

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Thank you to those families that have confirmed your plans for your child's enrolment in 2026. This helps us formulate the best possible plans for Congupna Primary School students next year.

Speaking of planning for next year, most families are aware I am sure, that Ms Kuch will be on Maternity Leave at the beginning of next year and that the school had advertised a classroom teaching position to recruit a suitable replacement. We would like to announce that we have had a very suitable replacement **appointed as a classroom teacher from Canberra. Her name is Ms Celeste Huttley**, and we have included a photograph of her in the newsletter. Ms Huttley comes to us from an International Baccalaureate school that runs a Programme of Inquiry that sits very well within how we like our students to learn at Congupna Primary School. We look forward to introducing her to the whole school community when we can.

Our **School Lunch Orders have hit a new milestone.** We had no physical paper bags sent to school last Friday and all orders were made directly with the Congupna General Store. I would ask that all families check that your child's classroom is correctly listed in the Spriggy Schools App, otherwise your child's lunch will be sent to a different classroom! **Thank you to Nick & Manika for all your work** streamlining this process.

Our Kitchen Garden program resumes tomorrow with our resident expert Katie Thorp looking to rejuvenate our school gardens in the great outdoors. Along with Mrs Tricarico, our **new 'Kitchen Garden Team' will deliver two each of Kitchen, Garden and Nutrition sessions** for our students throughout Term 4.

Our **Grade 5/6 students will be attending yachting on Wednesday 12th November.** This is an annual pilgrimage to Lake Victoria for our senior students, and we look forward to hearing about our student successes and 'learning opportunities' on this day. It must be becoming more popular as they could not fit in Grade 3/4 students this year.

The **date for our F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover has been**

set for **Thursday 13th December.** For those new to this event, we will have our Foundation students stay throughout the afternoon for activities and then get picked up after dinner. For our Grade 1 and 2 students, it means camping overnight in classrooms at school. This is terrific preparation for attending Camps from Grade 3 onwards and something that has promoted the independence and maturity of many students since we started, so that they have had the capacity to take this step. **Our Junior Teachers are creating a program now and will share this with you in the coming weeks.**

Please be reminded that we have a **student-free Report Writing Day on Monday 3rd November** before the Melbourne Cup. Due to a lot of other local TheirCare schools also having a student-free day on this day, TheirCare will be offering care at larger Hub Schools on this day due to staffing limitations. For more information, please refer to communications from TheirCare or drop in and see Mel.

For your information, we are **currently preparing for a School Review in Term 2, 2026.** As part of this process, we will be updating a suite of School Policies this Term. The new process is that we will upload them on our school website as DRAFTS and there will be a period where all school community members are encouraged to have a look at the policies and offer any suggestions for improvement. They are Department Templates that we use but we are encouraged to personalise these to make them reflect our school community and how we operate. Thank you in advance.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Experience is
knowledge, the rest
is information.**



SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: Fiona Davis
Deputy: Lauren Sibio
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Adam Cleary, Brad Benton, Sam Prentice, Jaclyn McCarty, Jeremy Lee, Greg Joinbee, Amy Ellis.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

TERM 4

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.

TERM 4 CALENDAR - 2025

October

23rd Book Club Due
24th Kitchen Garden (Katie)
30th Kitchen Garden (Mrs T)

November

3rd Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
4th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
7th Kitchen Garden (Katie)
12th Grade 4/5/6 Yachting Excursion
13th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #1
13th F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover
20th Kitchen Garden (Mrs T)
27th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #2

December

4th Kitchen Garden (Mrs T)
5th Kitchen Garden (Katie)
9th Statewide Transition Day
11th School Concert
18th Last day of Term (Thursday)
19th Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)



Auslan



Birthday



Start with hands flat, palms up, at hips.
Move hands up and forward in an arc
so that arms cross past each other and
end at side of head.

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We CURIOUS Awards

Jaxson Llewellyn - for showing a very keen interest towards our Dinosaur topic and willingly sharing your knowledge with the class.

Liam Ellis - for being an active learner and living everything you are learning, particularly money maths and Australia's geography.

Charlie White – for the awesome curiosity you've shown in the classroom this past week. Well done!

Jorden McCarty Hill - for lots of great questions during reading time.

Zac Gordon - for your awesome curiosity in learning about the human body, particularly your questions about fingernails, and the hemispheres of the brain! Well done.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Jackson Wallace - for the way in which you've started the term, you've shown kindness to others, been curious in your learning and have had an awesome positive attitude! Amazing work.

Superstar Award

Riley Hudson - for showing kindness and consideration for others.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Amelia Robertson & Macie D'Agostino - for signing the National Anthem.



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 <i>Piece of Fruit, Snack, Water Bottle</i> and a <i>Hat</i> to each session. • Literacy Activities • Numeracy Activities • Buddy Activities PLEASE NOTE: Prospective students must have an approved and submitted enrolment form to attend.
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

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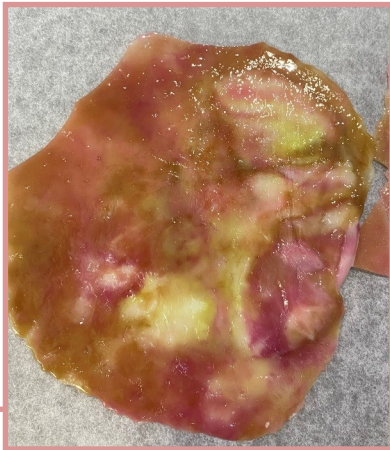
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Geology



Exploring Sedimentary Rocks in STEM!

Our Foundation students became young geologists this week as they learned all about **sedimentary rocks** and how they are formed in **layers** over time. To bring their learning to life, students examined **real rock samples**, observing the different colours, textures, and layers that make up these fascinating rocks.



Creating Igneous Rocks in the Microwave!

Our Grade 4/5/6 class turned the STEM classroom into a geology lab this week! Students explored how **igneous rocks** are formed from melted magma that cools and hardens.

To model this process, students used lollies instead of real lava, melting the lollies in the microwave.

CONGUPNA - LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE



Congupna Community Asset 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



JUNIOR EAGLES

STARTING THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
5:15-6PM FOR TERM 4
\$20 PER CHILD

Aimed at kids aged 4-9 working on throwing, catching, batting, hand-eye coordination during fun and engaging sessions.

**MERCH AVAILABLE:
TOPS \$50 CAPS \$20**



DISRUPTION

An Immersive Art Experience

Saturday 18 to Friday 31 October 2025
Shepparton Uniting Church
FREE ENTRY
shepp.city/disruption

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.

St Andrews Road SPRING FESTIVAL



1ST NOVEMBER 2025
4 - 8 PM
15A ST ANDREWS ROAD,
SHEPPARTON
**MUSIC | GREAT FOOD
FREE ENTRY
KIDS ACTIVITIES**

come along
**JOIN THE
FUN?**

