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THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER # 34

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Dear School Community,

Staff have been discussing potential classroom compositions for some weeks, since enrolments have been confirmed. In 2027, Congupna Primary School will operate ***in four classrooms*** that will not involve splitting any year levels. We will operate with a ***Grade F/1, a Grade 2, a Grade 3/4 and a Grade 5/6 classroom***. We will have four classrooms with between an estimated 20-26 students each and will receive increased 'in-classroom' support as a result.

This 'in-classroom' support will include a Teacher's Aide employed in every classroom every day and other teachers to provide team teaching or small group learning opportunities on select days. This classroom composition for 2027 will reduce specialist class sizes and avoid splitting our Grade 4 and 5 student cohorts. We will be confirming the teachers and classrooms next month, in preparation for our ***Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday 8th December***, when we will operate for the day as we will in 2027.

The school is attempting to keep you all informed on how we will operate and why. There are many factors that have been considered as a teaching group, and this decision has not been made lightly. We are confident that we have put the ***best interests of our students and families*** first and are collectively excited about how we can continue to support and improve teaching and learning using this classroom composition. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have directly to me at this early stage.

Staff and students are eagerly anticipating our ***Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover. Mrs Sidebottom, Miss Huttley and Mr McKindley*** look forward to having lots of fun and spending the night on-site to support our Grade 1 and 2 students who are sleeping over. Our ***Foundation students will be collected at 7pm*** after dinner and I'm sure will be looking forward to 'spreading their wings' in the coming years. There is always a level of anticipation, anxiety and nervousness when we try new things, but the pride that our students will feel from being BRAVE and stepping outside their comfort zones.



This will also foster a growing independence, maturity, flexibility and resilience that will continue to strengthen and shape our youngest students as independent learners. ***Well done families for your support and encouragement***!

Please remember that we have a ***Report Writing Curriculum Day on Monday and a Public Holiday next Tuesday.*** School will resume after the weekend on Wednesday 4th November.

Our ***Kitchen Garden Program*** will resume with Lily Summers from Primary Care Connect ***next Thursday***. Students will be learning about nutrition and completing some important garden maintenance activities.

Finally, but certainly not least, our Grade 5/6 classroom has been very busy choosing a local cause to support and designing and producing their very own products from scratch. ***Our amazing Social Enterprise Market Day will take place next Friday 6th November.***

The types of products available are listed on the Flyer on Pg 4 and our students have done an amazing job. As with our open classrooms, the ***whole school community is invited and welcome to attend from 2pm*** before Assembly at 2:45pm. Our senior classroom has decided that all ***money raised will be donated to our local GV Health's Cancer Project.*** Your collective school community support will be very appreciated. Well done to Miss Mangiameli who has certainly had her hands full over the past month supervising a production line of market products!

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

TERM 4 CALENDAR

October

29th Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover
30th 11am pick up for grades F - 2

November

2nd Curriculum (Pupil free) Day
3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
5th Kitchen Garden Program
9th Grade 4/5/6 Yachting
10th MARC Library books due
17th Foundation Transition Day # 1
17th River Connect Excursion Gr 3/4

December

1st Foundation Transition Day # 2
2nd Funfields Family Excursion
8th Statewide Transition Day
10th School Concert
13th Grade 6 Graduation
17th Last day of School



Thought for the Week

Be the reason someone smiles today.

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.

School Payments - BSB: 063 527, Account: 10145385



We are CURIOUS Awards

Tom Good – it is wonderful to see how you have spread your wings and show greater confidence to engage in and share your learning. Keep it up!

Zoran Bains - I love seeing how curious you are when listening to our class novel, and it's wonderful that you've been re-reading it to check your understanding.

Asher Reynolds - for being a curious camper who had a go at answering questions and sharing his thoughts with the group. Well done Asher.

Harriet Prentice - you have a wonderful and inquisitive outlook on the world. You asked questions and you loved exploring the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement.

Amelia Robertson - for the awesome curiosity and bravery you've shown displayed on camp - engaging in all activities! Well done!

Superstar Awards

Emily Preston - for displaying so many great qualities -being willing to practice skills, looking to include others and cheerfully help!

Zoe Heard - for consitently showing all school values.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Emily Bye - for the fantastic way in which you offer you support to others in need, without ever being prompted or asked to. We can always rely on you to help, and we are so grateful for you! Keep up the amazing work!

STEM AWARD

Sasha Newham - for her unique answers for types of Solids and Liquids.





NUMURKAH SINGERS THEATRE
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Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.

INFORMATION NIGHT

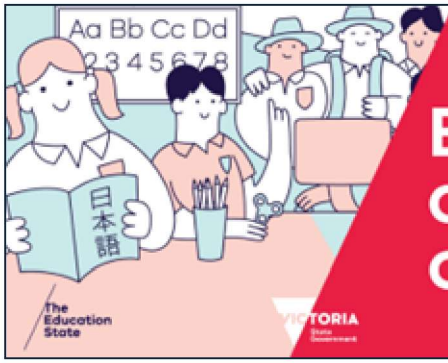
Friday 27th November
6:30pm
The Singers Shed
52 Quinn St, Numurkah

2026 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Shine a light on TEACHERS

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Friday 30 October



Every day counts

The Education State

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SHEPPARTON & SURROUNDS AUSKICK/SUPERKICK

DEAKIN RESERVE, SHEPPARTON

STARTING: TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

TIME: AUSKICK & SUPERKICK 4:00PM - 5:00PM

AUSKICK SUPERKICK

REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM AND ENJOY AN EXCLUSIVE MEET & GREET WITH ESSENDON FC DURING THEIR VISIT TO SHEPPARTON!



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Social Enterprise Market

CONGUPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Products available:

- Bath Bombs
- Press on Nails
- Worry stones
- Sensory Jars
- Crochet critters
- Coasters
- Tea sets
- Stickers
- Key rings
- Posters

On Friday 6th November. Starting at 2pm, come along and see what we have created!
Coffee van available. All proceeds are going to our local GV Health's Cancer Project.



GV Health





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.







We are **KIND**, We are **BRAVE**, We are **CURIOUS**.

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