

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

Our first School Council meeting took place on Tuesday evening and nominations were received from four current School Councillors to continue in their roles. Congratulations to Wendy Sidebottom (School Employee), Lauren Sibio, Jaclyn McCarty and Brad Benton (Parent members). From this meeting, we congratulate our new School **Council President, Lauren Sibio**, for taking on this very important role. Congratulations also to **Amy Ellis** for putting up her hand for the **Vice President's job** and to **Jill Richardson**, who will continue in the **Treasurer's role**.

This week the students **commenced Athletics Practice**. Our students will train in all events throughout the week, on each day except Wednesday. Please remember to send students in appropriate footwear for the next few weeks whilst we continue to train. Our Interschool **Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 13th March** at McEwen Reserve.

This year, our school oversees the **Canteen on Athletics day**. Canteen catering is based on a roster system and we have the responsibility this year of cooking the BBQ and supplying drinks. **Thank you to Angie Grills who has organised ordering, catering and the roster** for helpers. Our School is seeking people to help cook or serve at the Canteen for just **an hour** throughout the day. **Attached is a Canteen Helper's roster**. If you or any member of your family can offer some help throughout the day, this will be gratefully appreciated. The more helpers we get, the more time you have to watch your children compete.

As **Naplan approaches, Grades 3 and 5 students have been busy practicing the skills** required for completing each Naplan test. Students are familiarising themselves with the online format, so they will be well prepared.

A reminder to **Foundation families** that as of next week, students will attend for **all five days** of the week. This will be exciting for our Foundation students who will get to attend their first STEM and Auslan lessons.

Our Grade 6 students who nominated for **School Captain proudly presented their speeches to the school community** this morning. Following this, a member of our Education Support team visited each classroom to ensure every student had the opportunity to vote for their chosen candidates. Students placed their votes, one on one with the ES member. **Our School Captains will be announced on Friday 27th February** at Assembly.

Thanks for Reading,

Wendy Sidebottom - Acting Principal



Thought for the week

**Only those that dare
to fail can achieve
the impossible.**



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

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, Bernadette O’Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister.

TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

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.

Auslan



Kind

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



We are **KIND**

We are **BRAVE**

We are **CURIOUS**



We are **KIND** Awards

Klea Ismet - for always being a polite and considerate student in our class. What a great role model. Thank you Klea.

Florence Joinbee - for always offering to lend a helping hand in and around the classroom.

Adeline Prentice - you are a truly kind person, who is helpful and considerate to others. Awesome job Addi!

Nate Sidebottom - for checking in with your peers and always offering to lend a helping hand.

Daisy Threlfall - for going out of her way and putting the needs of others before hers.

Kiwanis **TERRIFIC KIDS** of the week

Phoebe Newham - for being a terrific student who always tries your best and shows kindness and respect to everyone.

STEM Awards

Frankie Russell - for your uniquely designed lego rainbow.

Azhalia Scott - for her hair defying participation and good explanations.



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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Clean up Australia Day

Join us on Sunday 01/03 to participate in Clean Up Australia day

Hosted by Congupna and Tallygaroopna Landcare Group, we will meet at Station Park in Tallygaroopna at 10AM.

BYO Morning tea to share.

Cleanup kits are available on request- Contact Philippa on 0458 298 422

Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group

HELP US REACH \$1,000,000!

BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND DONATE YOUR BATTERIES!



Help Battery Man Paul Archer reach \$1M for GV Health's Infant & Adolescents Ward!

\$880K Raised! ————— \$1M

Funds supply essential equipment, facilities, gifts & toys for young patients.

Drop off at Natrad Shepparton 20 Campbell Street, or phone Paul on 0457 000 423