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# Congupna Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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#### **Dear School Community**,

Welcome back to school for Term 4! With the approach of warmer weather, the School Forest is now out-ofbounds, there are no Pie Warmers and School Hats are compulsory at play times. If students do not have a broad-brimmed school hat to wear, they must stay undercover at play times. If you require a new school hat, we have plenty available at Administration.

This Term we will implement a change of time for CLIM to lessen the need for transition between classrooms. We have changed the time from 9am to 11:30am so that students now line up after Recess at the classroom that they need to attend. This also means specialist classes are no longer split either side of Recess and we have four straight-hour sessions throughout the day. We have also grouped the junior and senior classrooms on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to allow more planning collaboration between teachers from like-classrooms.

The school has worked closely with the Congupna General Store to think of ways to improve the delivery of student lunch orders on Fridays. One of the main things that should improve this offering for families will be that you can now order and pay online using the 'Spriggy Schools' App on your chosen device. Families will just need to search for the App, download it and register your children's name and year levels. You then browse the lunch order menu, add the necessary items to your cart and pay with your account balance. This order will go straight to the shop and be printed out on a sticker for delivery. Families can still order using a bag or envelope if you wish this week, but we are hoping that we can streamline the Lunch Order process moving forward. Thank you very much to Nick and Manika for investigating ways to streamline our lunch order process and stop families from having to hunt for notes and coins every Friday morning! I have already downloaded the Spriggy Schools App, registered, and made a small order for Friday to make sure it works! It was a very easy process.

Our Foundation Transition Program has now been shared with the families of our future Foundation students. The school will host three transition sessions in November and December to prepare our new 2026 students and organise all the necessary school items they will require.

**STEM Teacher Kylie Craik is on Leave** for the first couple of weeks of this Term but thank you to Mrs Tricarico who has kindly agreed to come in and start our Science Geology Unit for Term 4. We look forward to making STEM rock in Term 4!

Thank you to Howard Phillips for completing some odd jobs around the school over the holiday period. We now have a new public access gate to create a new pathway between the school and the pony paddock to allow our students to safely navigate our staff car park. Thank you Howard.

Our Student Toilets at school have received a makeover throughout the holiday break as well with a full repainting of the floors, walls and ceiling. They look fantastic and look so much cleaner and brighter.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the Week

**Chance favours** the prepared mind.







#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**President:** Fiona Davis

**Deputy:** Lauren Sibio

**Secretary:** Wendy Sidebottom

**Treasurer:** Jill Richardson

Members: Adam Cleary, Jeremy Lee, Brad

Benton, Sam Prentice, Jaclyn McCarty, Jeremy

Lee, Greg Joinbee, Amy Ellis.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

#### TERM 4

6:30pm Monday 20th October

6:00pm Monday 24th November (Off-site)

#### **SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**President:** Angie Grills

**Secretary:** Alice Evans

Vice President: Erin Wilson

**Treasurer:** Jill Richardson

Members: Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess

Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds Brooke McLeod, Fi Davis, Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi

Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta

Allen, Jayde Bannister.



Start with fingertips of flat hand touching chest. Pull hand out into fist with thumb extended.

#### **TERM 4 CALENDAR - 2025**

#### October

20th School Council Meeting

24th Kitchen Garden

#### **November**

3rd Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)4th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

7th Kitchen Garden

12th Grade 4/5/6 Yachting Excursion
 13th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #1
 13th F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover
 27th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #2

#### **December**

5th Kitchen Garden

9th Statewide Transition Day

11th School Concert

18th Last day of Term (Thursday)

19th Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

#### Spriggy Schools

# Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering

#### How to get started

- 1. Download the Spriggy Schools app
- 2. Create a profile for your child
- 3. Conveniently place orders online

#### Download the app now!







Check the T&C's and TMD for further informatio

## Hestton Szymanski

#### Hestton, what an incredible term (and year) you've had!

You've grown in so many ways – not just in height, but in maturity, confidence, and your approach to learning. It's been wonderful to see you thriving in the classroom,

You truly shone on camp, where your **leadership skills**, bravery, curiosity, and kindness stood out. You showed exactly what it means to live our school values, and we couldn't be prouder.

Keep being the confident, capable and kind-hearted learner you are, Hestton!







Well done, Hestton. You and your family should be proud of all you have achieved!

#### Terrific Kid of the Term

Term 3 2025



Freshly painted student toilets



Thank you to the Miss
Kuch and the SVT Team
who all did a wonderful job
organising a raffle to raise
money for a new gaga pit.
We raised \$348 which is
terrific!



# 2026 Foundation Transition



A time to settle in, meet new classmates and senior buddies...

DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES
1	Thursday 13th November from 9 - 11am	Please bring a Piece of Fruit, Snack, Water Bottle and a Hat to each session.  Literacy Activities Numeracy Activities Buddy Activities PLEASE NOTE: Prospective students must have an approved
2	Thursday 27th November from 9 - 11am	
3	Tuesday 9th December from 9 - 1pm  This is a longer TRANSITION DAY and is combined with a Parent Information Session from 12:30 - 1pm	

#### Congupna Primary School

- Excellent Teaching and Learning,
  - Supervised School Crossing
- Out of School Hours Care program,
- Stimulating learning environment,
- Professional and dedicated staff,
- School Chooks and Guinea Pigs,
- School Bus Run to Shepparton,
- A Buddy System with Senior Students,
  - Congupna Cruzers Soccer sides,
- Art, Library, LOTE, STEM & Music specialist classes
- A STEM Laboratory with Minecraft, Lego Robotics and a 3D Printer.





Call Principal Adam Cleary for more details on 58 299 286

We are KIND

We are **BRAVE** 

We are **CURIOUS** 

#### **CONGUPNA - LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE**



**Congupna Community Assett Team AGM** 



**LOCATION** 

Congupna Recreation Reserve & Community Centre



DATE

2 December 2025



TIME

6:30pm

Are you passionate about community, sport, and making a difference? We're inviting enthusiastic locals to become part of our volunteer committee and help shape the future of our vibrant community hub!

#### What does the committee do?

- ·Booking applications ·Monitor and support maintenance
- ·Foster community engagement
- ·Identify funding opportunities, write grants applications and manage budgets
- ·Handle financial and secretarial responsibilities
- ·Manage the day-to-day operations of the facility



### **₩**SCHOLASTI **Book Clu** orders are due:

23 October 2025

### **WATER WEEK** 20-26 OCTOBER 2025

Join us to celebrate, explore and learn about all things water this National Water Week.

Let's Grow: Waterwise Gardens

Wednesday 22 October

7pm - 9pm | Eastbank Shepparton

Discover how to design gardens that thrive in the GV with gardening experts.

#### Join the WATER NIGHT challenge!

Can you go 5 hours without taps, showers, or running water? Join Aussies switching off and tuning in to how we really use water.

Sign up to take on the challenge on Thursday 23 October 2025, and go in the draw to win national and regional prizes.

