

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Mrs Tricarico conducted her first Kitchen Garden session today and our students have made pizzas using some fresh ingredients from the garden. The smell was amazing!

Our **Grade 5/6 students** will have the opportunity to participate in **Yachting at Lake Victoria on Wednesday 12th November**. Permission notices have been distributed, and School Savings Bonus money can be used. Grade 4 students from our senior classroom will be distributed to other classrooms for the morning on this day.

Our **first Foundation Transition Day** will take place on **Thursday 13th November from 9-11am**. There will be a Parent Information Session at 10:45am (before pick-up) where you will have the chance to ask any questions you may have. Children will then be invited to try on uniform so that we can take orders and deliver to you a school bag packed full of necessary uniform and other items ready to start on Day 1, 2026. We do this nice and early so that we can have your child's name embroidered on their school hats and bags and present them to you at our **Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday 9 December**. Students will also receive a tee shirt on this day to wear on the following two transition sessions.

Permission Notices have now been distributed for our **2025 F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover on Thursday 13th November**. Families can use School Savings Bonus monies for the cost. If you have any specific questions or requests, please message your classroom directly. We obviously try to keep it simple and manageable so that we can promote all students to participate but we will do our very best to accommodate requests from all families. Due to having three classrooms involved and having a straight Foundation class this year, our

Foundation students can stay for the full day on Friday. This is different from other years, but most other things will be the same.

Our Lighthouse Volunteer **Mark Eastman** has relocated unfortunately and will no longer be available to garden, paint and oil at school. Mark has done a tremendous job over the past 18 months and on behalf of our school community, I thank him sincerely.

Please be reminded that **there is no school or OSHC service available on Monday**, although you may register at other TheirCare sites if space is available.

Hats off to our School Community once again! Offers **to donate items or share collections for our Geology STEM focus this Term** have again been amazing. Mrs Craik has been very impressed by the response once again. You guys rock!

Finally, I would like to **thank our amazing Teachers**. What they do every day for our students is amazing. Teachers turn up day in, day out, and spend nearly half their waking life each year with groups of young people to teach them important life skills and nurture their individual and collective development. Happy **World Teacher's Day for tomorrow!**

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**An investment in
knowledge always pays
the best interest.**



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

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)



This week in STEM we have been learning about what can make up a rock. Students practiced the art of carefully dissecting and sorting the "minerals" found in our "rock" models.

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 KIND Awards

Isaac Pearce - for your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness to others that you consistently demonstrate in class. Thank you Isaac!

Ronan Nicolopoulos - for being a kind and respectful member of our classroom every day. Well done Ronan!

Dooly Mark – for being a kind and supportive friend and for using his voice when help is needed. Great work!

Harriet Prentice - Harriet has shown wonderful kindness towards others. She always makes sure everyone feels included by playing with those who don't have anyone to play with and checking in when others are hurt or feeling sad

Macie D'Agostino– for always showing you kindness towards others, and putting others' needs first. You're becoming a great leader well done!

STEM Awards

Klea Ismet - for her precision and assistance when creating sedimentary sand jars.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Jordy Benton - well done on consistently modelling the school values and always being willing to help and support your friends. Keep up the great work Jordy!

Superstar Award

Amelia Robertson - for growing in confidence, using her voice with pride, and showing strong focus and commitment to her learning.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Zoe Ellis, Chad Thorn & River Venables - 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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Farewell & Thank you Mark

