

# Congupna Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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*Dear School Community,*

**School Tours and Open Days will have taken place every morning this week from Tuesday to Friday** by the end of the week. We have had some lovely families and prospective students visit and we now know that the enrolment process has shifted online for 2027 enrolments. This will only affect families that have new enrolments beginning next year or beyond, so please stay tuned for more information and links.

Our **School Cross Country takes place tomorrow**. As we have communicated on Seesaw, we won't be having families attending this year as it is very new to us and we will be busy managing the risks of using the Recreation Reserve next door, including navigating potential construction works as well. If we continue to do this next year, we will consider inviting families as we will be better attuned to potential risks and good viewing locations!

This year we have **four Congupna Cruzers teams** once again. Our teams are U7 Yellow, U7 Blue, U10 Yellow and U10 Blue. Thank you to all the families that have agreed to help and be coaches and team managers. **Thank you also to our tireless delegate Jac McCarty**, who has done a great job coordinating the new online registration process and formation of teams this year. There are no soccer clubs competing this year and our teams will now compete against all-girls teams as well. We look forward to another successful season full of new friendships, fun and fresh air. **Go Cruzers!**

Our **School Review takes place next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. This takes place once every four years and helps form a strategic direction for the school considering lots of student data, survey results, focus groups and classroom observations. A School Review Panel has been formed and will be composed of the Reviewer, Principal, Assistant Principal, two Principals from nearby Primary Schools, our School Council President,

our Senior Education Improvement Leader and even four students for part of the day. **We look forward to showcasing our school** to our visitors and having them help guide us to ways that we can continue to get better results for our students year on year.

**A STEM Incursion will be visiting next Wednesday with the help of Landcare**. We will have student sessions focusing on things such as mini beasts, tracks and scats, and insect/flora relationships. Our postponed Burn Table visit from the CFA will still happen when we have a replacement presenter confirmed. We will also have a major STEM incursion in June that will be an amazing student experience so stay tuned for more information.

Our Student Voice Team has decided to participate once again in the **'Do it for Dolly Day' next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. This has been a cause that the school has supported over many years, and our students will **'wear something blue'** with their school uniform and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will be forwarded to Dolly's Dream. Dolly's Dream helps to create a kinder, safer world for young people and aims to end bullying. We come together to raise awareness, spark conversations, and support young people impacted by bullying.

*Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal*

Thought for the week

**Life's not about waiting for  
the storm to pass...  
It's about learning to dance  
in the rain.**



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

### TERM 2

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - 6:30pm**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 6:30pm**

## SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

**President:** Angie Grills  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Jill Richardson  
**Members:** Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds, Bernadette O’Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister, Melissa Hudson.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR - 2026

### May

1st Open Day 2—Tours at 9am (Friday)  
 1st Cross Country (at school)  
 5th School Review Day  
 6th Minibeast Incursion (STEM)  
 8th Do it for Dolly Day  
 12th Somers Camp (5/6 Optional) starts  
 18th Drama Incursion  
 19th Fire Rescue Visit (Found—2)  
 20th Somers Camp finishes



**STEM - Minibeasts**

Students explored **minibeasts** during STEM this week and thoroughly enjoyed using magnifying glasses to closely examine resin insects. Next Wednesday, we will welcome Goulburn Murray Landcare for a special Minibeasts incursion.



## Auslan



### Sing



With pointer and middle finger extended together, start with fingertips at lips, palm towards you. Move hand forwards and upwards, forming a small circle in the air in front of face half way up.



## We are **CURIOUS** Awards

**Jake Macaulay** - for the enthusiasm you show towards learning, sharing your knowledge and asking wonderful questions. Keep it up!

**Liam Ellis** - for demonstrating a remarkable thirst for knowledge and consistently asking insightful questions that deepen our class discussions.

**Levi Dohnt** - for always asking curious questions and sharing your knowledge with the class. Well done Levi.

**Ashton Hudson** – for always exploring, always learning, and always being ready to discover something new. Well done!

**Indigo Harrison** - for a wonderful curious week that you've started the term with. Well done Indigo, keep up the great work!

## **STEM** Awards

**Skye Richardson** - for your enthusiastic thirst for knowledge in classifying minibeasts and identifying their unique features.

## **Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID** of the Week

**Ronan Nicolopoulos** - for being an all round terrific Kid. You consistently try your best in all that you do and with such a positive attitude too. Well done!

## **Superstar** Awards

**Artie Sharp** - for sharing your amazing knowledge.

**Matilda Robertson** - for growing your communication skills.

## **AUSLAN AWARDS**

**Jack Corneille & Jaxon Krake** for signing the National Anthem.





Congupna Primary School paid tribute to the service and sacrifice of our veterans and current service personnel at an ANZAC Ceremony held at School on Friday, 24 April. Our students were respectful and engaged, showing great pride as they helped keep the ANZAC spirit alive through their participation and reflection.

On Saturday, 25 April, School Captains Ayaan and Elijah (left) represented our school at the ANZAC Day Ceremony in Shepparton, where they laid a wreath handmade by our Grade 5/6 students. Let's not forget.



## THE GREAT RICE DRIVE



### DO SOMETHING NICE, DONATE RICE!

Imagine the smiles you'll create by contributing to meals for families and individuals who need it most in your community!

Register your business, school, club or community group as a rice donation collection point in May, or simply donate rice, and help reach our goal of collecting enough rice to provide 25,000 meals.

For more information, to REGISTER or to FIND A RICE DONATION POINT visit [www.sheppartonfoodshare.org.au](http://www.sheppartonfoodshare.org.au) or email [kate@sheppartonfoodshare.org.au](mailto:kate@sheppartonfoodshare.org.au)

REGISTER as a rice donation point here

## GO BLUE TO END BULLYING!



DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY '26

8 MAY 2026

Go BLUE and help raise funds to support Dolly's Dream to end bullying.

[doitfordollyday.org.au](http://doitfordollyday.org.au)

