

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 1

Term 4 2014

Welcome back to school!

It's hard to believe this is already our last term for the year. With the end of the year fast approaching, we've got a fun filled and busy last term ahead of us.

Next week we'll be commencing our Intensive Swimming program, welcoming our next year's Kindergarten students and participating in the first assembly of the term, along with our first regular canteen.

Inside this newsletter are several timetables for our regular events at school. Please place them somewhere safe where they can be referred to on a regular basis. Although we'll try our best to adhere to the timetables, at times they may need to be altered to accommodate unforeseen events. We always communicate any changes through our media channels, notes home to families, our school newsletter, our website, our Facebook page or our information whiteboard.

We've got some very exciting events coming up over the course of the term, they're all listed inside our newsletter, and our staff are really looking forward to each one. We know our students will too.

I'd like to thank the Lindsay family for caring for our chooks over the holidays and for donating some "chook tools" just for cleaning the chook pen.

We'll need some families to care take over the Christmas holidays too, please start to think about your plans and let us know later in the term if you're able to assist with looking after our critters and gardens.

It's predicted to be a hot and dry summer period again, so with that in mind, we'll be having our outdoor lessons, including sport and kitchen garden in the cooler morning sessions to beat the heat. Last term each child received a "drink cooler" to put an iced water bottle into for their desk. We do encourage you to send an iced water bottle to school and we encourage our students to stay well hydrated during the day.

Till next week-

Donna Stackman



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 7/10/14	First day back to school for staff and students
Monday 13/10/14	First Kinder Transition Session 9 - 11:10 am Assembly - first for the term2:30pm
Wednesday 15/10/14	P&C meeting - 5:30 pm
Thursday 16/10/14	Day 1 Intensive Swimming lesson
Friday 17/10/14	Day 2 Intensive Swimming lesson
Wednesday 29/10/14	Grandparent's Day
Friday 31/10/14	Halloween activity afternoon - costume day
Thursday 6/11/14	Visit by Rutherford PS's Grinning Gardeners
Friday 14/11/14	Pirate Day



CLASSROOM NEWS

News - This term we will build on the skills our students developed last term in discussing a topic and sharing reasons for their views. Our weekly news topics this term will be part of students homework tasks. They will be expected to explore the topic and form an opinion and discuss their opinion in class. This week's discussion topic is ~ "Why are oceans important?"

Maths - Our maths program continues from last term. During the first days of the week, our classes will be focusing on number, supplemented with a sub-strand focus. This will be supported through lots of hands on activities with concrete materials to reinforce understanding of concepts.

Literacy - Our morning sessions each day (excluding Friday) will be focused on literacy. This includes spelling and grammar work, writing with a text type focus and all will have an underlying reading focus. We will continue our Daily 5 focus, adding new tasks each week for our students to choose from. This will be all linked to our technology use, both with ipads and computers.

L3 - Our Kindergarten students will continue with immersion in L3 and they will receive a copy of their L3 focus book at the end of each week to add to their home library.

Home reading - All of our students will receive a selection of home reading books each week. It is important that they continue to read each night, either to a parent, pet, teddy or out loud to an ipad app. They will receive a literacy task to complete as part of their home reading and home readers and reading log diaries should be returned each Friday.

Homework

Infants including Kindergarten, will receive their spelling list each week to learn and will be expected to complete 5 quality sentences with spelling words of their choice. They will also be given a maths sheet which compliments the week's topic.

Primary will have a BTN topic each week, a maths task, spelling list words to learn and a short writing task.

Study topic

This term we are investigating Oceans, Seas, Beaches and Rock pools. To compliment this our students K-6, will have a project to complete. A project information sheet has been given to each student outlining expectations, timeframe for completion and suggestions for presentation. Children will be given strategies, information to use, examples to explore during the term of study. As part of the fun, we will be having a "Pirate Day" on Friday 14th November. Look out for information closer to the day.

Excursion

To finish the unit of study, we will be participating in two days of Beach Safety lessons at Nobby's Beach, on Monday and Tuesday, 8th and 9th of December. A permission note and information form will be sent home with students toward the end of term.

Library

Library will continue on from last term's program with our children participating in intensive technology lessons with Mrs Van Der Wel and Mrs Stackman. During these lessons they will be involved in video conferencing, emailing, blogging, investigating cyber-safety, just to name a few tasks.

Library borrowing will be on Fridays.

Child Protection

Our students will be completing lessons about child safety this term. They will learn about personal safety, staying safe on-line and bullying, including cyberbullying. This is part of the DEC's Physical Development and Health curriculum.

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Our students commence swimming lessons next week. Along with the permission note, an information note has been given to each student, for parents to complete, which tells us what level of water awareness students already have. Please complete this and return it by next Monday, 13th October.

Timetables of Term 3 Programs

Ready, Set, Go

Kindergarten

Transition Program

Monday 9am-11:10 am	13 October 2014
Monday 9am-11:10am	20 October 2014
Monday 9am-3pm	27 October 2014
Monday 9am-3pm	3 November 2014
Monday 9am-3pm	10 November 2014
Monday 9am-3pm	17 November 2014

Intensive Swimming Program

Thursday	16th October
Friday	17th October
Monday	20th October
Thursday	23rd October
Friday	24th October



Assembly Dates

Mondays at 2:30pm

School Hall

13th October
27th October
10th November
24th November
15th December

Canteen Dates

Canteen orders due by Wednesday of canteen week.

Frozen treats will be available for purchase at lunch on all days of the week, not just on canteen day. Orders for frozen treats are not necessary.

Friday 17th October
Friday 31st October
Friday 14th November
Friday 28th November
Friday 12th December

Special Days

Grandparent's Day *Wednesday 19th October*– A special invitation to all our grandparents to enjoy activities with their grandchildren. 10am - 11:30am, including morning tea catered by our own Kitchen Garden team.

Halloween Day *Friday 31st October*– Come to school in the creepiest Halloween costume and enjoy activities for the afternoon.

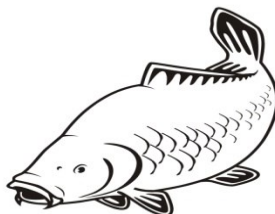
Grinning Gardeners visit *Thursday 6th November* - the eco-group from Rutherford PS will be visiting us to see what we do in our Kitchen Garden program. We'll be showing off our eco strategies to our visitors.

Pirate Day *Friday 14th November* - Dress like a Pirate and participate in a day of learning activities to compliment our topic learning.

Sculpture in the Vines *Monday 17th November*- a visit to the sculptures with participation in a hands on workshop conducted by the artists.

Beach Safety Days *Monday and Tuesday 8th & 9th December* - Nobby's Beach, Beach Safety Days conducted by the Surf Lifesaving Club.

School Presentation Day *Wednesday 17th December* - We say farewell to the year and celebrate the year that was.



Catch All River Pests

C.A.R.P. Fishing Competition

The Congewai Landcare Group is holding a Carp fishing day to help eradicate this pest which has a foothold in our creek.

When: Sunday 19th October 2014 (Weather permitting)

Where: Any or all of these properties.

562 Congewai Rd –Francis's

986 Congewai Rd - Salmon's

Opposite 1231 Dinjalla – Crawford's

1277 Congewai Rd – Crawford-Lane's

Coloured flags will mark the gates to enter and owners will advise of spots to fish. You will need to bring your own tackle, bait or lures and fishing skills.

Starts from 8am and Competition finishes at Noon, followed by weigh in, prizes and BBQ at Jill and Martin's (No. 1277).

Bring -Plate (salad/desert) to share with others, your own drinks, meat, cup, plate, cutlery, chairs etc.

ALL children must be supervised by parent /guardian and don't forget your hat, sunscreen and closed in shoes

Further details contact Karlene 4998 1173, or Toni 4998 1869



NEEDED

Empty drink bottle or plastic bottle. Lid not necessary, for recycled art next week.

Please ensure your child's name is on the bottle to save upset over mixed up bottles.