

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Cross Country last Friday at school was terrific. This was the first time we have run our own whole-school event and the weather was beautiful. All our students gave it their best and if we do operate this way again next year, we will be more comfortable inviting families to share in the experience. The Interschool **Cross Country took place at Princess Park in Shepparton yesterday.** Eleven students represented Congupna Primary School from Grade 3 to 6. All eleven of our students did a magnificent job and we even had a few make it to the next stage. Well done!

School Tours and Open Days were a hit. If anyone has missed out, please let us know and an **individual school tour can be arranged.**

Our School Review on Tuesday with Reviewer Jane Kovacs was fantastic. Thank you very much to the **seventeen students that contributed to the** panel and as part of the focus groups that were interviewed. Thank you to our eight parents and carers that contributed to the focus group at the start of the day. **Special mention should go to our School Council President, Lauren Sibio,** who was with us for a very full day as a member of the Review Panel. Thank you to fellow **Principals Les Walsh (Shepparton East Primary School) and Marcia Waters (Katandra West Primary School), to our Senior Education Improvement Leader Brendan Bicknell and to our fearless Assistant Principal Wendy Sidebottom,** for their contributions. I believe that our students, staff and school community presented very well on the day and the panel looks forward to sharing the school's strategic direction in the very near future.

The **Landcare Incursion organised by STEM Teacher Kylie Craik yesterday was amazing.** Students learnt more about the relationship between insects and native flora, native animal tracks and scats and mini beasts. We journeyed into the Pony Paddock and around the schoolyard with Landcare Staff as our guides and presenters. **Thank you to the local Landcare Team** for providing our students with this hands-on learning opportunity.

Our **Student Voice Team** has organised our school **Do it for Dolly Day tomorrow, Friday 8th May.** Students are

encouraged to **'wear a splash of blue'** with their school uniform and donate a gold coin to the cause. We will be especially KIND and BRAVE, and 'go Blue to end Bullying'.

A **Fire Rescue Incursion** has been planned for the **Grade F/1 and 1/2 classrooms next Monday 11th May.** There will also be a follow-up session on the following Tuesday 19th May, in which there is usually an on-vehicle tour of a Fire Truck! Our most junior students enjoy this experience immensely and learn about many vital fire safety messages.

Somers Camp begins next Tuesday 12th May, and attendees will not return until Wednesday 20th May. This year we have our highest ever number of attendees and for this reason, I have decided to attend with our Grade 5 and 6 students. This Camp is often a life-changing experience for our students, and many have returned significantly more independent and mature in past years. I look forward to seeing our KIND, BRAVE and CURIOUS students in action!

Raye Down has been employed to release Assistant Principal Wendy Sidebottom from the classroom for the duration of the camp, and this will be provided by the camp to ensure our school is cared for in my absence. Please make sure Mrs Sidebottom and Administration is cc'd into Seesaw messages to ensure important messages are delivered over this period.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Allow yourself to be
regularly startled
and humbled by joy.**



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 15th 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

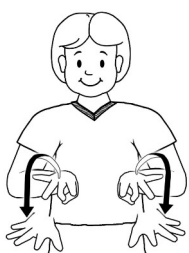
8th Do it for Dolly Day
 11th Fire Rescue Incursion
 12th Somers Camp (5/6 Optional) starts
 18th Drama Incursion
 19th Fire Rescue Visit (Grade F/2)
 20th Somers Camp finishes



Auslan



Australia



In front of sides, form a circle with middle finger and thumb on both hands, spread other fingers apart, palms face down. Move hands up, forward then downwards, flicking all fingers out spread in front of you.



We are **KIND** Awards

Darcy Dohnt - your genuine thoughtfulness and consideration of others constantly throughout the day is much appreciated by all. Keep it up!

Sasha Newham - for your kindness and empathy that regularly brightens our school community. Your willingness to help others makes a positive and lasting difference.

Aria Harrison - for being a kind classmate and an enthusiastic learner. You show great bravery by trying your best and asking for help when your not sure. Well done Aria.

Zoe Ellis – well done for being a great friend. Your caring nature makes school a happier place for everyone.

Zayne Martinez - for using your initiative and leadership skills, and showing kindness to those younger students.

Superstar Awards

Nate Sidebottom - for being friendly, cheerful and asking great questions!

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KID** of the Week

Charlie Krake - for consistently trying your best in everything you do. You regularly push yourself in the classroom and you are always a kind and caring friend to those around you.

STEM Award

Jaylen H - for his attention to detail when drawing his insect entry of a Madagascan Sunset Moth, for the school paper quilt.



CONGUPNA CRUZERS Soccer Report

Under 7 Blue

Great efforts by both Cruzers teams. Ammasyn was captain. Max took out the superstar award

Kohen took the encouragement award for some great teamwork. Teammates Scarlett and Benji both played amazing first games.

Everyone worked together, having fun and giving it their all on the field.

Coach Lindy



Under 7 Yellow

A It was so great to be back on the pitch this year, with a nice bunch of kids fired up to play some soccer. we faced some fierce opposition this week with the Blue Cruzers team showing up to play, the game is less about tactics and more about enthusiasm—and there was plenty of that!

From the first whistle, the ball seemed to have a magnetic pull, drawing a cluster of players from both teams into a moving pack across the field. Every now and then, the ball would pop free, giving one

determined player a moment to shine before the group quickly re-formed around them. There were wild kicks, near misses, and the occasional perfectly timed boot that sent the ball rolling toward goal.

Our awards this week went to Finn for leading the charge and being a great captain, and Isaac for operating well in defence. We had a good spread of goal scorers with both teams getting some great shots in.

Looking forward to the coming weeks with everyone keen and ready to go

Coach Phil



CONGUPNA CRUZERS Soccer Report

Under 10 Yellow

The boys kicked off the year with a solid performance against St Luke's. Stepping onto a larger field against some older opponents didn't put our boys off and they showed some real improvement and determination in a closely fought contest. Our best players were Riley (pizza award) and Eddie (Cold Rock award) who were fantastic across defence and centre field, stopping a lot of St Luke's attacks and setting up opportunities for teammates to score with hard running and excellent passing. Flynn was dangerous around goals, kicking our 2 goals for the match. Bentley (1st half) and Liam (2nd half) were brilliant in goals, standing in the way of many St Luke's attacks and even coming out of the box at a few to stop them. George, Dooly and Artie stood up to many of St Luke's attacks

whilst Asher, Archie, Daniel and Patrick worked hard at both ends of the field as well. Next week we have the SCC Lions at 10.30am!

Team Manager Matt

Under 10 Blue

Kaiden, Ethan, Lincoln, Zoe, Jaylen, Ashton, Jack, Jordan, Skye, Hestton, Archer, Zoran and one pesky bee all took to the pitch for a great first game of the season. Jack got us underway as captain and did a great job with many shots on in the first half before taking on goalkeeper in the second. Jordan had some great saves in the first half as goalie, then getting on the field and scoring a goal after some amazing passing and ball movement down the field from Ashton and Kaiden. Jaylen & Archer were outstanding, never backing away from a tough contest and both picking up a player award each this week. Skye and Ethan had a great game each, getting themselves involved in the midfield and making some great passes out of the pack. Lincoln, Hestton and Zoe all teamed up and worked well in the defence, not letting the opposition get close to the goals for most of the game. Lincoln was set to take on goalie in the second half, however, the pesky bee that snuck inside the gloves had other plans, stinging him on the thumb. Showing amazing bravery Lincoln took some time off at the start of the half and then took to the field to support his teammates. Zoran did an excellent job taking on the bigger pitch and bigger kids he took on every challenge and got involved as much as he could. A great first game of the season.

Coach Brad



STEM Landcare Incursion



Students had a wonderful time outdoors learning about the relationship between insects and native flora, exploring native animal tracks and scats, and discovering a variety of mini beasts. A big thank you to STEM teacher Miss Craik for organising this engaging and informative incursion.



On Wednesday 6 May we had a number of students compete at the Interschool Cross Country Championships — and what a fantastic effort from everyone involved! A huge congratulations to all runners, with several outstanding performances. Well done to those who finished in the top 25 and have now qualified for Division Cross Country.



2027 3 and 4 Year Old Kindergarten

Registrations now open

Registrations are open from
Tuesday 5 May to Friday 7 August 2026



REGISTER ONLINE

shepp.city/kinder



Visit greater-shepparton.com.au for more information

GO BLUE TO END BULLYING!



DO IT
FOR
Dolly
DAY '26

8 MAY 2026

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to support Dolly's Dream to
end bullying.

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