

10th May 2012

MEG'S MESSAGE

There has been plenty of information gathering over the last few weeks about the "Every Student, Every School" initiative, the "Local Schools, Local Decisions" implementation and also the National Curriculum. This is certainly a time of positive change within the education system. I will now be continuing to work closely with other principals in the area and our director, David Cullen, to ensure a thorough understanding of all of these developments. The number one priority for all, is the improved positive outcomes for the students in our care.

I will be attending a compulsory briefing on 21st May to discuss the "Every Student, Every School" initiative. On the 24th May, my director would also like all the principals in our area to come together to also discuss the new syllabus implantation. I will of course keep you all informed of any new information gathered.



NAPLAN—15TH, 16TH, 17TH MAY 2012

All students have continued to work diligently in aspects of English and Mathematics. Our year 3 and year 5 students, along with others nationwide, will be assessed on these areas this week. On Tuesday, students will be tested on Language Conventions and Writing. Wednesday will be the Reading test and on Thursday the Numeracy test will be conducted. Best of luck to our students!!

Upcoming Events

- **14th-18th May**— Year 10 work experience student visiting Congewai.
- **15th, 16th, 17th May**—NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5.
- **17th May**—Assembly.
- **18th May**— Meg at CCGPS Principals Meeting.
- **22nd May**—Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Turner Park.
- **25th May**— Andrew Daddo visit at Cessnock West PS.
- **29th May**—School Photos.
- **8th June**— Olympic Day at Kitchener PS.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT

From 14th—18th May, our school will be hosting a work experience student from Avondale School. Liam is eager to be involved in as many activities within the classroom and out in the playground as he can. I will be giving him small groups of students to work with but he will always be fully supervised by myself. If you have any questions about his involvement in the class, please feel free to come and see me.



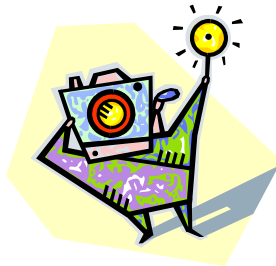
SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL— 22ND MAY

On Tuesday 22nd May, all small schools from across our area will join together to participate in a Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. This is an annual event that is always met with enthusiasm, as our children get to interact with their small school peers, as well as enjoy an active day with healthy competition. This takes place at Turner Park Oval in Cessnock. Senior students (Years 3-6) will have their day at the grand stand part of the oval, while the infants will spend their day at the bottom field. Students who turn 8 this year have the option to join the seniors in the 100m sprint if they wish. Please come and see me if you would like your child to be in this race. This year I will have to remain with the infants as I am organising the infants carnival but would appreciate updates from parents in the senior division. Permission notes will be sent home early next week.

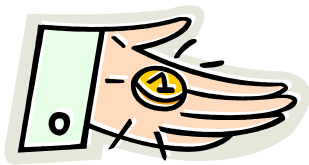


SCHOOL PHOTOS—29TH MAY

Our school photos will be held on Tuesday 29th May. This is going to take place at 11:00am and students are to wear their full school uniform. Photo envelopes are attached to this newsletter. Family envelopes are also available at the office. Please have the correct money in the envelope on the day as no change can be given.



As we now have 17 students, it is necessary for all money brought in to school to be in an envelope or sealed plastic bag with your child's name and reason for payment. Envelopes will be provided at the school in the photocopying room for your convenience.



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



A FEW LITTLE REMINDERS.....

No Hat, No Play

Please ensure that your child/children have a school hat and that their names are clearly labeled on it.

To ensure that nits and lice stay away from our school, our school will no longer stock spare hats for children who leave theirs at home. If your child accidentally leaves their hat at home, they will still be able to play but only under covered areas.

Library Bags

Library day is on every Friday. Please remind your child to return their library books so they may borrow other books. We are also participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. The more books your child can read the closer they get to completing the challenge. Please ensure your child has a library bag to put their books in on Fridays.



Student Banking

Student banking is a fund raising initiative within the school. For each deposit your child makes the school earns commission. If you would like your child to participate and they do not have a Commonwealth Bank account see Mrs Dunstan at the office and an account will be arranged. For those who already have an account, banking days are Tuesdays every week.

WANT SOME MORE INFORMATION?

Have a look at our school website

<http://www.congewai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Don't have time to read through all the information on our website?

Try our Facebook page!

Log into: <http://www.facebook.com>

Then do a search for : Congewai Public School.

If you are having difficulties, please feel free to come and see me and I will be happy to help you through the process of finding us online.