

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 5

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We certainly had a very busy week last week, with Grandparent's Day on Wednesday and Halloween activities on Friday.

In between all the fun, we did our school work, worked in the gardens and kitchen, completed an evacuation drill and lockdown practice and managed to stay out of the heat on some very hot days.

Today we again enjoyed the company of next year's Kindergarten students. We had lots of fun teaching them to play kick cricket and listened to them read to us, just two of the learning activities of their day.

On Thursday we are hosting a visit from Rutherford Public School's Grinning Gardeners. The Grinning Gardeners have been in existence at Rutherford PS for 13 years and have been responsible for the creation of the school's gardens and eco programs, and have received recognition in many ecological areas. We will be showing them how we run our Kitchen Garden program at Congewai and we know they'll take some ideas home with them.

Till next week-

Donna Stackman



Diary Dates:

Monday 3/11/14	Kinder Transition full day
Thursday 6/11/14	Visit by Rutherford PS's Grinning Gardeners
Monday 10/11/14	Kinder Transition full day
Tuesday 11/11/14	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12/11/14	P&C meeting 5:30pm
Friday 14/11/14	Pirate Day: Get your best pirate outfit ready



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CLASSROOM NEWS

News - Our topic for this week for both primary and juniors is: What is my favourite thing about my school?

Maths - This week Juniors are focusing on Chance and 2D and 3D shapes. Primary are focusing on revision in preparation for assessment. Students have work set for them on Studyladder and are encouraged to use this to reinforce concepts learned in class, along with Mathletics and Sumdog for primary students.

Literacy - Our juniors are doing further work on writing reports, our primary are continuing reports and poetry with a focus on webquests.

Art - We will be commencing paper maché this week.

Choir - Our children are beginning to learn Christmas Carols in preparation for Carols at Congewai.

Grinning Gardeners visit us on Thursday.

Children K-6, will need to have their hats and drink bottles at school as we will be participating in outdoor activities during the morning and primary will be cooking after recess in preparation for lunch. Lunch will be available for all students, but it is advised that they bring a lunch in case they do not like the prepared menu.



School Survey

Schools have commenced developing their next 3 year strategic management plan. As part of that process, a survey was given to parents last Friday, asking for opinions and direction for our school over the next 3 years. A similar survey was given to our school staff and our students have also given us their ideas and thoughts.

Your opinions are very important, as are your ideas. Please complete the surveys, they are completely anonymous if you wish, please be honest and thoughtful, and return them as soon as possible.

Change of Routine

Friday - Mrs Stackman at Cessnock Community of Great Public School's meeting. Miss Naysmith at Live Life Well at School in-service.

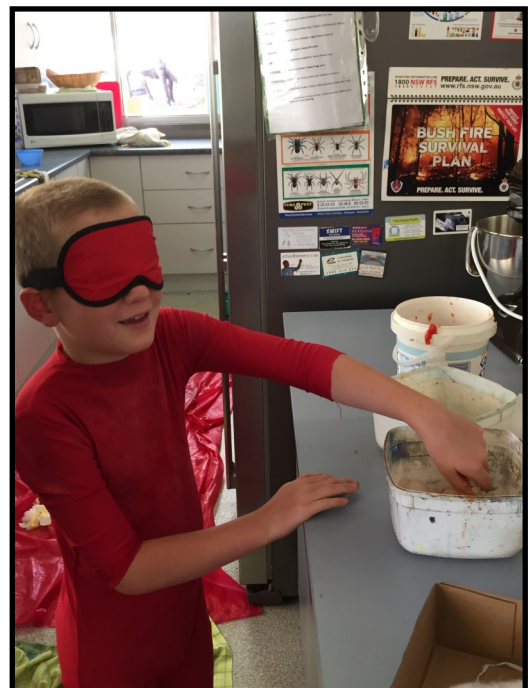
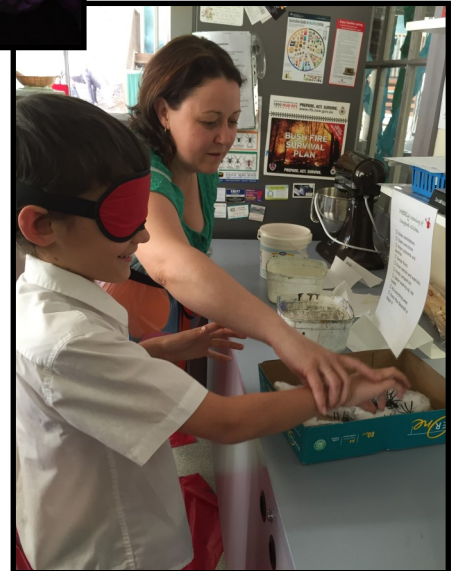
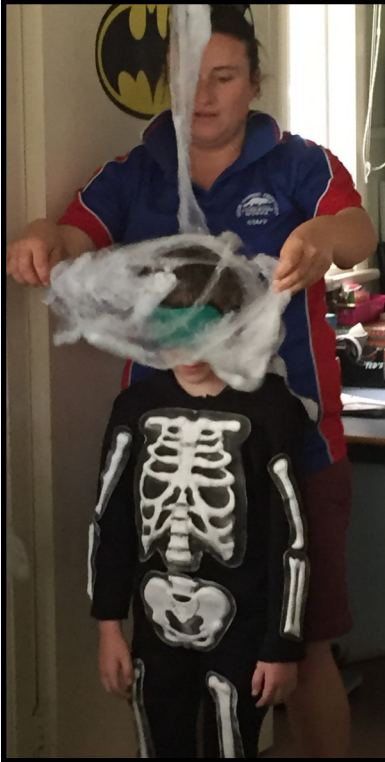
Grandparent's Day

What a fabulous day we had on Wednesday for our Grandparent's Day. We had a large number of visitors who all enjoyed their visit. We read books on the book trail, left our mark in paint of the trees in the playground and made a book to remember the day.

The Kitchen Garden crew cooked up a storm with the help of Miss Naysmith, and the resulting morning tea was greatly appreciated. Mrs Naysmith made sandwiches, Mrs Dunstan and Mrs Woodward prepared the platters and coffee and tea, and Mr Cagney made sure everything was ready for the day and that all looked great.



Thank you Miss Naysmith and Mr Cagney,
for organising a fantastic fun-filled learning
afternoon. We had great Halloween fun!



Having a great time on the
sensory trail for
Halloween.....lychees and
canned tomatoes feel very
strange when you're
blindfolded.

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