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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER # 35

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Dear School Community,

Our ***Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover last Thursday/Friday was fantastic***. All staff reported that students were very well behaved and brave when they needed to be. Of recent cohorts, I can report that this group of girls slept very well and that the whole group of students were good eaters! We will be increasing our food order slightly for next year. ***Thank you very much to Mrs Sidebottom, Miss Huttley and Mr McKindley*** for sleeping at school and providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. I feel that year by year, the school is better supporting our young people to be resilient and independent learners and leaders.

Our ***Report Writing process has begun after our Curriculum Day on Monday*** and there are some follow-up student assessments taking place to ensure students learning progress is accurately measured. The Department has directed that our student reporting processes be streamlined in 2027 and new templates are being designed by reporting providers in preparation for this. We will begin streamlining our student reporting comments this semester to improve readability. As per our Semester 1 Student Reports, there will be no specialist summaries for Art, Library, Music, STEM & LOTE.

Our ***Healthy Living Kitchen Garden Program resumes today with Lily Summers***. Students will be completing gardening activities combined with a short nutrition lesson. We look forward to getting our hands dirty and getting some fresh air again with Lily.

Our ***Social Enterprise Market Day*** takes place tomorrow, ***Friday 6th November at 2pm.*** Our senior classroom has been very busy designing and creating market items from donated goods. This session will be like an ***Open Classroom afternoon where all families can attend*** and support our Grade 5/6 students prior to Assembly. All money raised will be donated to our local GV Health Cancer Treatment Project. This has been a wonderful learning opportunity for students and the treasures they have created are quite impressive. Congratulations and well done to Ms Mangiameli and students.



Students from ***Grades 4-6 attend Yachting next Monday morning at Lake Victoria*** in Shepparton. This has been something we have done for many years, giving students the opportunity to sail a small boat. Please make sure your permission notices and payments are ***made by tomorrow, Friday 6th November.***

Mrs Sidebottom will be Acting Principal next week whilst I am away from school on Leave. Please make sure Wendy and Administration staff are included in Seesaw messages to ensure these are delivered if a teacher is away unexpectedly.

Christmas Raffle tickets were distributed yesterday and ***there are now baskets for donated goods*** to be dropped off in at Administration. Items like non-perishable food, Christmas decorations, children's games and art & craft activities would be suitable. More Raffle Tickets can be picked up from Administration if required. Thank you in advance for supporting our Parents & Friend's final fundraising effort for the year. The money raised will continue to be used to subsidise school activities and make things more affordable for families.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal







Thought for the Week

Strive for progress, not perfection.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

November

5th	Kitchen Garden Program
9th	Grade 4/5/6 Yachting
10th	MARC Library books due
17th	Foundation Transition Day # 1
17th	River Connect Excursion
28th	State Election Polling Station

December

1st	Foundation Transition Day # 2
1st	AFL Player Visit (Essendon FC)
2nd	Funfields Family Excursion
8th	Statewide Transition Day
10th	School Concert
13th	Grade 6 Graduation
17th	Last day of School

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 KIND Awards

Willow Tynne – you are a naturally thoughtful person who looks out for others and enjoys helping people when they need it. Thank you!!

Emily Preston - for your kindness and support during the sleepover. You were always ready to listen to students' worries, answer their questions, and offer kind advice.

Phoebe Newham - thank you for showing up every day with a smile and treating everyone with such warmth and care. Your kindness is a true gift.

Jack Lee - a wonderfully bright and kind learner who brings a caring heart to our classroom. Keep helping others.

Thea Stevens - for the great answers you have, not just in the classroom but in all your learning. You help others and you're always kind to all. Keep up the great work.

Superstar Awards

Harriette Newham - for effectively and kindly sharing your knowledge and skills.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Evelyn Soliman - is a bright, bubbly, and increasingly confident student who is an absolute joy to have at Congupna Primary School!

Auslan Awards

Billie Sibio and Zoe Ellis - for signing the National Anthem.

STEM Award

Macie D'Agostino - for her team work and willingness to learn new skills.



St Andrews Road

SPRING FESTIVAL

7th November 2026

4 – 8 PM

15A ST ANDREWS ROAD,
SHEPPARTON

MUSIC | GREAT FOOD

FREE ENTRY

KIDS ACTIVITIES

come along

JOIN THE FUN!

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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