

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

It is that time of year when we turn our attention to planning. Congupna Primary School will be continuing with five classrooms in 2026, and we have now secured our fifth and final classroom teacher. Julia Kildey has had a year gaining experience further afield and now returns to us where she began as a graduate teacher in 2020. ***We are very excited that Ms Kildey is returning, and we know that many students and families will be thrilled as well.*** We will continue sharing with everyone as more pieces of the puzzle fall into place.

Last Thursday we completed a successful Evacuation Drill. Students were prepared in the morning so they would not be overwhelmed by the experience but did not know when it would be. We practiced attending Assembly Point A (near the School Dam) and simulated a Fire Drill on this occasion. ***Our students were terrific. They remained calm, took the drill seriously, listened and followed direction*** and even gave staff informative feedback when the drill was completed. Awesome work guys.

Yesterday we had a deaf visitor, Josh, visit the school that was organised by our LOTE Teacher, Mrs Hession. The whole school had a quick 'Special Assembly' at 9am where they were all able to meet Josh and ask him questions. Josh then attended each of the LOTE lessons throughout the day. This real-life learning opportunity was a ***fantastic opportunity for our students to practice their learnt signing skills*** and see how important these can be for members of the deaf community. Thank you, Ms Hession.

Our Grade 5/6 students enjoyed Yachting on Lake Victoria in Shepparton yesterday morning. It was a perfect morning to learn all about port and starboard, bow and stern. By all accounts, most students ducked when the boom swung around after catching wind in the mainsail! ***Well done to Ms Mangiameli for modelling bravery and hopping in a boat this year!***

Our 2026 Foundation Transition Day took place this morning from 9-11am. ***It was great to see our ten new Foundation students getting to know their Teacher*** and trying on new uniform for next year. We have six new families and another four siblings joining the school in 2026. On behalf of our whole school community, we welcome you and look forward to the privilege of educating your children in the years to come.

Our ***F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover also takes place this afternoon.*** This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our youngest students to start expanding their horizons and become more independent. We see this school event as a very important stepping stone in having students attend three-, four- or five-day Camps in Grades 3-6. ***Thank you to Mr Pettigrew, Ms Kuch, Mrs Sidebottom and Mr McKindley for taking time out of their own lives to provide this opportunity*** for our students.

For those of you wondering, ***we will be having an Assembly on Friday despite our Grade 1 and 2 students not being in attendance.*** Students from Grade 1/2 and 2/3 will be awarded two awards the following week! School Assembly will begin at 2:45pm on Friday.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.



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

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
15th Grade 6 Graduation
18th Last day of Term (Thursday)
19th Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

January

28th First Day back at School for Grades 1-6
29th First day of School for Foundation

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



Week



Finger spell "W" (thread extended fingers between each other).

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We **CURIOUS** Awards

Hugh Gattuso - for your inquisitiveness about our topic of dinosaurs and eagerly sharing your knowledge with the class. Thank you.

Flynn Sibio - for asking great questions about deaf people during an evacuation whilst we did our drill and heard the alarm. Well done!

Archer Wilson – for always being curious and making amazing connections and statements in class.

Jack Lee – for always being eager to learn new things, especially in Maths! You ask great questions and thrive in being challenged

Bill Barclay - for your natural curiosity that you share with us in our learning each day! Particularly in health learning, which we have been exploring. Well done Bill!

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KID** of the Week

Ronan Nicolopoulos - for being an all 'round terrific kid! Well done!

Superstar Award

Dusty Keeble - for growing in confidence, finding your voice and bravely giving new things a go!

AUSLAN AWARDS

Liam Ellis & Emily Preston - for signing the National Anthem.

BRAVE Award (from last week

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.





On Tuesday, our whole school came together for a heartfelt Remembrance Day service to honor the bravery and sacrifice of soldiers past and present. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we paused for a minute of silence and listened to the moving sound of the Last Post. Our students showed great respect throughout the service.



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Music with Mrs T

On Tuesday, Mrs. T brought out the ukuleles for music and taught the Grade 3/4 students the song "The Best Day of My Life." The class picked it up incredibly quickly and sounded absolutely fantastic.





Yachting—Grade 5/6

Our Grade 5/6 students had a fantastic time yachting on Lake Victoria in Shepparton yesterday morning! While there's no photo evidence, we've heard that Miss Mang spent the morning out on the water as well! The weather couldn't have been better, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

It's a boy!

We're delighted to share the wonderful news of the safe arrival of **Daxton Matthew Charters** on Tuesday, 4 November. Daxton is a precious little brother to Kaiden and Bentley. Congratulations to the Charters family on their newest bundle of joy!



Welcome Back Ms Kildey

We're thrilled to announce that **Julia Kildey** will be returning to **Congupna Primary School** in **2026**! We know this news will delight many students and families. Ms. Kildey has spent this year teaching at another school, gaining valuable experience that she'll bring back to our community.



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: <i>Prospective students must have an approved and submitted enrolment form to attend.</i>
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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FREE EVENT

WHEN THE DUST SETTLES

A documentary on men's mental health in regional Australia. By award-winning director Stuart McKay.

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2025 | 6PM - 8PM
VILLAGE CINEMAS SHEPPARTON

Featuring:

- Short films by young people from Greater Shepparton
- Guest Speaker Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer
- Followed by Q&A
- Aaron Schultz – The Outback Mind Foundation Founder



Warren Davies



Aaron Schultz

FRAME THE FUTURE
FILM FESTIVAL



Book now – limited spots

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Recommended for ages 15+. Parental supervision is encouraged.



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