Pharaoh headdress. Then, play a strategic game of Forbidden Desert!

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Full fee \$71.18**

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15 JAN

Bubble - O - Fun



Don't burst your bubble! Nurture your creativity, innovation, and imagination with our special STEM Bubble Machine! But that's not all. Dive into a realm of endless fun with activities such as vibrant sidewalk chalk art, create mesmerising bubble paintings, and engage in friendly competitions with sponge toss games!

From as low as \$7.91*
Full fee \$79.11**



16 JAN

Mexican Fiesta



Hola! Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Mexico with a fiesta extravaganza! Enjoy a fun filled day with activities like Pass the Sombroso and Mexican Kick Ball! Unleash your creativity with your very own Mexican sombrero and Pan-de-taco craft activities. Then savour the day and making your very own DIY Nachos!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**



17 JAN

Matilda's



Let's go Matilda! Pay tribute to the iconic Australian Women's Soccer team. Decorate and take home your very own Matilda's branded sports bag and tag! Get soccer crafty with soccer finger puppets, soccer ball photo frame, soccer goal launcher and pom pom craft. Work up a sweat with an energetic game of soccer ball freeze tag!

From as low as \$7.91*
Full fee \$79.11**



18 JAN

Farmyard Friends



Embark on a journey to Kyabram Wildlife Park! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. But that's not all! Engage in the Piblo Group Game, create a Paper Plate Veggie Patch, and experiment with the Salt Crystal Feathers STEM activity. It's a day filled with hands-on learning and fun.

From as low as \$10.76*
Full fee \$107.58**



19 JAN

Japanese Journey



Komichwa! Get ready for an enchanting Japanese journey! Dive into the art of Sushi Making and Rice Paper Crafting. Embrace tradition with the mesmerizing Kabuki Dance. Adorn yourself in Kimono Art, and master the art of crafting Paper Ninja Stars. It's a cultural adventure like no other!

From as low as \$7.12*
Full fee \$71.18**



22 JAN

Scottish Charm



Och aye! Experience the charm of Scotland with an array of engaging activities! Engage in homemade Highland Games, craft Loch Ness Monsters from Playdough, create your very own Bonnie Bagpipes from paper bags and recycled gift wrap rolls. Dive into 'Aran Paper Weaving and Loch Ness Monster Puppets.

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Full fee \$71.18**



23 JAN

Gymtacular Wonderland



Get ready to soar and bounce to new heights at Rebound! A day filled with gravity-defying flips, slam-dunks, and endless fun awaits. Get your bounce on and make memories that will leave you flying high!

From as low as \$10.76*
Full fee \$107.58**



24 JAN

Spray Dye Panda



Ni Hao! Today we celebrate the wonder of China. You'll get to create and take home your own Tie Dye Panda! We'll get crafty with Terracotta Clay Warriors and Panda bookmarks. Let's construct our very own Great Wall of China! Then it's game time with two trusted favourites, Red Rover and the Streets, Alleys and Lamp Posts.

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Full fee \$79.11**



25 JAN

Hawaiian Luau



Aloha! Dive into a Hawaiian adventure with a spirited Luau celebration. Craft Lei and Imaginative Recycled Sea Creatures, then challenge Friends to a lively game of Crab Soccer and Limbo. To cap it off, whip up your own refreshing Tropical Punch. An island-inspired day of endless excitement awaits!

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Full fee \$71.18**



26 JAN

NO SERVICE
Public Holiday!

