

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 10

Term 4 2014

It's hard to believe it's our second last week of the year already, and we've got a terrific week ahead of us.

It all starts with today and tomorrow's excursion to Nobbys Beach for our Beach Safety Days. We'll be immersed in activities for the entire day on both days, so expect the kids to be tired and ready for an early night. Last week we sent home a note with last minute information about our Beach Days, our Year 6 Farewell and our Carols night. Please let us know if the note didn't make it home as it has some important information in it.

One of the main points in the note was that Friday will be an out of uniform day (old clothing please) as we'll be getting everything ready for our Carols night. We'll be starting off with a stick pick up at 9:10am, and would love some extra adult helpers.

We'd still love some goodies for our hampers and lolly bags, so if you've not managed to bring them in yet, it's not too late. Many thanks for those who have supported our school in its fundraising endeavours. Our Carols night is going to be lots of fun.

This Friday will be our last week of library lessons for the year and Mrs Van Der Wel would like to remind everyone that library books are due back. Some of our children have several at home with some of them

quite overdue. Notes will be given out on Friday to those who still need to return items to the library.

Although last week was our last homework week, our children are still encouraged to use Studyladder, Mathletics and Reading Eggs at home to consolidate learning skills and knowledge. They've all be given activities which they may do when those "I'm bored", moments hit. Studyladder has lots of holiday activities added to it, giving students the opportunity over the holidays to earn extra points.

We'd like to remind parents that our School Presentation Morning is on next week (Wednesday) and we are hoping all parents and family members can attend. Starting at 9:30am, it concludes with morning tea. Our students have been busily producing and practicing their showcase performance. I was finally allowed a preview last week and they've done a wonderful job. Gabby M, as director, has certainly organised a talented bunch of kids.

Till next week-

Donna Stackman

Raffle ticket stubs and monies can be dropped into school any time from now....ready for the draw at Carols Night!

Diary Dates:

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| Monday & Tuesday 8 & 9/12/14 | Beach Safety Days at Nobbys Beach - leaving at 8:30am sharp. |
| Wednesday 10/12/14 | Year 6 Farewell - 6pm |
| Thursday 11/12/14 | Robogals science excursion - year 5 & 6 girls to Ellalong PS |
| Friday 12/12/14 | Carols at Congewai 5:30pm start |
| Monday 15/12/14 | Assembly 2:30pm |
| Wednesday 17/12/14 | School Presentation morning - 9:30am - 11:30am Last day of school for students |
| Thursday & Friday 18 & 19/12/14 | Staff Development Days |



CLASSROOM NEWS

News - Our students both primary and juniors have their own choice of news topic this week. We have discussed possible subjects and the children are aware that their topic should be more thoughtful than "what I did on the weekend" types of topics, where they are able to show their depth of thinking.

Maths - Our students will continue to focus on revisiting concepts.

Literacy - We are looking at writing this week, particularly parts of speech and punctuation.

Choir - Our children were given a CD with our carols songs on it today. We'd like them to practice them at home, to ensure they are fully familiar with the words of the songs.

Projects: The student's project are due this Wednesday. They have had all term to complete this project therefore late projects will not receive a marking. Our students are aware of this and they have been consistently reminded of this throughout the term.

They will be sharing their project with their peers on Wednesday.

Congewai PS School Sign

We were hoping that our school sign would be erected last Thursday, but unfortunately it couldn't happen due to finding it being necessary to erect it on its own post.

Council has notified us that it will go up sometime before the week's end.

Again, we'd like to thank Kim and her family for organising the provision of our sign.

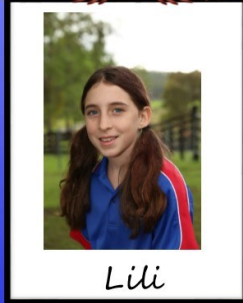


We're celebrating the completion of our 2014 school year by creating a **Memory Tree**.

We're requesting that all students bring in a 'memory' item to place in a boxed frame to hang from one of our special trees, as in the picture above which has a model train in it.

We'll be making these next Monday, so please encourage children to bring the items in by the end of the week.





Lili

Join us when we say 'farewell' to
Lili and Kim!

Wednesday
10th December

6pm

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Kim

Year 6 Farewell

Notice: Due to our visit to Nobbys Beach this week, our fortnightly assembly will be on next week, Monday December 15th at 2:30pm.

Nobby's Beach Surf Safety Days

8th and 9th December

Leaving school at 8:30am sharp each day.

Leaving the beach at 2pm, for the journey back to school.

Parents are more than welcome to join us for the fun!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



We're still collecting yummy goods for our Christmas Hamper Raffles. We're hoping to put two together with lots of tasty treats. Please take items to our collection point in the school office.

We would like to remind parents that we're requesting each family bring in two bags of lollies to create lolly bags for our 'Santa's Helper and his elves' to give away on Carols night.

Sounds Around Our School

The kids screamed at the computer

Click went the mouse

"Arrr !" said the kids

"Shhh," asked Miss Stackman

"Mmmm," said Gab

~ Lilian

Sounds in school

Sun hunt

Star

Library

Some

Noise

Hmmm

Smart board

Juniors

Click Click

Button on mouse

By Kim A.

Jack

my puppy

black

brown eyes

playful

loves to cuddle

my friend

my shadow

~ Lilian

My Onomatopoeia poem

Creak went the door

Stomp stomp as we went outside

Sweet went the birds softly

Vroom went the small car passing our school

Crunch as we stepped through the yellow leaves

Shiver as the strong wind passed us

~ Gabrielle M

Free verse poem

Waiting and waiting

In hospital

In pain and again

Waiting for an answer

Tear dripping down my face

Clinging onto the hospital bed

Mum by my side

~ Gabrielle M.

The bird went tweet tweet extremely
loud earlier

I coughed earlier it was bad.

~Christopher

*Just a small selection of
the terrific work our
Primary class have
been creating as part of
their work with poetry!*

The birds squawked

The rocks crumbled

The water splashed

All is normal

~ Benjamin

Free Verse

The old chair

Sitting still

Tired of waiting

Worn out

Made with love

Treated with love

~ Gabrielle M.