



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER # 32

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Dear School Community,

Our two Sporting Schools Golf sessions have now been and gone. **Our Coach Reanna Blake was awesome**, and our students had a blast. Our students did very well according to Reanna, being one of the better-behaved schools she has visited and seeing students improve significantly over the two sessions. Well done!

Our **Grade 4-6 Camp leaves next Monday 19th October to Swan Hill** Pioneer Settlement and arrives back to Congupna Primary School on Wednesday 21st October. We will need to **be at school at 7:15am** for departure on Monday morning and will get back around 6pm on Wednesday – staff will send a Seesaw update giving an accurate ETA after the train/coach interchange at Bendigo. Being able to source free V/Line train tickets will certainly add to our camp experience for students. **Miss Amelia Mangiameli, Mr Clark Pettigrew and Mrs Bernadette O'Toole** will be supporting our 35 x Grade 4-6 students whilst away. The Pioneer Settlement looks amazing, and our students will love participating in many olden day activities whilst learning lots about Australia's early days as a booming British colony.

Our **Grade 3 Camp leaves next Tuesday 20th October** to Billabong Ranch in Echuca and arrives back at Congupna Primary School the following day, on Wednesday 21st October.



I will drive a hired 25-seater Minibus (with a trailer) to Echuca, with Ms Julia Kildey and our 15 Grade 3 students. We will **leave at 9am from school** and arrive back at school at 2:45pm on Wednesday, so our students can come and go from school at normal school dropoff and pickup times.

Not to be outdone, our Grade F-2 students will have an **Extended Stay (F) and Sleepover (1/2)** the following week on **Thursday 29th October**. Permission Notices and Information has been distributed yesterday. **There will be no cost** for this as it will be fully subsidised by the school.

We **thank all families for supporting the school** to have as many students attend as possible. It is an important part of the school curriculum design at Congupna Primary School to prepare the 'whole student' for secondary schooling and beyond. **School camps promote a diverse range of critical interpersonal, emotional, and physical skills** that extend far beyond the standard classroom curriculum. By removing students from their usual comfort zones and placing them in a supportive, communal environment, camps foster growth in many key areas.

Congratulations to Harriet Prentice (Shot Put) and Ashton Hudson (Hurdles & Long Jump) who qualified for and competed in the Division Athletics Carnival at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton on Monday. Both students were amazed at the level they were competing at and some of the fancy equipment and elaborate rules. Well done on having the natural talent to compete against the Little Athletics kids of Shepparton.

We are currently planning for 2027, so if you are planning on attending school elsewhere, please let us know. We will be informing families of these arrangements just as soon as we are confident we have all our resources in the right spots!

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal



Thought for the Week

Let your dreams be louder than your fears.

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 30th November 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 4 CALENDAR

October

- 19th** Grade 4/5/6 Camp (Swan Hill) begins
20th Grade 3 Camp (Billabong Ranch) begins
27th P&F Meeting - 7pm
27th MARC Library books due
29th Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover

November

- 2nd** Curriculum (Pupil free) Day
3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
5th Kitchen Garden Program
10th Grade 4/5/6 Yachting
10th MARC Library books due

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Cosmic Energy Ball



On Wednesday at lunchtime, Miss Craik organised an engaging STEM activity that saw more than 30 students join hands to form a human electrical circuit. Working together, the students completed the circuit, generating enough electricity to power two metal electrodes (Cosmic Balls). It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that brought science to life!



We are KIND Awards

Ammasyn Szymanski – for always helping in the classroom and greeting everyone with a smile.

Bentley Charters - for consistently checking in on friends and asking “Are you ok?” when they appear hurt or upset.

Levi Dohnt - thank you for always being kind and using your initiative to help others, especially during pack up time. It is greatly appreciated by us all!

Kaiden Charters - Kind, thoughtful and caring to everyone around him by helping and making sure no one feels left out. Well done!

Dakota Allen - for the wonderful kindness that you show each and every day, particularly in your support and willingness to help

SUPERSTAR Award

Bentley Charters - for a great start to Term 4.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week
Florence Joinbee - for brightening the school every day with a warm smile, a friendly hello, and a genuine kindness that reaches everyone.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Florence Joinbee, Riley Hudson & Finn Wilson - for signing the National Anthem.

STEM AWARD

Thomas Good - for his inquisitive questions and answers during our material sort game.



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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