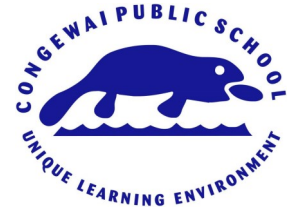


Congewai News



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Newsletter Week 8

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Welcome to a new week, they're certainly going very fast now as we're heading toward the end of the year.

We had a wonderful time at Sculpture in the Vines last week, our students really enjoyed themselves and the artworks. Finishing off with making their own 3D art piece, the day was interesting and informative. One of the most interesting parts of the day was listening to the comments of our children about the artworks. Some very insightful discussions occurred about the purpose and story behind the installations.

We've got a few things happening over the next few weeks, including the final of our Arts Days next Monday. We will be travelling to Wollombi Public School for the day and creating some lovely art work. Notes went home to all students last week and they're due back this Friday along with payment.

Our Beach Safety Day notes are accompanying this newsletter. These are two days with lots of terrific fun activities. Parents are more than welcome to join us for the days of fun and frolicking in the sun and surf.

Our Christmas Carols evening at Congewai is fast approaching. We've had a very generous response by our local Hunter Valley businesses who've provided lots of fabulous prizes for our raffles. Please sell lots of

tickets as all of the funds raised go toward our Learning and Support program for our children. Tickets are \$1 each and we've lots of books ready to be sold. Please see us for more of them.

Our year 6 ladies have been planning their year 6 farewell and an invitation will go home to families later this week. The date of the Farewell is Wednesday 10th of December and the girls have requested a casual affair at school with a disco and BBQ, with parents and friends invited.

We'd like to invite parents to a planning afternoon tomorrow, Tuesday 25th November, for our next year's Harvest Festival. Starting at 3:30pm, we'll be putting together some ideas and a framework for the Festival. Please join us if you are able. We'll be meeting in the classrooms in the cool.

Till next week-
Donna Stackman



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 25/11/14	Planning meeting for the Harvest Festival in 2015 - 3:30pm in the classrooms
Friday 28/11/14	Canteen Library with Mrs Van Der Wel
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
Wednesday 10/12/14	Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 11/12/14	Robogals excursion - year 5 & 6 girls to Ellalong PS
Friday 12/12/14	Carols at Congewai



CLASSROOM NEWS

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

What am I really good at doing?

Maths - Juniors are focusing on multiplication and division this week, our primary are looking at patterns and algebra. All students will have this topic available on Studyladder throughout the week.

Literacy - We are looking at reading and word work this week and our homework will reflect that also.

Art - Last week as part of our participation in recycling week, we created some "flowers." We will continue these this week and will have them in our garden under the flagpole later in the week. Have a look, they're very creative.

Choir - We encourage our parents to sing the carols at home with their children as practice. They've been practicing every morning at school but need to know them and sing them clearly and with projection on our Carols night.

Homework - As the children's projects are due very soon, we will be giving minimal homework over the next couple of weeks. Children will have their spelling to learn and their readers during this time. They may practice their maths concepts on Studyladder at home also.



Carols at Congewai

Raffles

Let's sell as many tickets as we can

Carols helpers!

Last week we sent home a note listing the assistance that is still needed on our Carol's night. Could you please see if you can send these back by the end of this week, we've only received one so far and we'd love to have some more help for our carols night to be fabulous!



Harvest Festival 2015

We're having a planning meeting tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon, at 3:30 in the classrooms.

Please join us if you can.

School Survey

Thank you to the families that have returned their surveys. Should you still wish to have your say on the future directions of our school, surveys may be handed in during this week.