

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

It is **Bullying No Way Week** and **National Science Week** this week – two things that we are very passionate about at Congupna Primary School. I feel like we celebrate STEM most school weeks each year, but it is great to acknowledge Science Week as something that is important for us as a school and for our students. We also really like the approach to this year's anti-bullying message and believe that the '**small acts, big impact**' is a terrific proactive approach that leans heavily on one of our very **important school values** – **We are KIND**. We look forward to seeing all the purple at school tomorrow as our students come together. Students will also share Seesaw Reflections on Friday about the anti-bullying messages they have learnt this week.

All students participated in a recent **Congupna/Tallygaroopna Landcare Art Competition**. Prizes were provided by our local Landcare group, and the competition was administered by our resident MACC Art Teacher Miss Ferres. There were three categories (F-2, 3/4, 5/6) and whilst our most junior students sketched and coloured pictures of native flora or fauna, our two senior classes created 3D artworks using coloured plasticine and wool. All our student artwork was fantastic and well, they were pieces of Art! I know our judges had a very hard time selecting the winners. **Congratulations to Harriette Newham (5/6 Winner), Zayne Martinez (5/6 Highly Commended), Jenna Lancaster (5/6 Highly Commended), Ashton Hudson (3/4 Winner), Jaylen Hovenden (3/4 Highly Commended), Izzi Binion-Hutchinson (3/4 Highly Commended), Bentley Charters (F/1 Winner), and Jimmy Nicolopoulos (F/1 Highly Commended).**

The **GVGS Junior Production of Frozen** was magnificent once again. It was lovely to see our youngest students venture out of the school grounds on excursion and represent the school so beautifully. It was good to attend in such poor weather as students were far less affected by it attending an indoor excursion!

Sporting Schools sessions begin next week and this Term we will be participating in **six basketball sessions** over four weeks to round out Term 3. **AFL Goulburn Murray will also hold four AFL clinics on Thursdays** after school **beginning next Thursday 27th August** for families interested in this.

Student Learning Conferences will take place on Friday 4th September. Please **find attached a DRAFT Timetable** and work directly with Classroom Teachers to organise necessary meeting time adjustments. There will not be care available from TheirCare on this day so please make alternative arrangements. TheirCare will be providing Student Free Day care on the Monday beforehand (31 August) whilst staff attend a Curriculum Day as listed on the calendar.

The school will hold a **Book Week Parade on Tuesday 15th September** in just under four weeks' time. This should give families ample time to prepare book week costumes. Our Parade does not always land on the 'actual Book Week' as we like it to coincide with a visit from our awesome MARC Library Teacher Mrs Campbell. This should be a **lovely way to finish the Term by celebrating our love of books** in the final week.

Congratulations to our Parents and Friends Committee on successfully **catering for last week's Thursday night Community Tea** at the Congupna Football and Netball Club next door. **Thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer** and/or attend for dinner and support our local sporting club.

On behalf of all students and staff, we would like to send a '**get well**' message to **Mr Pain**, who has just had surgery on a sporting injury this week. We hope to see him again real soon!

Kind Regards, Adam Cleary – Principal.

Thought for the week

**Throw kindness
around like confetti.**



Spriggy
Schools

Seesaw
Keeps everyone in the learning loop

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 3

Monday 7th September 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 3 CALENDAR

August

25th Sporting Schools—Basketball
27th AFL Clinics start (3:15pm)
31st Curriculum Day (student-free)

September

1st Sporting Schools—Basketball
2nd Grade 5/6 Writer Excursion to SAM
3rd Sporting Schools—Basketball
4th Student Learning Conferences (student-free)
8th Sporting Schools—Basketball
11th AFL Cluster Day
15th Sporting Schools—Basketball
15th Book Week Parade
17th Sporting Schools—Basketball
18th Last day of Term 3

Auslan



Learn



Point pointer fingers on both hands forward and start with fingers side by side and touching. Slide one hand backwards and the other forwards the length of fingers, then reverse. May be done multiple times.



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BULLYING NO WAY

National week of action

OFFICIAL SCHOOL

The Student Voice Team remind you that this **Friday 21st August** is a day to wear a splash of **PURPLE**.

“Bullying NO WAY”

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We are **CURIOUS** Awards

Remi Blake – for endeavours in wanting to learn more and find ways to improve yourself at school. Keep it up!

Florence Joinbee - for being curious enough to use adjectives in your RSVP letter to the Beast's Dinner. The yummy, muddy dinner sounds delicious

Ace Martinez - for your fantastic curiosity and your use of WOW words to bring Narrative Cold Write to life!

Jaxon Hepworth - Jaxon brings a wonderfully inquisitive spirit to class, always eager to explore new ideas with a clever twist. Well done.

Macie Wallace - For the great curiosity that you've shown this week in the social enterprise project, along with in maths learning fractions.

SUPERSTAR Award

Finn Wilson - for being an enthusiastic and cheery classmate.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Darcy Dohnt - your positive energy and your friendliness you bring to school every day brightens our classroom and school. Thank you for always being a willing, eager participant and helper for F/1.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Laykie Howard & Winnie Russell - for signing the National Anthem.



CONGUPNA CRUZERS Soccer Report

Under 7 Blue

A bit of a later start to our morning, but the sun even decided to come out for our game against Shepparton East. Ammasyn was our captain today and also took home the Encouragement Award. Max played through a little injury and showed great determination. It was great to have Benji back, always keeping us on our toes with his fancy footwork. Eli has been practising hard all week and it definitely showed out on the field. Kohen is definitely understanding defence, making some great saves. And of course, we were definitely missing Scarlett while she's enjoying her holidays.

This week's game 12:30pm against St Luke's.

Coach Lindy

Under 7 Yellow

This week we battled it out against St Lukes in what turned out to be great conditions for soccer.

It was great to see Rafa back this week after being out for a few weeks and full of energy to hit the pitch and impact the game. Everyone worked really hard on getting structure and Justin and Isaac especially are getting the idea of setting up over the whole pitch. Charlie hit the goals early again this game and had St Lukes on the defensive from the start and Finn impacting the game with some weaving passing. A highlight for me was everyone being able to get forward and getting a goal. It's not often that you get a game when everyone gets to hit the back of the net! Well done Cruzers

Our awards this week went to Justin for a chest tap in goal and Rafa as captain with a good performance after coming back from his break away.

Coach Phil

Under 10 Yellow

Round 14 v St Anne Strikers

This week was the boys best all-round game. It was a tight contest for the whole match, with both sides showing strong defence. We broke through in attack a few times and put 2 goals into the back of the net – 1 each to Eddie (off a penalty) and Flynn. Flynn got the Boost Juice award for his constant work in the midfield to setup many of our attacks and assisting our defence when needed. Artie was awarded the SJSA for his defensive work and for his handy work around the middle assisting us to build our attacks. We're at 10.30am next week on pitch 6B. Go Cruzers!

Team Manager Matt

Under 10 Blue

U10 Blue took to the pitch on a day perfect for soccer. Archer was our captain this week and got us underway, leading up front for the first half of the game and putting his legs to work with some great running on the pitch. Ethan is getting used to the roll of goalkeeper and is developing well in this position. Daniel had a great game finding himself placed perfectly in the goals and put a shot on, narrowly missing the target, but an amazing effort!!! Zoe continued her great performance from last week, fearlessly driving forward to attack the opposition, only stopping when she is giving a substitution, great work Zoe. Jorden found himself playing strong in defence and mid field, putting on some perfectly placed passes to his forwards. Skye continued her great communication skills calling for passes and encouraging her teammates. Hestton, Jaylen and Lincoln worked together well as a defence team, holding their line and moving forward together, supporting each other when the pressure was on. Kaiden and Ashton worked well together upfront, looking for each other, communicating, and passing forward. Only 3 games to go Cruzers look forward to a fun 3 weeks ahead!

Coach Brad



2026 SEMESTER 2

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Friday 4th September

	<i>Mrs Wendy Sidebottom & Mrs Sarah Tricarico Grade F/1</i>	<i>Ms Celeste Huttley Grade 1/2</i>	<i>Ms Julia Kildey Grade 3</i>	<i>Mr Clark Pettigrew Grade 4</i>	<i>Ms Amelia Mangiameli Grade 5/6</i>
8:00 am	A Howard	Krake	Newham	Ellis	Lancaster
8:15 am	L Howard	Ellis	Krake	Heard	Newham
8:30 am	Macaulay	Newham	White	Sibio	Richardson
8:45 am	White	Sibio	Bye	Binion-Hutchinson	Wallace
9:00 am	Good	Sharp	Dohnt	Prentice	Bye
9:15 am	Dohnt	Charters	Prentice	Evans	Thorn
9:30 am	Prentice	Evans	Hovenden	Charters	Allen
9:45 am	Hovenden	Preston	Corneille	Wright	Harrison
10:00 am	Szymanski	Bains	Harrison	Wilson	Wright
10:15 am	Thyne	Wilson	Reynolds	McRae	Szymanski
10:30 – 11:00 am MORNING TEA					
11:00 am	Ismet	Benton	Scott	Hepworth	Sunnerdale
11:15 am	Ismet	Hepworth	Mark	Benton	Martinez
11:30 am	Llewellyn	Hudson	Martinez	Sidebottom	Stevens
11:45 am	Head	Sidebottom	Wathen	Hudson	Keeble
12:00 pm	Nicolopoulos	Gattuso	Robertson	Lee	D'Agostino
12:15 pm	Lee	Joinbee	Nicolopoulos	D'Agostino	Robertson
12:30 – 1:00 pm LUNCH					
1:00 pm	Walters	Marshall		McCarty-Hill	Threlfall
1:15 pm	Clark	Russell		Soliman	Sehgal
1:30 pm	Russell	Rodriguez-Saenz			Soliman
1:45 pm	Blake	Pearce			
2:00 pm					
2:15 pm					
2:30 pm					
Other					
Other					



National Science Week • COLLAGE



Landcare Art Competition

