

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 6

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I am constantly amazed at the great work our students do at our school. Last Thursday they hosted a visit from students, teachers and parents from Rutherford Public School's Grinning Gardeners Eco Group.

Our students shared their Kitchen Garden program with the Grinning Gardeners, showing them how we plan, plant, harvest and cook. Ideas were shared, garden learning centres were made, food was harvested and included in the lunch and new friendships formed.

We'd like to thank Rutherford for the new addition to our orchard, an olive tree and we hope to see them again.

Our Congewai Kids were fabulous ambassadors for our school, showing clear pride in our school and I was incredibly impressed.

I'd like to thank all parents who were able to spend some time on the weekend to man our sausage sizzle stall on Sunday. This was a great opportunity to positively showcase our unique school to the wider community, many of whom are unaware of where we are and what we have to offer. We spoke to many visitors to our stall and proudly shared our achievements.

We have another opportunity to showcase the fantastic place we have here during our upcoming Christmas Carols. Our students have been having lots of fun learning new songs to share during their choir lessons and they're looking forward to a fun evening with friends.

With only just over 5 weeks to go until the end of the year, our students are continuing to be immersed in assessments and evaluations for the end of year reports. Reports will be given to all families at the end of week 9, and I'd like to

invite parents to speak with us in regard to their children's progress in the coming weeks.

Tuesday 11th November, is Remembrance Day and our students will be participating in a special assembly at 11 am to mark the occasion commencing with a moment of silence. We have joined more than 444,000 Australian students in a world record setting group reading of a pledge which will be read by our student leaders and we will discuss with our students why we have such a day and what it means. Parents and family members are welcome to join us for the Assembly.

Till next week-

Donna Stackman



Diary Dates:

Monday 10/11/14	Kinder Transition full day
Tuesday 11/11/14	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12/11/14	P&C meeting 5:30pm Canteen orders due in
Friday 14/11/14	Pirate Day: Get your best pirate outfit ready Canteen
Monday 17/11/14	Sculpture in the Vines excursion
Friday 12/12/14	Carols at Congewai



Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn

CLASSROOM NEWS

News - Our topic for this week for both primary and juniors is:

"If I was a pirate, where would I hide my pirate treasure?"

Maths - Juniors are focusing on whole number this week, our primary are looking at area and length

Literacy - Juniors are focusing on punctuation and editing this week. They will also be working on comprehension and visual literacy.

Art - We will be completing our paper maché fish this week. They will make a colourful addition to our classroom.

Choir - We are continuing to practice our Christmas Carols and our song words will be sent home with us tomorrow so we can learn them at home.



Pizza pockets \$1.50

Lasagne \$2.50

Orders in on Wednesday



Don't forget it's

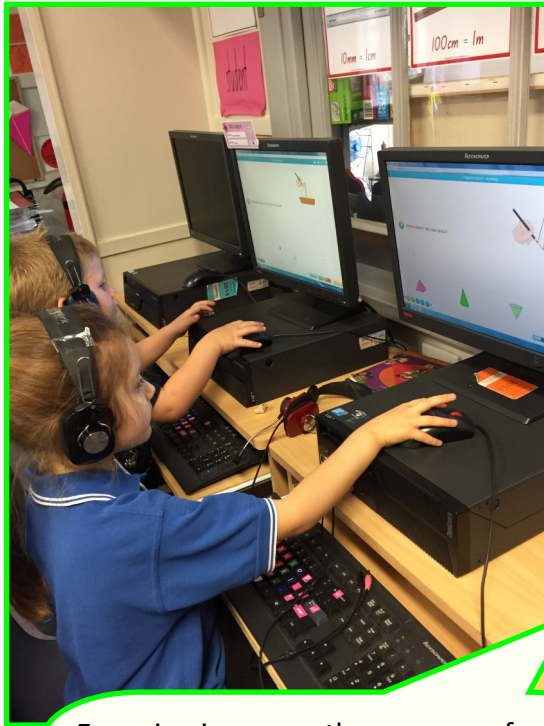
Pirate Day

on Friday!

This is a part of our studies about Oceans, Seas, Rock pools and Beaches, (and a bit of good fun) and our students this week will be exploring the part pirates played in our historical exploration of Oceans.

School Survey

Please return your school survey and elevator speech if you haven't already done so. This is incredibly important to the future planning for our school.



Engaging in our maths programs for the first time is very exciting when you're part of our Ready, Set, Go program.....
Getting the maths problem correct is lots of fun!



PHOTOVOICE

Last week, one of our students, Gabby, attended Photovoice at Cessnock West. This program teaches senior students from across our Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools the nuances of photography and the stories a photo can tell.

Gabby took some very creative photos within our school grounds and completed an editing workshop working with her photos and she then selected her favourite.

This favourite will be hung along with works from the other students who participated in the Cessnock City Library, later in the month of November.

We are looking forward to viewing Gabby's photograph, along with the others, when the exhibition opens. We will notify our school community when the date is finalised and hope you will visit to see her work too.





*We love our
Kitchen Garden Program!*

