

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Our **Kitchen Garden Program began last Friday with a big tidy up of our vegetable garden and chook pens.** The program continues with Katie Thorp this Friday when students will be participating in a Kitchen session. Students used the outdoor classroom to brainstorm potential recipes and projects to explore for 2024. I can't wait to see what awesome things they create and learn about.

Our Essendon Football Club visit on Monday was terrific. It is great for our students to have the opportunity to see fine **examples of athletes who have committed themselves to constant improvement and rigorous effort to achieve excellence** in their field. This theory can be applied to anything that our students set their minds to and even if students didn't support the Bombers, it was great to have this level of access to AFL athletes.

All three specialist classes have resumed this week. Students experienced **MARC Library and STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) on Tuesday** and **LOTE (Language Other Than English) Auslan on Wednesday.** Our **MARC Library and MACC Art sessions rotate fortnightly on Tuesdays** and STEM will move to a Wednesday for the first time on 06/03/24 when Foundation students attend for the full week. **Welcome back to Ms Craik (STEM), Ms Foster (LOTE), Mrs Campbell (Library) and Mr Pettigrew (Art).**

Our School Swimming Program begins next week. Please return permission forms and money by tomorrow at the latest. We do expect all children to participate, and the primary objective is water safety, not winning Olympic gold medals (but if that happens, that would be nice too). Non-participants will still attend the swimming pool with a book if they are not swimming as nearly all staff will be attending these sessions. **Don't forget to bring a plastic bag, spare underwear, towel, swimming goggles if you wear them (optional), a rashie (compulsory) and swimming gear (which should be worn underneath their school uniform).** Please label all belongings. Each student will attend half-hour sessions over the six days and will also wait for half an hour at the squash courts (F-2) or Outdoor Pool (3-6) whilst they are not swimming. We have planned to have no

more than six students in a group and have helped to ensure students are grouped according to ability (although some minor changes are always made in the first couple of days).

Our Student Learning Conferences take place next Friday 16th February and you will **find a Timetable attached** to this Newsletter. If this is not a suitable time, please contact your classroom teacher directly on Seesaw to organise an alternative time on the same day or a different day if required. We have simplified our student learning goals in 2024 to streamline this interview and allow more time for parent/carer conversations. We must follow these times strictly as we have many families moving from classroom to classroom with siblings. If you require more time, please organise a follow-up meeting for another day so we can stay on schedule. This is a student-free day and care will be available for those families that need it with TheirCare.

Please find our Congupna Cruzers Welcome Letter attached. This is our school soccer side and is a terrific way for families and students to socialise and have fun outside of school. We will run as many teams as we have interest for. If you have any questions, please email our School Delegate Jac McCarty on congupnacruzers@gmail.com or send me a Seesaw Message.

School Council Nominations close today at 4pm. Please get your self-nomination form in if you are keen to contribute towards our school in this capacity.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal.

Thought for the week

If you stumble, make it part of the dance.



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 1

AGM - Date TBC after Nominations Close today

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 - 2024

February

8th School Council Nominations close
9th Swimming Permission Notices Due
9th Kitchen Garden Program
12th Swimming @ Numurkah YMCA
13th Swimming @ Numurkah YMCA
14th No Foundation Students
15th Swimming @ Numurkah YMCA
16th Student Learning Conferences
(Student Free Day)
19th Hockey Roadshow
20th Swimming @ Numurkah YMCA
21st No Foundation Students
22nd Swimming @ Numurkah YMCA
22nd Book Club Due
23rd Swimming @ Numurkah YMCA

March

5th School Council AGM
11th Labour Day Public Holiday
15th Athletics Carnival @ McEwen Reserve
27th School Photos (Wednesday)
28th Last Day of Term 1
29th Good Friday Public Holiday

TERM 2

April

15th First day back for Term 2
25th Anzac Day Public Holiday
28th Bunnings BBQ (P&F Fundraiser)

Auslan



Welcome



With both hands flat, palms up, fingertips pointing forward in front of chest; bend fingers (or whole hand) up twice.

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We are **BRAVE** Awards

Emily Preston - for being such a brave girl in her first week of school. Well done Emily.

Ethan D'Agostino - for starting at a new school and showing courage in trying lots of new things and working with different students. Well done Ethan.

Macie D'Agostino - for making new friends, looking out for others and making a brave start to 2024. Well done Macie!

Zac Gordon - for being brave and starting the year off without his headphones on when coming to school and throughout his learning! Well done Zac!

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KID** of the week

Jack Wells - Jack has been awarded the terrific kid this week, because of his great positive attitude and input that he has put into the classroom learning this week! Keep up the great work Jack!



CONGUPNA CRUZERS

2024 JUNIOR SOCCER TEAMS



The Soccer season will be here soon, will you consider playing for the Congupna Cruzers?!

The season will start on: Saturday 20th April (Term 2, 2024)

For parents new to soccer, please consider it for your child's first team sport. It is a great game to introduce them to the fun of playing for your school in a very relaxed and supported environment. The Cruzers support everyone getting a game with the key focus on having lots of fun whilst developing ball skills and good teamwork.

This year we would love to field as many teams as we can. Generally, your child will play with classmates and other children from within our cluster of small schools. This is a great way for them to broaden their friendship group and have fun. **All games are held on Saturday in Shepparton at the Sports City Precinct** with varying times. There is no soccer over the long weekends or school holidays and no training for the junior teams.

The fee for each player **remains unchanged at \$130.00** which covers SJSA registration, soccer tops and a presentation evening at the end of the season. **You will be required to purchase royal blue socks & shorts as well as shin guards.** The school has a supply of spare boots and shin guards which you are welcome to contribute to and swap out for larger fitting options.

In order for teams to be registered, we require parents or carers who are able to assist as coaches or team managers (with support throughout the season of course). **All assistants must have a Working with Children's Check and attend a training session prior to the season start.**

Should you require further information, please email Jac at congupnacruzers@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the below information by 29th February so that we can arrange teams. Payment will be required by the end of term and can be made at Congupna Primary School Administration or into the school bank account BSB: 063 527 Account: 1014 5385, with your child's name and 'Cruzers' as a reference.

Jac McCarty – Congupna Cruzers Delegate

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FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS:

Congupna Primary School Lunch List

Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	\$ 1.50
Dim Sims	\$ 1.20
Potato Cake	\$ 1.20
Party Pies / Sausage Roll	\$ 2.00
Pizza Ham Cheese Pineapple	\$ 5.00
Chicken / Cheeseburger	\$ 5.00
Hotdog + Sauce	\$ 4.50
Choc Chip Cookie	\$ 2.00

Cold Food

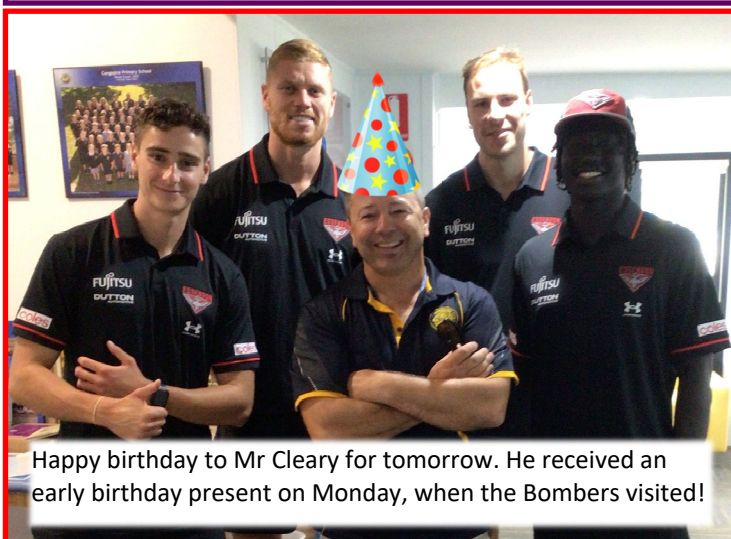
Vegemite or cheese Sandwich	\$4.00
Ham Cheese Tomato	\$ 4.00
Ham / Chicken Sandwich	\$ 4.50
Cheese Lettuce Tomato Carrot Sandwich	\$ 4.50
Yogurt	\$ 3.00
Crunchy Veggie Sticks (Carrots, Cucumber, Celery)	\$ 4.50
Banana Bread	\$ 4.00
Garden Salad	\$ 6.00
Drinks	
250ML Apple /Orange	\$ 3.00
Nippy 250ML	\$ 3.00

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

If you currently hold a health care card, your child is eligible for the CSEF payment. Please call into the office to sign a form to claim the CSEF payment. A new form needs to be signed each year. The amount of \$125 will be received by the school and will be used to cover the cost of the swimming program and excursions.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
22 Feb 2024

Swimming
**Please return notes
and payment by
TOMORROW!**



Happy birthday to Mr Cleary for tomorrow. He received an early birthday present on Monday, when the Bombers visited!



Click on this link to watch Greater Shepp's reel of our new service road
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C3CWQP5MA-c/?igsh=ODVwMnB3NnE3Mzhx>



2024 SEMESTER 1

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Friday 16th February

	<i>Mrs Wendy Sidebottom Grade F/1</i>	<i>Ms Julia Kildey Grade 1/2</i>	<i>Ms Sage Kuch & Ms Niamh Lowe Grade 3/4</i>	<i>Ms Amelia Mangiameli Grade 5/6</i>
8:00 am	Phoebe Newham	Jorden McCarty-Hill	Skye Richardson	Heidi Doyle
8:15 am	Billy Bye	Zoe Ellis	Harriette Newham	Ryan Lancaster
8:30 am	Liam Ellis	Kaiden Charters	Jenna Lancaster	Tilly Bye
8:45 am	Bentley Charters	Charlie White	Emily Bye	Jackson Wallace
9:00 am	Aria Harrison	Levi Dohnt	Macie Wallace	Bill Barclay
9:15 am	Flynn Sibio	Lincoln Evans	Indigo Harrison	Will Warner
9:30 am	Sterling Evans	Billie Sibio	River Venables	Caleb Dawson
9:45 am	Will Brittain	Freya Wright	Dakota Allen	Issaiha Ballerini
10:00 am	Artie Sharp	Harriet Prentice	Eli Wright	Ella Wells
10:15 am	Adeline Prentice	Archer Wilson	Heston Szymanski	Jack Wells
10:30 – 11:00 am MORNING TEA				
11:00 am	Asher Reynolds	Zoe Heard	Tanner Burns	Zac Gordon
11:15 am	Azhalia Scott	Jack Lee	Thea Stevens	Edwin Lampel
11:30 am	Emily Preston	Dooly Mark	Harmony Sunnerdale	Leigh Stevens
11:45 am	Zoran Bains	Jack Corneille	Chad Thorn	Benji Clark
12:00 pm	Matilda Robertson	Jordyn Benton	Dusty Keeble	
12:15 pm	Jaxon Krake	Jack Moore	Amelia Robertson	
12:30 – 1:00 pm LUNCH				
1:00 pm	Luke Wathen	Luca Chambers	Alby Davis	
1:15 pm		Ethan D'Agostino	Ayaan Sehgal	
1:30 pm			Macie D'Agostino	
1:45 pm			Ari McLeod	
2:00 pm				
2:15 pm				
2:30 pm				
Other			Daisy Threlfall	Ivy Threlfall
Other				
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