

Congewai News



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Newsletter Week 9

Term 4 2014

It's week 9 already, the last week certainly flew past quickly.

We'd like to thank the students and teachers of Wollombi Public School for hosting our Arts Day today. We certainly enjoyed lessons with Mrs Wittmann and our kids had a lot of fun spending time with the members of Wollombi. Check out our Face Book page for some pics tonight.

We've been busily immersing ourselves in our Oceans, Seas and Rock pools unit of study, getting ready for our visit to Nobbys Beach next week. Our important and interesting facts have been filmed and we've been having lots of fun editing the footage. This will lead into more filming work next year, playing with effects and themes to create and add interest to learning. We'd like to remind parents that the children's school projects are due very soon. They've had minimal homework over the last week and during this week to ensure they've got plenty of time to spend on producing a quality work to present to their class mates and teachers.

Our teachers have been assessing our students over the last few weeks and preparing end of year report cards. These will be given out soon and we invite parents to discuss their child's progress with us if they wish.

Our students will be busily creating footage for our new school advertisement over the next weeks until

school's end. Our students will view existing school's advertisements, discuss and critique the adds, then they will storyboard and script the add, produce the raw footage and add still photos from the 2014 year. We have been discussing where to place our advertisement and the pros and cons of the various places. Our teachers have been very impressed with the high level of discussion and commentary from our students. Stay tuned for viewing of the final product early in the 2015 year.

As the year rapidly approaches the end, we've still got some exciting events to come. Our Beach Days, our Year 6 Farewell, our Carols at Congewai and our School Presentation morning. We hope to see you at all upcoming events and celebrations.

Till next week-

Donna Stackman



**Our next meeting is
this Wednesday, 3rd
December at 5:30pm**

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 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 science excursion - year 5 & 6 girls to Ellalong PS
Friday 12/12/14	Carols at Congewai 5:30pm start
Wednesday 17/12/14	School Presentation morning - 9:30am - 11:30am Last day of school for students



CLASSROOM NEWS

News - Our topic for this week for both primary is: *Does advertising influence our choices?*

- and juniors is: *If I could make the rules at school, the three most important ones would be.....?*

Maths - Our students are revising all concepts now until the end of the school year. This is an opportunity to consolidate concepts and revisit learning. To reflect this we encourage our students to use Studyladder and Mathletics at home to reinforce skills.

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

Art - At Wollombi we explored printing and design techniques. We will continue these techniques at school in the next week.

Choir - Our children are becoming fabulous singers and it's obvious they are practicing at home. We will continue to practice each morning at school and we'll be using our 'venue' for carols as a practice platform.

Homework - This will be the last week of homework for the year. Again, it will be minimal as projects are due. All students will have spelling to learn, reading to do nightly and their maths through technology.

Congewai PS School Sign

We were very pleased to get notification last Friday from Cessnock City Council announcing our school sign has been approved to be erected at the top of Congewai Road and Millfield Road. Our sign will be placed underneath the Landcare sign and will be highly visible to those who are trying to find us.

Council will place it by the end of the week so keep an eye out for it.

[We'd like to thank Kim and her family for organising the provision of our sign.](#)

Harvest Festival News

We had a very productive meeting last week to plan an outline for next year's Harvest Festival on Sunday 29th March, 2015. We have invited the convenor of Funky Junk Markets to our Festival along with her market stalls, plan to have live music and pumpkin carving and pie making competitions for all the community to enter. It was decided that our school will operate the food stalls along with harvest produce and drinks. A costing for the stall sites was decided upon and advertising avenues for the day.

We plan to make this our biggest fundraiser for the 2015 year and we hope to continue it on a yearly basis.

Further information will be conveyed at this week's P&C meeting and in future newsletters in the 2015 year.

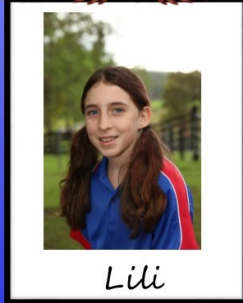


Harvest Festival 2015

29th March

9am—2pm





Lili

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

Wednesday

10th December

6pm

Congewai Public School



Kim



Year 6 Farewell

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

Nobby's Beach Surf Safety Days

8th and 9th December

Notes and payment (\$15 per day for each child) are due this week.

Please don't forget to include your medical information form. We need to complete a new one for each excursion we attend.

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 'special visitor' to give away on Carols night.

Practicing our sight words during 'word work' is lots of fun and we're getting really good at it! We know lots of words now and use them in our reading and writing every day.



What am I really good at doing?

Playing soccer. I really like the challenge and I play well and fair. I like the fast pace and I like being part of a team. We don't always win but we try hard. I've been lucky enough to win trophies.



Cooking was very tasty this week when we made carrot and zucchini croquettes. They're surprisingly easy to make, look impressive and taste even better than they look!