

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Our **School Swimming Program** is nearly completed now, and **we really must commend the awesome job our students and staff have done.** It is a huge logistical challenge managing swimming and non-swimming sessions, conducting 12 different swimming sessions over two sites each day. Our eight staff must supervise and encourage swimmers, supervise non-swimmers, attend changerooms, and attend to many individual challenges and requests on each trip, often forgoing the chance to take breaks as they otherwise might be accustomed. Our students have also been incredibly resilient with changes to routine and eating times combined with the physical and sometimes mental challenge of having a go at something that does not come easily. Students have refined swimming skills, participated in water safety activities, and been assessed and re-assessed on their swimming abilities at the start and end of our program. **Thank you and well done to our amazing students and staff.**

Speaking of our final swimming session tomorrow, **there will be no Lunch Orders**, but **we will have our School Assembly from 2:45pm** when our students return to school. I think students should sleep well this weekend!

Now that Swimming is over, **Athletics Practice will begin next week.** We will have a few weeks to refresh and teach our new students about the athletics events we will be participating in again. Our Interschool **Athletics Carnival is on Friday 13th March** so please save the date. Students must make their own way to and from McEwen Reserve in Shepparton and we encourage families to attend and support throughout the day. We will also **be running the Athletics Canteen this year**, so we look forward to getting 'all hands on deck' to ensure a successful day.

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) **will also resume on Wednesday 11th March** for Grade 3 and 5 students. We will be offering chances for these students to familiarise themselves with the online format, specifically logging in to the Online Platform, which requires multiple passcodes. **Please do not place any added pressure on our students** regarding

results. We will prepare them so they have all the skills they require, and we will encourage them to do their best. If they do their best, **they will also be awarded with a NAPLAN Party at the end!**

Our first **School Council Meeting** will take place next Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. We will conduct our Special Meeting (previously known as an AGM) prior to our first General Meeting shortly afterwards. The nominations we received to join School Council did not exceed the number of positions that were declared vacant, so we do not need to proceed with elections this year. We shall inform you all our Office Bearers in next week's newsletter.

Safety in our School Car Park has been raised again with a 'Near Miss' taking place earlier this week. Please ensure that all our students and younger siblings are never wandering in vacant car spaces or behind vehicles and always make their way to the safety of the footpath as soon as they leave a vehicle. Thank you for collective support to ensure we are all safe.

If you have not already, please **return the Information Pack** with your signed forms and confirm that your details are correct as soon as possible. This ensures we have all the checks and balances in place to do all the engaging things we do with our students!

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**You never
fail until you
stop trying.**



SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: Fiona Davis
Deputy: Lauren Sibio
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Adam Cleary, Brad Benton, Sam Prentice, Jaclyn McCarty, Jeremy Lee, Greg Joinbee, Amy Ellis.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 24th February 2026 — Special Meeting
(previously known as AGM)

Tuesday 24 March 2026 — General Meeting

SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

President: Angie Grills
Secretary: Alice Evans
Vice President: Erin Wilson
Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds Brooke McLeod, Fi Davis, Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister.

TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

February

20th Swimming Program (Friday)
25th No Foundation students

March

3rd Parents & Friends AGM at 7pm
4th First Wednesday for Foundation students
9th Labour Day Holiday
11th NAPLAN begins
13th Athletics Carnival
31st School Photos

April

2nd Last day of Term 1 (Thursday)

TERM 2 CALENDAR - 2026

April

20th First Day of Term 2

SAVE THE DATE

Parents & Friends AGM

Tue 3rd March 7pm
in the STEM room.

All welcome.

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Tap heart with fingertips of bent hand then draw hand outwards into fist with thumb extended.

Lunch Order Reminder

Please note that there will be **no lunch orders tomorrow** due to swimming.

Students will need to bring their own packed lunch from home.

We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



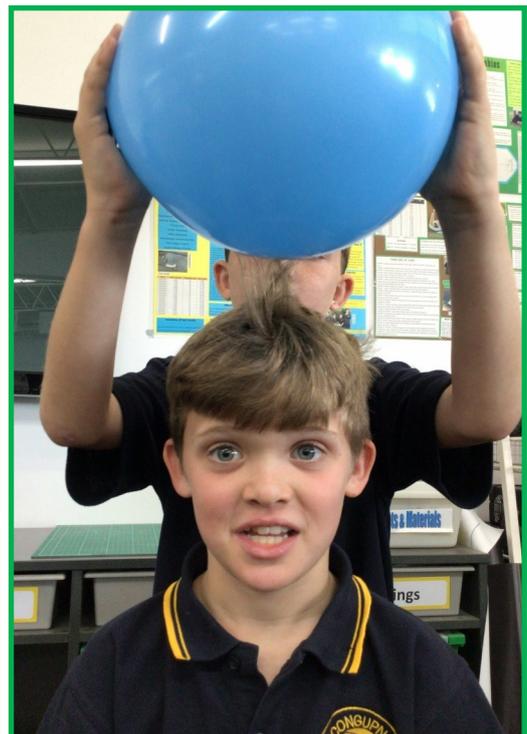
Swimming

Our students have been having a fantastic time at swimming lessons! It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week as they develop their skills in the water. Alongside building their swimming ability, students have also been learning essential water safety skills, helping them understand how to stay safe in and around the water.

We've also been incredibly fortunate with the beautiful weather, making each session even more enjoyable. Well done to all our swimmers for their positive attitude and effort!



Last week in STEM, students took on an exciting engineering challenge: designing and building a pasta tower on a cardboard base that could withstand a simulated earthquake. Once completed, the cardboard was shaken to test each structure's stability. The goal was for the tower to remain standing for at least 10 seconds during the "earthquake."



This week in STEM, students explored the science behind thunder and lightning by learning how static electricity works. They even created their own static electricity as part of a hands-on experiment!

This event is open to all GSSC students and their families, community members, and those considering enrolling at our College in the future.



REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE!

5:30 TO 7:00PM

GSSC EXPO

GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2026

Discover your place at GSSC

31-71 HAWDON ST, SHEPPARTON

- Music entertainment
- Giveaways and goodie bags
- Free BBQ (halal)
- Meet Teachers and staff
- Neighbourhood Tours
- Meet our 2026 Student Leaders
- Information Booths on clubs, careers, pathways, hands on learning, wellbeing services, disability support and more



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BADMINTON JUNIOR COMPETITION



SCAN ME

2 PRACTICE AND GRADING EVENINGS



COME AND TRY FOR FREE

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026 - 4 - 6PM
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026 - 4 - 6PM

Competition starts on the 24th April and ends the 11th September
For further information call John on 0428 367 791
visit shepbadminton.com.au or
Facebook (Shepparton Badminton Association).
Entries for both school teams and Individual players are welcome.
(Entries close 10th April)
Shepparton Sports Stadium, Numurkah Rd



Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts



1st North Shepparton Scout Group is welcoming new members to unlock adventure and start their Scouting journey!

1st North Shepparton Scout Group

Our Section meeting nights are
Joeys | ages 5-8 | Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:30pm
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:30pm
Scouts | ages 11-14 | Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Venturers | ages 14-18 | Thursday 7pm - 9pm

We meet at 90 Packham Street, Shepparton

For more information or to join, scan the QR code
gl.1stnorthshepparton@scoutsvictoria.com.au



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