



## ANOTHER EXCITING TERM AHEAD FOR CONGEWAI!

I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is feeling ready for another busy term. We've already started the term with a very "hands-on" week in the classroom, with some activities involving learning about shapes and building 3D model trucks.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW CONGEWAI FRIENDS— KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION OCT 16, 23, 30

Our Kindergarten orientation program will begin next week, on Tues 16th October. Parents are invited to come along for an information session on what to expect in the first year of schooling. While this is occurring your children will be participating in Reading, Writing and craft activities. All new students will also have a student buddy who will help them in the classroom. The day will begin at 9:00 am. New kindergarten students are invited to participate in recess with the other children.

### Upcoming Events.

- **October 16, 23, 30** — Kindergarten Orientation.
- **October 17** — Katie & Bridget to camp
- **October 19** — Excursion to Kate's Gym—Central Coast.
- **October 26**— Ship of Fools performance
- **Oct 31- Nov 2** Year 4,5,6 Sydney Excursion with Millfield PS and Wollombi PS.

## EXCELLENCE IN SPORT—CHRIS O'NEILL— AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPION TEACHING CONGEWAI STUDENTS!

This week saw the start of our tennis lessons, with Australian Open winner, Chris O'Neill. Students focused on their forehand stroke and participated in many games to strengthen their skills in tennis.



## CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR CONGEWAI SCHOOL AND PUBLIC EDUCATION!

Last term all staff from our school and Lynda Smith, representing Congewai community, attended a 2 day course on how to positively promote our school. This course was also attended by many other schools across the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) where staff and parents are working together to showcase the wonderful things that our local public schools are doing!



Mrs Avery and Mrs Harris, Principal of Wollombi School.



## P&C MEETING—6PM ON WED 17TH OCTOBER

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday at 6pm. All families and community members are most welcome and encouraged to attend. There are many fund raising activities this term that will need the involvement of many as 'many hands make light work'.



## EXCURSION TO CENTRAL COAST GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

On Friday 19th October, we will be going to Kate's gym to be involved in a variety of gymnastics activities. We have a mini bus that will take the majority of students to the venue but unfortunately it can only hold 12 people. We are looking for some parent volunteers who can assist us with transport. If you are able to help, please come and see us at school, so we can finalise the arrangements. The excursion will cost each child \$2.00, to assist with the fuel costs of the mini bus.



## **SYDNEY EXCURSION FOR YEARS 4,5,6— OCT 31—NOV 2**

All students in year 4,5 and 6 will be attending the excursion to Sydney with Wollombi and Millfield Schools. It is going to be a very busy excursion with students visiting the Sydney harbour Bridge, Rocks Area, Opera House, catching a ferry to Darling Harbour, and the Sydney Aquarium. All of this is happening on day 1!!!! It is going to be a wonderful experience.



## **PERFORMING ARTS— WITH A TWIST**

On Friday the 26th October, Congewai students and staff will be entertained with a performance called the *Ship of Fools*. This is a funny and thoroughly enjoyable skit that teaches children about the importance of water and how to conserve it.

The performance will take place at school and it is free of charge. Parents are welcome to come along and watch it if they wish. It will begin at 1:30pm.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coalfields Amateur Swimming Club

Registration every Friday at 5pm at Cessnock Pool

Contact Ellena Morris on 0418 625 482

