



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER # 30

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

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Dear School Community,

We have a **new Newsletter format** as Microsoft Publisher is being 'retired' and will be unsupported from October 1st, 2026. If you have any constructive feedback regarding the new format, please feel free to share.

Our **AFL Cluster Day last Friday was so much fun**. We had four other local schools attend and around 280 students over the two sites at school and next door at the Recreation Reserve. Thank you very much to **Mel Saunders** and her team at **AFL Goulburn Murray** and to **Katie Heard and her team of SEDA students**. The day would not be able to operate without your expertise and support. It was a personal highlight for me to see **two past Congupna Primary School students volunteering as students at SEDA** and providing our children with the same opportunities they were provided with around a decade ago... They were as excited about the day last Friday as they were when they were junior-aged Primary School students all that time ago.



Our **Book Week Parade on Tuesday** was a blast! Our students looked amazing and certainly had us guessing which book characters they were dressed as. Thank you to all the families that helped our students get in character for our Book Parade and help us celebrate our love of books and reading. **Thank you also to Mrs Campbell (aka Pig the Winner)** for providing Book Week Activities throughout MARC Library classroom sessions over the day.

Sam and Robbie from the Gators have completed our Sporting Schools Basketball sessions today. Students have had such a great time learning new skills and applying these learnt skills to engaging games. **We have enjoyed our basketball program** immensely.



Our **AFL Auskick clinics conclude this afternoon at 3:15pm.** We have had 15 students enrolled in the afterschool program. Thank you to the team from AFL Goulburn Murray for offering this to our community on top of all the work they did for our AFL Cluster Day.

Our **Parent/Carer Opinion Survey is still 'live' and doesn't close until tomorrow.** We currently have a response rate of 23%. I understand that this is not everyone's favourite thing to do, so extra responses would be appreciated. Thank you to those that have responded.

Our **final day of school for Term 3, 2026** is tomorrow. We have a **new finish time of 2:30pm due** to School Crossing requirements. Our End of Term Assembly will therefore be at 2:20pm and **we shall award our Terrific Kid of the Term** before heading off on our Spring School Holiday break. On behalf of all staff at Congupna Primary School, we hope you have a safe and happy break and can enjoy some quality family time at some stage.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal



Thought for the Week

No one is perfect. That's why pencils have erasers.

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 4

Monday 12th October 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

September

- 17th** Sporting Schools - Basketball
18th Last day of Term 3 (2:30PM Finish)

TERM 4 CALENDAR

October

- 5th** First Day of Term 4
8th Kitchen Garden Program
19th Grade 3 Camp (Billabong Ranch) begins
19th Grade 4/5/6 Camp (Swan Hill) begins
27th P&F Meeting
29th Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover

November

- 2nd** Curriculum (Pupil free) day
3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



WE ARE KIND
WE ARE **BRAVE**
WE ARE **CURIOUS**



Seesaw
Keeps everyone in the learning loop



**Spriggy
Schools**

Book Week



Symphony of
Stories



We are **CURIOUS** Awards

Willow Thynne - for being so eager to improve your class work, especially your Big Write where you were very curious to add Wow words and attempt editing your narrative story. Well done!

Rafa Rodriguez-Saenz - for finding clever, new ways to help your group work together during Healthy Living. Thank you for asking the right questions to ensure every teammate was included, engaged, and on the same page.

Adeline Prentice - for growing your confidence in sharing during class discussions and your use of WOW words to bring your narrative to life!

Izzi Binion Hutchinson - a bright and curious girl, she meets every day with joy, eager to uncover life's small wonders.

Chad Thorn - for the awesome week you have had not just in your learning and Big Write efforts, but also thriving today at AFL 9's day!

SUPERSTAR Award

Hestton Szymanski - for sharing great ideas around including others and being a good sport

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KID** of the Week

Billy Bye - you're a kind, caring student, who brings enthusiasm to everyday! Thank you for being a terrific kid.

Zoe Ellis - your quick wit and caring nature make you an absolute joy to have in the classroom. You shine brightest when delivering amazing spelling and remarkably creative story writing.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Aria Harrison & Sasha Newham - for signing the National Anthem.

Harriette Newham - for her problem solving skills during circuit exploration.



2027

FOUNDATION TRANSITION

Please bring a **piece of fruit, snack, water bottle** and **broad brimmed hat** to each session

Tuesday 17th November (9-11am)
Tuesday 1st December (9-11am)
Tuesday 8th December (9am-1pm)

A FRIENDLY RURAL SCHOOL WITH:

- 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
- A STEM Laboratory with Minecraft, Lego Robotics and a 3D Printer.



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