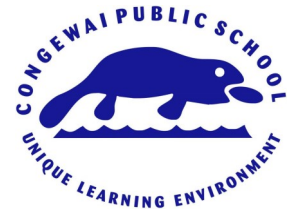


Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 7

Term 4 2014



The school was taken over by terrifying Pirates last Friday, who roamed around the playground and caused mayhem in the classroom. We did manage to send them on their way by the end of the day, but we did lose all our precious gold doubloons and treasure maps.

Today we were immersed in artistic endeavours during our excursion to Undercliff Winery for our Sculpture in the Vines experience. Our students were quite amazed by the variety of sculptures and the stories they told. Each child put their own interpretation onto the art piece and got a good understanding of the purpose of art, that is, to tell a story that each person views differently.

This also marked the last day of our Ready, Set, Go program, our intensive ready for school sessions for our incoming Kindergarten children. They have really enjoyed their introduction to 'big school' and we have

been really impressed by their eagerness and participation. Of course, they will be joining us later in the term when we attend the Beach Safety days.

Last Tuesday, we held a special assembly to pay our respects during Remembrance Day. School Leader Lily, read a special poem, The Pledge of Remembrance, as part of the Read to Remember project and our children added their hand made poppies to the garden surrounding our flag pole. Ben lowered and raised the flag

during the playing of the Last Post and Reveille. They were extremely respectful of the ceremony and they represented our school very well.

Till next week-

Donna Stackman



Diary Dates:

Monday 17/11/14	Sculpture in the Vines excursion
Monday 24/11/14	School Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 1/12/14	Arts Day at Wollombi PS
Monday 3/12/14	P&C meeting - 5:30pm ~ All welcome to join us!
Monday & Tuesday 8&9/12/14	Beach Safety Days at Nobbys Beach
Friday 12/12/14	Carols at Congewai



CLASSROOM NEWS

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

What I want to learn to do next year!

Maths - Juniors are focusing on addition and subtraction this week, our primary are looking at chance and data. All students will have this topic available on studyladder throughout the week.

Literacy - Juniors are continuing to focus on punctuation and editing this week along with comprehension and visual literacy. Our primary have been focusing on poetry over the last couple of weeks and will commence intensive grammar work this week.

Art - We will be painting our paper maché fish this week and will be focusing on recycled art as part of recycling week.

Choir - We hope our students are practicing their carols at home. We will continue to practice at school but it helps to have extra practice.



RAFFLE TICKETS

Last Friday we sent home some flyers and raffle tickets for our upcoming Christmas Carols. Please let us know if you require some more of both.

All funds raised from our Carols night go directly to our school's intensive literacy and numeracy student support program so the more we sell, the more funds are raised, and we are working hard to ensure our carols are well attended with lots of fun for all who attend.

Miss Naysmith has been working hard to gain prizes for the raffles and businesses have been very generous. We will have two different raffles, one for the hampers and one drawn as a rolling raffle with all of our donations as prizes, both drawn on Carols night.

All tickets

\$1.00

each



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.

Mr Cagney and I attended the Photovoice exhibition opening on Friday afternoon and were very impressed by the quality of the photographs taken by the participating students. Each student had to take photographs which represented their culture and what it meant to them at school. Gabby had one of her photographs exhibited and it told a wonderful story. We certainly have a great deal of talent in our public schools and will be great to see how far this develops.

Gabrielle – What my culture means to me.

I love the way that Aboriginal people were alive before anyone else was in Australia. That we are connected to Mother Nature. I love the cultural dancing because it connects us to the earth and nature. I love that it doesn't matter where you are from or what you look like, we are all one.



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Christmas Carols

Friday 12th December

5:30pm

Collecting non-perishables now for our
Christmas hamper raffles

(let's make them fabulous)

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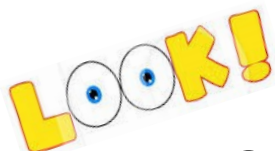
Packets of lollies for our Santa's treats give-a-way

Collection point - our school office



This year we say goodbye to two of our lovely young ladies, Kim and Lili, who will be moving into a new chapter of their school life when they enter high school next year. They would like you to save the date to attend their farewell party, disco and pizza night, on Wednesday 10th December, 2014.

Invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks to all students, parents and friends.



Our next
P&C meeting is
Wednesday

3rd December, 2014

Please note change of date!

School Presentation Day

Wednesday

17th December 2014

9:30 - 11:30am



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