

Congupna Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend. **Thank you to everyone who ensured it was 'smooth sailing' at school** whilst I was away unexpectedly last week. It is great to have such an amazing staff and school community. I am doing well and am very happy to be back at work.

NAPLAN Testing has begun this week and our **Grade 3 and 5 students have now completed their Writing Tests** yesterday. We will continue with Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy Tests next week. Please don't place any added stress on our students. Students are prepared and will be supported throughout testing. We will celebrate our students efforts of turning up and doing their best when testing is finished. This is just one test amongst many assessments students complete at school.

Our Interschool **Athletics Carnival takes place tomorrow on Friday 13th March**. Families must get students to and from McEwen Reserve on the day are encouraged to attend and support. All **students should be in school uniform** with suitable footwear and shorts/skorts to participate in running and jumping events. Those families with students that require medication may let us know on the day that they will be present to supervise and administer accordingly. We will have Teacher's Aides available to help those that don't, but all our Teachers will be running events or supervising Age Groups. Our school will have an area just inside the gate, to the right, before the equipment sheds. You will see our school signs and gazebos. **Please arrive at 8:45am** so that you can collect your Athletics Programs, have our student result cards pinned to their school polos, collect their hat from their class tub and apply lots of sunscreen, which the school will supply! It is a big day with lots of students and families from lots of schools so please bring a water bottle and lots of snacks. If you need to leave early, please look for a staff member in uniform and let them know before departing.

This year, our **Parents & Friends Committee are operating the Athletics Canteen**. Thank you very much to Angie Grills and her willing band of helpers. Thank you also to everyone that has volunteered to help throughout the day. I'm sure we will have many families in attendance that are willing to

jump in and help any time it looks super busy!

Our **Congupna Cruzers soccer registrations can be completed on Play HQ**. It is a great time to get involved in junior soccer as this year will return to a 'schools only' competition and it should be much easier to find a car park! For our new families, there is no better way to meet new school community members and promote physical activity and socialisation than our school soccer teams! If you have any questions, please email our School Delegate Jac McCarty at congupnacruzers@gmail.com.

School Photos will take place in the final week of Term on Tuesday 31st March. Student Envelopes will be distributed as soon as they arrive at school with instructions on them regarding how to order and pay online. Please make sure this is organised before the day as there are late fees and this process is not managed by the school.

Please **remember to continue to bring in donations for our Easter Raffle**. More raffle tickets are available at Administration as well. Please remember that these items do not need to be chocolate – our students always end up with enough of this and there are many other items that have been donated in the past including colouring books, textas, easter art and craft, vouchers, spring gardening kits, etc. **Thank you in advance** for supporting our Parents & Friends Committee and school.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal

Thought for the week

**Our ability to adapt
and grow in the face of
challenges is a
reflection of
our resilience.**



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.

TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

March

13th Athletics Carnival
 27th Return Easter Raffle Tickets
 31st Easter Raffle Drawn
 31st School Photos

April

2nd Last day of Term 1 (Thursday - 2pm Finish)

TERM 2 CALENDAR - 2026

April

20th First Day of Term 2

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 24 March 2026 — General Meeting

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.

STILL WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Auslan 

Pet



Stroke back of upright hand (palm towards you), twice, gently

Save the Date

School Photos
Tuesday
31 March

More details coming soon




P & F Easter Raffle

The Parents and Friends Committee is organising an Easter Raffle which will be drawn at the end of term.

We invite families to support this fundraiser by donating Easter themed items. Baskets will be placed in the Office for you to drop off your donations. Raffle tickets have been sent home. Tickets are \$1 each, with each raffle book worth \$20, please write a name and phone number on each ticket and return to the school office.

Additional raffle books are available from the office. We appreciate the support from families by donating Easter items and selling tickets.





We are **CURIOUS** Awards

Laykie Howard - for always showing a keen interest in what's going on and asking wonderful informative questions. Great work!

Zoran Bains - for your curiosity you have shown in your recent narrative writing!

Matilda Robertson - for using great ideas to write a very convincing persuasive writing piece! Well done Matilda.

Jack Lee – for asking great questions and making interesting connections in class discussions. Well done!

Jenna Lancaster - for showing initiative in a kind and caring way, in helping those in your room, even when you haven't been asked to. Well done!

STEM Award

Isaac Pearce - for his extra credit question about Hurricanes and Cyclones.

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

Jimmy Nicolopoulos - for your amazing efforts at school. You always try your best, you love to learn and you show great respect and kindness towards others. Well done Jimmy!

Sasha Newham - you consistently try your very best in all learning tasks and approach challenges with a positive attitude.

Superstar Award

Chad Thorn - for looking out and caring for others.

AUSLAN AWARDS

Jordy Benton & Jorden McCarty-Hill- for signing the National Anthem.



CONGUPNA CRUZERS

2026 JUNIOR SOCCER TEAMS



Soccer season is coming soon, register your child to play for the Congupna Cruzers

Season commences: [Saturday 2nd May \(Term 2, 2026\)](#)

For parents new to soccer, please consider it for your child's first team sport. It is a great game to introduce them to the fun of playing for your school in a very relaxed and supported environment. The Cruzers support everyone getting a game with the key focus on having lots of fun, whilst developing ball skills and good teamwork.

Generally, your child will play with classmates and other children from within our cluster of small schools. This is a great way for them to broaden their friendship group and have fun. **All games are held on Saturday at the Sports City Precinct behind the Shepparton Stadium. Game times vary from 8.30am through to mid-afternoon, with the season lasting sixteen weeks.** There is no soccer over the long weekends or school holidays and no training for the junior teams.

The fee for each player is **\$130.00** which covers SJSA registration, soccer tops and a presentation evening at the end of the season. **You will be required to purchase royal blue socks & shorts as well as shin guards.** The school has a supply of spare boots and shin guards which you are welcome to contribute to and swap out for larger fitting options.

Should you require further information, please email Jac: congupnacruzers@gmail.com

REGISTRATION

This year, SJSA has chosen to use **Play HQ** as the registration platform for players. Please follow the below link to register your child. If you already have a Play HQ account, you will simply select your child and confirm their details. If this is your first time, you will be prompted to create an account and then follow through for sign up. **PLEASE NOTE: Payment will be required to complete the process.** This is the only payment that will be required this year. No direct payments to the school will be needed.

<https://www.playhq.com/football-au/register/2e7d99>

Please complete sign-up information by 20th March so that we can arrange teams.

As always, if you have any questions or need help, please email at congupnacruzers@gmail.com

We look forward to another successful season. Go Cruzers!!

Jac McCarty – Congupna Cruzers Delegate

TIGERS BASKETBALL

Winter Season Rego's NOW OPEN



SEASON DATES:
MONDAY 4th MAY
THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2026
 Contact us at tigers@gsba.com.au
 or find us on Facebook.

TIGERS BASKETBALL
SHEPPARTON

16th-22nd March

HARMONY Week

Beyond the classroom walls

FREE FAMILY EVENT
 MIDDAY - 9 PM
 14th March 2026

FREE FAMILY EVENT
SHEPPARTON Italian Festa

2 DAYS TO GO

Shepparton Showgrounds

Issue 2 Open Now!

Earn a **\$5** DISCOUNT CODE
Included with order confirmation

Book Club

ISSUE 2 2026

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:



Congupna Primary School
 We are Kind, We are Brave, We are Curious

East Goulburn Primary School Sports Association Athletics Carnival

Friday 13th March 2026

Congupna Primary School has been asked to run the canteen for athletics day. This event doesn't come up often and is a chance for us to support our local school event as well as raise some funds for the school.

We need lots of volunteers to help on the day please!

Please let us know if you can help with a shift by returning this form with your name on it or contacting the office.

8.30-10.00	Set up	Amy Ellis	Greg Joinbee	Rachael Coulbourn				
10.00-11.00	Serving	Georgina Prentice	Jacinta Allen	Carolyn Mcrae				
11.00-12.00	Cooking BBQ serving, money handling	Kate O'Connell	Hayley Hepworth	Mel Gentile	Brad Hill	Mel Hudson		
12.00-1.00	Cooking BBQ serving, money handling	Robyn Reynolds	Frances Jenner	Jac McCarty	Bianca Shepherd			
1.00-2.30	Serving/Packing Up	Erin Wilson	Nicole Binion	Rachael Howard				

TheirCare

iSpy Kids

* Autumn 2026  HOLIDAY PROGRAM



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

 6 APR

Service closed!



 7 APR



Mission: Possible!

Become a secret agent for the day with highly classified fun! Decode and discover secret messages, test your knowledge in a trivia Pacman group game, sharpen your observation skills in wink detective, create clever pipe cleaner disguises, and explore sound and communication with a hands-on cup phone STEM challenge.

From as low as \$8.12*
Full fee \$81.15**

 8 APR



Super Mario Galaxy

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie is an animated film based on the world of Super Mario Bros., and follows The Super Mario Bros. Movie, which was released in 2023. Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom.

From as low as \$12.26*
Full fee \$122.64**

 9 APR



Apple-icious Autumn

An apple a day brings autumn play our way! We will get to create vibrant and colourful autumn wreaths, explore all sorts of textures and designs with leaf printing, and we will then head outdoors for a rainbow scavenger hunt filled with movement, creativity and lots of fresh Autumn air!

From as low as \$8.12*
Full fee \$81.15**

 10 APR



Ninja Warriors

Gear up for an action-packed adventure as a ninja! Get ready to test your ninja skills as you navigate through an array of thrilling obstacle courses. Keep the fun going as we throw dice and move to the groove with a dance move cube challenge, then get hands on as we create our own paper plate mazes!

From as low as \$12.26*
Full fee \$122.64**

 13 APR



The Laser League

Lock and load for an action-packed Outdoor Laser Tag adventure! Dash, dodge and strategise with your teammates as you race through our very own outdoor arena! Afterwards, the fun continues as we test our agility in an over and under relay race. We will also get hands on as we craft our ninja stress ball!

From as low as \$9.73*
Full fee \$97.32**

 14 APR



The Great Escape

Step into stealth mode and put your skills to the test in The Greatest Escape ever! Take part in a series of challenges. Tackle the Ninja Training Group Game, navigate the tricky Construction Tape Maze Challenge, craft your own secret code, design a daring DIY Wanted Poster, and race to freedom in the ultimate Ninja Escape Room.

From as low as \$8.12*
Full fee \$81.15**

 15 APR



Secret Agent Kit

Step into the life of a secret agent! Use the blue light secret pen to reveal hidden messages, see the world in reverse with your spy glasses and unlock the detective within! Then keep the mystery going as you collect DIY detective fingerprints and put your skills to the test in an exciting detective group game!

From as low as \$9.02*
Full fee \$90.20**

 16 APR



Defying Gravity

JUMP into fun times in this MASSIVE 2-HOUR SESSION, it will be a trampoline gym-meets-indoor play frenzy! Bounce and leap your way through a variety of amazing obstacle courses! Afterwards, the fun continues back at service with a fast-paced game of cops and robbers, and getting creative with STEM Autumn Leaf Boats.

From as low as \$13.51*
Full fee \$135.14**

 17 APR



Commando Kids

Attention recruits! It's time to gear up for Commando Kids! Put your memory to the test with a fast paced Memory Game on the Move, take the challenge of untangling yourself in The Human Knot Challenge, craft sneaky Pipe Cleaner Ninjas, decode secret messages with Invisible Clues, and race through a playground obstacle course.

From as low as \$8.12*
Full fee \$81.15**