

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Our School Swimming Program will be half completed by this afternoon and students have enjoyed swimming in the warm temperatures. We are still completing a lot of our morning routines, and our Congupna Literacy Instructional Model (CLIM) has continued uninterrupted. Many **students have been BRAVE and stepped out of their comfort zones to learn important life skills and water safety rules** this week. Well done!

Our **Semester 1 Student Learning Conferences take place tomorrow**. These are a very important part of our approach at Congupna Primary School, attempting to give students some voice and agency in their own learning. Every student has set individual learning goals in Literacy, Numeracy and Social and Emotional Learning Skills (SELS) and will reflect on how well they have done when Student Reports are issued at semester's end. Each student is allocated a 15-minute Conference where they can present and explain their learning goals to their family, with the help from a teacher if required. It is also a great time to meet new teachers and ask any questions about classroom routines or structures. Apologies in advance, but teachers have been asked to strictly adhere to our set times as many families attend consecutive conferences in multiple classrooms and we do not want to waste anyone's time. If there are unfinished discussions that need to be continued, please do so on Seesaw or book a follow-up meeting time with your teacher. **Thank you for attending and supporting our Student Learning Conferences tomorrow.**

Please **remember that the Youth Myki program is available** for all children under the age of 18 and allows free bus travel across the state, not just for our school bus travelers. Please visit <https://transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/campaigns/travel-freeeeeeeeee> for more information. It has been pointed out to me already that **despite being promoted as free, there is a \$5 charge for the card**. Regardless, this is still a very good deal if you plan to use the school bus or travel by V/Line at any stage.

NAPLAN Testing for Grade 3 and 5 students will take place between Wednesday 11th and Monday 23rd March. This is quite a large test window spanning nearly two weeks that we will use to schedule four tests in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. We will be providing students with the opportunity to practice logging in and using headphones

prior to the tests to ensure they are familiar with test conditions, but we do not teach to the test. These results can be a fair indication to measure individual systems or states and see trends in how well our students fair in these four different learning areas. As individual student results though, they are a single assessment administered once every two years delivered in an unsupported online environment. Whilst they can give us an **indication of a student's general strengths and areas for improvement, they are by no means the 'be all and end all'** of results.

Family Information & Consent Packs have been distributed yesterday. **We require some of these forms to be read, signed and returned with any necessary updates**. There is a cover letter in the pack that explains what is required.

Our Wellbeing Team this year consists of **Tam Joyce (Social Worker) and Rachel Roberts (Psychologist)** once again. Rach is no longer employed directly by the school and will operate as a contractor running her own business. Any students wishing to see Rach one-on-one will need to complete a Consent Form available at Administration. Students wanting to chat with Tam will not require any forms to be signed.

Please be reminded that **there is no Assembly tomorrow due to Student Learning Conferences**. Our next School Assembly will be next Friday after our final swimming session at 2:45pm as usual.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Replace fear of
the unknown with
curiosity.**



SCHOOL COUNCIL

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 24th February 2026 —AGM

SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

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TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

February

12th Swimming Program (Thursday)
 13th Student Learning Conferences
 16th Swimming Program (Monday)
 17th Swimming Program (Tuesday)
 20th Swimming Program (Friday)

March

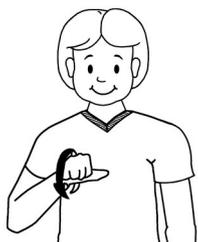
9th Labour Day Holiday
 13th Athletics Carnival
 31st School Photos



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Correction

We would like to correct an error from our previous newsletter. Miss Kuch’s partner’s name was listed incorrectly. His name is **Jack**, not Tom. They are brothers but we were mistaken! Ooops.



We are **CURIOUS** Awards

Benji Walters - for starting school and showing what wonderful curiosity he has, always asking questions and sharing his knowledge. Well done Benji!

Matisse Sidebottom - for always entering the classroom with an open mind and ready to be a risk-taker by asking questions!

Jaylen Hovenden – for being a curious learner who shares his knowledge and asks questions during class discussions.

Lukas McRae – for being a kind, patient, friendly student and settling beautifully into your new school. Well done!

Chad Thorn - for your awesome curiosity that you've shown this week, especially the great questions you came up with for the AFL players and visitors!

STEM Awards

Ethan D'Agostino - for his quick thinking in reinforcing his cloud finder.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Jorden McCarty-Hill - for his fantastic start to the year, showing excellent role model skills and being a great classmate. Well done!





We were incredibly excited to welcome four Carlton Football Club players to our school last Friday! The energy was high as students took part in an engaging Q&A session, asking fantastic questions and gaining insight into life as AFL players. They then had a great time out on the field, practising their kicking skills and learning new drills. It was a truly memorable experience, and a wonderful opportunity for our students to be inspired by elite athletes.





2026 SEMESTER 1

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Friday 13th February

	<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	L Howard	Krake	Newham	Ellis	Lancaster
8:15 am	Good	Ellis	Krake	Heard	Newham
8:30 am	Macaulay	Newham	White	Sibio	Richardson
8:45 am	White	Sibio	Bye	Binion-Hutchinson	Wallace
9:00 am		Bains	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	Clark	Sharp	Harrison	Wilson	Wright
10:15 am	Thyne	Wilson		McRae	
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		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	Blake	Russell		Soliman	Sehgal
1:30 pm	Russell	Rodriguez-Saenz			Soliman
1:45 pm					
2:00 pm			Wathen		
2:15 pm					
2:30 pm					
<i>Other</i>	A Howard	Pearce	Reynolds		Szymanski
<i>Other</i>	Szymanski				



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