

# Congupna Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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**Dear School Community,**

After a **tumultuous day last Thursday**, I am happy to report that the storm damage suffered by the school was relatively minor and processes are now in place to continue to tidy up. It was certainly a hair-raising experience, but I think all students, staff and parents responded calmly and safely to the perceived and actual dangers that we were presented with. Well done and thank you.

It was nice to step off-site **last Friday for our Interschool Athletics Carnival** after the storm on Thursday afternoon. Council clean-up crews did a fantastic job sweeping and blowing all debris from the tracks and the water had all drained away surprisingly well. As those of you that attended can attest, it is a very busy day and very different to most other school events and excursions. **All students that attended did their best on the day and the behaviour of our students was very good.** It was great to see so many families in attendance. All reports that I received were that it was a great day.

**Congupna Primary School has a long-standing educational arrangement with RiverConnect** and Education Officer Allison Trethowan. RiverConnect is a Council initiative that 'fosters the community's love, respect and connection to the river environment in which we live', and the school has always attended our 'Reedy Swamp' Environmental Education Excursions and received visits such as the one we conducted last year when we planted native groundcovers and shrubs, performed a 'Pony Paddock Spotto' and began designing new native gardens for our School Forest. It was for this reason that we were invited to **speak at the launch of their new Strategic Plan, so we have sent our school captains Lucinda Threlfall and Alex Bye to talk about our fruitful relationship.** Congratulations to Lucinda and Alex on their first speaking engagement at the Shepparton Golf Club today.

A STEM opportunity has also arisen for our senior students tomorrow. The **Bendigo Science & Discovery Centre is conducting a free hour and a half incursion** for both of our senior classrooms to reinforce the Digital Citizenship Curriculum and compliment the technology focus in STEM this Term. Students have been learning about Online Safety this Term which is obviously very important in this day and age. **Thank you to Ms Craik for organising this learning opportunity** for our students.

**School Photos take place next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please make payment and return your photo envelopes** to administration as a matter of priority. If payment and envelopes are not returned, you must deal directly with MSP Photography and late fees will be incurred.

**Our Easter Raffle is drawn next Tuesday as well. Please ensure all raffle prizes and tickets are delivered by tomorrow** so that we can get organised for another huge draw. There is also a **P&F Committee Meeting in the STEM Lab tomorrow afternoon at 1:45pm** before Assembly.

**Term 2 will start for students on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** after Anzac Day next Term. Monday will be a Professional Practice Day. OSHC Services will be available to those that need it on this day.

**Finally, school finishes at 2pm next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.** Our Terrific Kid of the Term will be awarded at School Assembly at 1:45pm.

**Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.**

Thought for the week

**Never give up and  
never give in.**



## 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 2

Tuesday 9 May from 6:30pm  
Tuesday 13 June from 6:30pm

### Term 3

Tuesday 25 July from 6:30pm  
Tuesday 5 September from 6:30pm

### Term 3

Tuesday 17 October from 6:30pm  
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.

## TERM 1 CALENDAR 2023

### March

31st Return Raffle Tickets  
31st P&F Meeting—STEM Lab at 1:45pm

### April

4th Easter Raffle Drawn  
4th School Photos  
6th Final Assembly for Term 1 - 1:40pm  
6th Last Day of Term 1— Early dismissal 2pm  
6th Dress Up Day (Neon Theme) see Pg 4  
7th Good Friday Public Holiday

## TERM 2 CALENDAR 2023

### April

24th Pupil Free Day (Monday)  
25th Anzac Day Public Holiday (Tuesday)  
26th First Day of Term 2 (Wednesday)  
30th Bunnings BBQ (Sunday)

# Auslan



## Colour



1.) Form a circle  
with pointer  
finger and thumb.

2.) Slide fingertips  
along your other  
extended pointer  
finger, twice.



# Athletics Day





# Neon Day

Dress up in neon colours!

When: Last day of Term  
(6<sup>th</sup> April)

Gold coin donation



Organised by the school captain

...being in school, on time, every day,  
ready to learn.



Poor punctuality - less  
chance of success

Very poor punctuality-  
serious impact on education  
and reduced life chances.

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you  
will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

2023

## Curriculum Day Schedule

Term 2 - Fri 16 June

Term 3 - Fri 15 September

Term 4 - Fri 17 November

## Fruit & Veggie Superpowers...

Red Fruits & Vegetables are so good  
for our..... **heart!**

Blue/purple Fruits & Vegetables are so good  
for our... **brain!**

Yellow Fruits & Vegetables are so good for....  
healing our **cuts & bruises!**

Green Fruits & Vegetables are so good for....  
**healing our coughs and colds!**

White Fruits & Vegetables are so good for...  
giving us **energy!**

Orange Fruits & Vegetables are so good for... **helping us see in the dark!**





GVHA  
Goulburn Valley Hockey Association

COME & TRY  
**HOCKEY 5s**

1 APRIL 2023 | ANYTIME BETWEEN 10AM - 4PM

CONTACT US: 0473 152 245 | SHEPPARTON HOCKEY COMPLEX

www.gvhockey.com.au

For more information you can email playhockey@gvhockey.com.au

**Tallygaroopna Branch  
of the  
Country Women's Association  
of Victoria Inc.**

**Junior Easter Craft Event**

We are calling all junior members and girls to come along and join us for an evening of fun and easter crafts.

Central Murray CWA Group is looking at starting a CWA junior branch and are seeking expressions of interest.

**Where:** Tallygaroopna Men's Shed  
**When:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 6pm  
**Cost:** \$2 per child  
**What:** Easter craft / paper crafts & cooking

R.S.V.P by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Kate 0417451346

**THIS WEEKENDS  
MATCH**

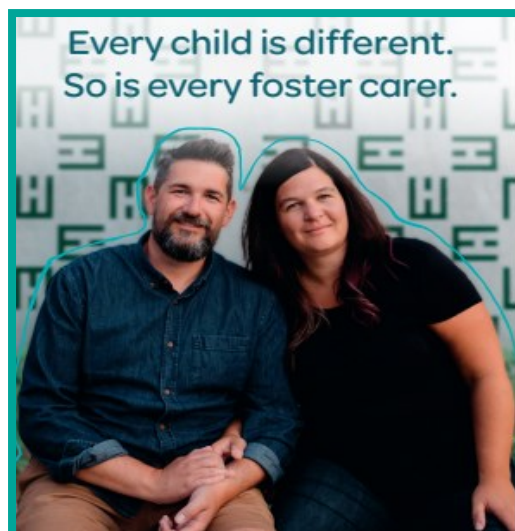
HOME VS **GULLS**

SATURDAY, 1ST APRIL  
7.00PM  
SHEPPARTON SPORTS STADIUM

**PRICES:**  
ADULTS - \$10PP  
CHILDREN/SENIORS /STUDENTS - \$5PP

HOME GAME  
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**BIG V** Ken Muston MG **MG** **GATORS**



Every child is different.  
So is every foster carer.

## BERRY STREET

**A little of your time can change an entire life.**

In Victoria, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen every year over the last 10 years. Children in care have experienced trauma — they need a safe, nurturing home environment to help them recover.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, we would love to hear from you. As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please contact Janene  
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