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Dear School Community,

Whilst ***Mr. Cleary is away on Long Service Leave***, the students and staff have been enjoying a terrific week.

Our Healthy Living Kitchen session with Lily Summers last Thursday exposed our students to trying different foods. As part of the ***Nutrition lesson students used their 5 senses*** to taste, explain and enjoy food.

Our ***Social Enterprise Market Day last Friday was a resounding success***. A huge congratulations must go to our very enterprising and creative Grade 5/6 students who produced very impressive goods for sale. The response to purchasing these goodies was fantastic, from both students and parents. ***Thanks to Ms. Mange for the time and effort*** she put into supporting the students and their journey from planning, creating, through to selling. What a wonderful educational experience for these students. A final tally has not been finalised but I believe it is over the ***$1,000 mark. HOW AMAZING!*** We thank all students and families for their enthusiastic support. Miss Mange is following up with the GV Health Cancer Treatment Project team to organise a representative to visit the school so that the Grade 5/6s can present their donation.

Our ***Open session visit for families*** worked in beautifully with our ***Social Enterprise Day***. It was fantastic to see, once again, how many families made the effort to visit the school and have a look through and engage in their children's classrooms, then stay on for Assembly. ***What a great community we have at Congupna Primary School!***

Don't forget our ***Parents and Friend's Christmas Raffle*** is now underway. ***Donated Goods (non perishable) can be left in Administration*** and extra raffle books can be collected from there. We thank families for their continued support with the activities that Parents and Friends have organised. This all helps contribute to your child's education.



The ***Grade 4/5/6 students attended Yachting on Monday.*** All students and staff enjoyed not only the wonderful weather but the excitement of learning to sail...and even the capsizing at the end of the session was equally as fun.

This ***Tuesday 17th November, we will hold our first transition session*** for all new Foundation students for 2027. The session will run from 9 – 11am with Mrs. Sidebottom in the STEM room. This is an exciting opportunity for our new students to familiarise themselves with our school and meet other students and staff.

Mrs. Campbell (MARC) has now ceased book borrowing for the year. If anyone has ***MARC books at home could they please return*** them to the classroom teacher.

Thanks for Reading,
Wendy Sidebottom, Acting Principal





Thought for the Week

Every little step takes you closer to your dreams.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

November

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
18th	Pupil Free Day

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 BRAVE Awards

Remi Blake – for showing courage when you had nerves about the sleepover and working through them. Great resilience!

Finn Wilson - for being so open about your worries regarding the sleepover. It was wonderful to see you face the challenge with a smile on your face.

Matilda Robertson - for demonstrating fantastic bravery in writing by having more confidence in herself when writing and being willing to have a go. Well done Matilda!

Lukas McRae - for always giving things a go. Well done!

Daisy Threlfall - for being brave and speaking so well in front of the other classes about our inquiry project plans and market day. Well done on being a great leader.

Superstar Awards

Macie Wallace - for being a friendly and cheerful student and friend to others.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Azhalia Scott - for being a terrific kid who has been putting in more effort every day to extend and challenge herself. On top of her fantastic effort, she is a very kind and considerate classmate who is always willing to help others. Well done Azhalia.

Auslan Awards

Billy Bye & Jack Corneille - for signing the National Anthem.

STEM Award

Billy Bye - for his descriptive words used in the mystery jar challenge.

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

We are KIND Awards (from last week)

Willow Thynne – 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.













P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F are again organising a Christmas raffle to be drawn at the school concert on the 10th December.

We are asking for families to kindly donate items to go into these hampers. They can be anything from non perishable foods and decorations to giftware suitable for all ages. If you have spare gift bags at home please feel free to donate those too!

If you are able to donate anything big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. All money raised helps to fund valuable educational equipment and experiences for the school.

Social Enterprise Day





Sailing
Grades 4/5/6







Remembrance Day



The Poppy is in the Shadow

As old as a tree, as strong as a bomb.
As bold as a soldier, as red as blood.
I am a poppy, standing above hearing gun shots and seeing blood.
I am the poppy, finding my way to retore the peace before the war became. I stand out in the battle giving hope to all.
I have a colour as bold as the heart in war.
I am a leader, standing in the dark.
I am tired, but not alone.
Other poppies lay on the grass seeing people go down. They said time goes fast.
A little whisper in the wind.
A poppy I am, but I restore the peace throughout the land.
I am as bumpy as bark, as loud as a gunshot, as flexible as the wind and as grand as the land.
I am poppy. This is me.
I am a poppy, please respect me.
As I sit in the dirt, I watch them fall.
I am a poppy, I stand tall.

By Dakota Allen



The Great War

Sprouted up, all fiery and red for the soldiers that had fallen in the battle of the great war. As war ended, the poppies were brought out to remember them. They hated each other for no reason, loved ones were lost. The sacrifice of life left on the battle field. No one told their loved ones, families left with no fathers, brothers or grandpas. Grief for the day of their loss.

By Dusty Keeble





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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