

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

We have now hit the mid-point of Term 4 after an extra -long weekend, and students and teachers are busy assessing and beginning the reporting process. Please **make sure we keep attendance high and have our students as well-rested** as possible at this very busy time of year.

Our **Kitchen Garden Program resumes tomorrow** after a very successful Kitchen session provided by Mrs Tricarico last Thursday. The topic will be Nutrition, and we look forward to what Katie has in store for us.

Our **Grade 5/6 students will attend Lake Victoria in Shepparton next Wednesday 12th November** for Yachting. This is a terrific annual experience for our senior students and reinforces the importance of collaboration in all that we do. Operating a small watercraft dependent on using the sail to capture wind requires a surprising amount of line pulling and ducking when the sail swings around! Please make sure you **bring a spare set of clothes and shoes that can get wet and a plastic bag**. Grade 4 students from the senior classroom will join other classrooms for the morning.

Next **Wednesday, we also welcome a Deaf Visitor to Congupna Primary School**. Josh will be in attendance to answer questions about deaf culture, Auslan and experiences from the perspective of a member of the deaf community. **Thank you** to our Auslan LOTE (Language other than English) Teacher, **Ms Hession** for **providing this real-life learning opportunity** for our students.

Our first **2026 Foundation Transition Day takes place next Thursday 13th November** from 9-11am and includes an important meeting for parents and carers at 10:45am to conduct uniform fitting and ordering. **We look forward to welcoming our next wave of students** as we prepare them to start in 2026.

Our **Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover also takes place next Thursday 13th November**. Our Foundation students will stay until after dinner and be picked up by 7pm on Thursday evening. Our Grade 1-2 students will Sleepover and be picked up by 11am the following day on Friday 14th November. Our Foundation class will run for the full day as normal, but there will be no classes for our Grade 1-2 students. Grade 3 students from Mr Pettigrew's classroom will be relocated to other classrooms. Please make sure all permission notices have been returned and payments have been made in advance. Contact your classroom teachers directly if you have any questions.

Our **Parents & Friends** are once again conducting a **School Christmas Raffle** and are now asking for donations to create our wonderful hampers. Things like non-perishable food, Christmas decorations, and giftware suitable for all ages would be appropriate. Our Raffle **Tickets will also be distributed with this newsletter**. Tickets will be \$1 each and each family will receive a book of twenty. The Hamper prizes will be drawn at our End of Year Concert but please have them returned by Friday 5th December.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Spend less time
worrying who's right
and more time
deciding what's right.**



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

November

7th Kitchen Garden (Katie)
12th Grade 5/6 Yachting Excursion
12th Deaf Visitor (LOTE)
13th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #1
13th F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover
20th Kitchen Garden (Mrs T)
27th 2026 Foundation Transition Day #2
27th Book Club Due (Issue 8)

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)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F are again organising a Christmas raffle to be drawn at the school concert on the 11th of December.

We are asking for families to kindly donate items to go into these hampers.

They can be anything from non-perishable foods and decorations to giftware suitable for all ages.

If you have spare gift bags at home please feel free to donate those too!

If you are able to donate anything big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. All money raised helps to fund valuable educational equipment and experiences for the school.



Auslan



Friend



With one hand holding the other fist, bounce hands downwards twice.

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We BRAVE Awards

Darcy White - for showing a growing confidence to try new things and for being brave in your learning. Keep it up!

Jaxon Krake - for being brave when we played 'The Game of Um' and for trying new things in Kitchen!

Jack Corneille - for being confident and striving for his best. Well done!

Dakota Allen - for showing great bravery and positivity even during a challenging time. You have faced your days with a smile, care for others, and a wonderful attitude towards your learning.

Eli Wright - for your brave efforts this week in our inquiry learning. Thank you for your maturity and doing a great job! Well done!

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Izzi Binion-Hutchison - for the enthusiasm you show towards school and the way you include all others. You make school a brighter place.

Superstar Award

Harriet Prentice - for being a bright and friendly student who shows care for others.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Kaiden Charters, Ethan D'Agostino & Phoebe Newham - 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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We are thrilled to share that five of our students have been shortlisted for the 2025 Greater Shepparton Year 5 & 6 Story Writing Competition! Congratulations to **Zac, Jackson, Harriette, Alby, and Ari** — and well done to all our young writers who submitted their wonderful stories.



This week in STEM, students explored the fascinating world of **geodes**! A geode is a hollow, spherical rock with a hard outer shell and a sparkling interior lined with mineral crystals. Students created their own geodes using egg containers, then broke them open outside to examine the crystal formations inside. It was a fun and hands-on way to connect science and creativity!

