

# Congupna Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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*Dear School Community,*

Our **Interschool Athletics Carnival last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March was a terrific day**. The weather was amazing, our Parents & Friends Committee and families ran a terrific Athletics Canteen, our students made lots of friends and had lots of fun, and our staff reported that the running of the day proceeded more or less to plan! It is a very unique day on our school calendar when all families are invited for the full day and we often see very little of our own students, but the smiles on student faces showed that our school community embraced the challenge and participated as well as we could. **Thank you very much to all that helped with the Canteen over the day**. Early indications are that we made a healthy profit, which will of course be put back into providing for and supporting our students.

Our **Grade 3 and 5 students have now completed NAPLAN Testing for 2026**. We have completed four standardised tests in writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy. All students embraced the testing and did their very best, which is all we can ever ask. Participating students will be rewarded with a little Party to celebrate their positive attitude and achievements.

The **Australian Education Union** has called on its members to **take stop work action next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. We may have some staff taking part in the strike action. As such, there may be a requirement to adjust classes, such as merging classes or adjusting class content being delivered if you are anticipating sending your child on this day. Additional information will be distributed next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to outline what the expected parameters are to keep families informed.

Our **Special People's Breakfast will take place next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Not all our students have a mother and/or father present in their lives, and we want to be able to celebrate all our parents and carers at one inclusive event again this year. **An RSVP was distributed yesterday to get an indication of numbers for catering**. Please return these by next Monday. Breakfast will be available from 8 – 9.30 am, with our menu being the same as last year (a choice of an egg and bacon sandwich or a ham and cheese croissant). Families are encouraged to come when it suits and

do not need to stay for the entire time, as many will have to head off to work. Classroom learning will commence at 9am on this day. Also, **if you have any food items you can donate, please message the school** so we can keep a track of the number being donated. We appreciate all donations.

Our **School Photos take place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** in the final week of Term. School Photo envelopes were distributed yesterday, and families need to read the envelope and **order online**. Please return your envelope with your order reference number to school asap. Family photos can be ordered online, if you would like siblings photographed together. If you have any questions, please contact administration.

Our senior **Grade 3-6 students have had a STEM incursion organised for next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. A 'Burn Table' is being provided to engage our students and teach them about fire behaviour using live fire. The table is made of steel and can be set up to represent different areas and topography allowing for the contextualisation of fire safety messages to our senior students. Hessian is laid across the steel table and then sticks, leaves and cardboard houses can be placed on top to represent vegetation and townships. The table is then set alight in a particular location. As the table burns the presenter will talk to our students explaining how the fire is behaving and why. This will help consolidate our students STEM learning in Weather and Natural Disasters. Please **return green permission forms for this incursion asap**.

*Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal*

Thought for the week

**Where there's a will, there's a way**



## 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/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.

## Congupna PS Parents & Friends

The P& F Committee are seeking new members  
 Please contact the School office if you’re interested.  
 Meetings are not compulsory.

## TERM 1 CALENDAR - 2026

### March

25th STEM Incursion Grade 3-6 (CFA Visit)  
 27th Return Easter Raffle Tickets  
 27th Special Person’s Breakfast (8 - 9:30am)  
 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  
 27th Open Day 1—Tours at 9am (Monday)

### May

1st Open Day 2—Tours at 9am (Friday)

## **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.



# Athletics 2026



# 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](mailto:congupnacruzers@gmail.com)

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### 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 20<sup>th</sup> March** so that we can arrange teams.

As always, if you have any questions or need help, please email at [congupnacruzers@gmail.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026

Contact us at [tigers@gsba.com.au](mailto:tigers@gsba.com.au)  
or find us on Facebook.



16th-22nd March

# HARMONY Week

Beyond the classroom walls

## Special Person's Breakfast

We will be having a Special Person's Breakfast on Friday 27 March 2026 between 8am to 9:30am.

Please RSVP by **Monday 23 March** for catering purposes.



2026  
SCHOOL  
PHOTOS

## PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### HOW TO ORDER

#### Step 1

Click here or scan the QR code to go to our ordering portal:

<https://congupnaps-vic.msp.photos/Photos>



#### Step 2

Click

[Sign in with Student Details](#)

Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. Once you have logged in, you will be able to add additional children and family photos.



MSP PHOTOGRAPHY

MURRAY RIVER REGION

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T 03 5482 3190

PO Box 13

Moama NSW 2731

Online ordering will remain open indefinitely, but an archive retrieval fee will apply for all orders placed after Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

TheirCare

# iSpyKIDS

\*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\*\*