

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 7

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What an exciting week it was last week with music from Chile and a visit from a very famous person....DIRTGIRL!

We were joined by Ms Sewell, her class and parents from Laguna Public School for the day and we undertook lots of exploration and activities. First we went for a walkabout, to look at the areas in our school ground where we extend our classroom

learning. We were able to show Dirtgirl our veggie gardens, our fruit orchard, our native bee habitats, our bush tucker area, our bamboo harvest area and our satin bower bird's bower. We then investigated our compost areas and Dirtgirl shared some techniques for making it more effective. After a BBQ lunch, we planted our rainforest food's area, with edible bamboo and gingers, as a finish to our day.

Till next time....

Donna Stackman

P&C Meeting

This Wednesday 11th June

5:30 pm

All parents and community members are welcome!



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 11/6/14	P&C Meeting at 5:30 pm - all are welcome to join us in the library.
Thursday 12/6/14	Mrs Woodward away - Mrs E replacing Mrs Stackman at L3 training from 11 am
Monday 16/6/14	Assembly @ 2pm—all parents welcome Mrs Woodward away - Mrs E replacing Mrs Stackman at LMG meeting
Tuesday 17/6/14	Mrs Dunstan & Mrs Stackman at Professional Learning Mrs Woodward replacing Mrs Stackman
Wednesday 18/6/14	Mrs Stackman & Miss Naysmith at Professional Learning 9:30am—1:30pm
Friday 20/6/14	Mrs Stackman Principal Association meeting - Mrs E replacing
Monday 23/6/14	Report Cards home
Tuesday 24/6/14	NAIDOC performance at CPAC University Science Show—Congewai PS



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News from the classrooms

Literacy - Infants will be practicing their "sight words" and these will be included in homework tasks. They will be focusing on writing complex sentences. Primary will be adding to their lists of "common" words and will be looking at homophones and punctuation.

Maths - This week's topic is fractions and decimals along with time.

Library lessons - Library lessons are on Thursday

Cooking: This week group 3 (Kiye Mc, Bryce, Lavinia, Chris, Gabby) is preparing PIZZA. A note accompanies this newsletter for those children who will need to bring something in.

Cow: We'll be adding pictures to our cow this week as long as the weather is kind to us.

A quick note regarding Staff Training: This term has been extremely busy, with lots of staff professional development requirements, and Principal meetings and in-services. While these do require staff or myself to be out of the school during these training sessions, we do try to ensure continuity for our students by retaining the same relief staff. We have been very lucky to have Mrs Effer available for all but one of these training days and this has ensured learning has continued seamlessly. We do put the dates of staff training on the diary notes as much as possible, so parents are aware of any changes.



Our visit to Laguna PS for Music Eviva was fantastic. Angus really enjoyed drumming



Gabby and Lili enjoy dancing to the music....



Saying farewell to Maddy, Olivia and Jacob. We will miss you and wish you well at your new school.



Investigating our vege gardens with Dirtgirl....we're growing kale, carrots, celery, peas, tomatoes, strawberries, broccoli and broccolini, along with apples, apricots, passion-fruit, plums, oranges, lemons and kaffir limes. Keep an eye out for our harvest table coming next term.



LandCare News

Sunday 15 June.

Meeting and road clean up. Meet at the shed by the tennis court at Congewai School.

There has been great progress with our privet removal project so do come along and hear all about it. Among other things to be discussed, we will also have more details of the geology field day organised for Sunday 6 July.

Clean-up at 9.30

Meeting at 10.30

All welcome and no need to come to the clean-up if it is not convenient (but it is a pleasant walk and quickly done).

Coffee, tea and cake as usual (please bring a mug!)

NICU Helping Hands Angel Gowns

A community organisation of volunteers who hope to touch the hearts of everyone who has suffered the tragic loss of a baby. From donated wedding gowns seamstresses lovingly hand craft "Angel Gowns" which are then gifted to Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Hospitals all around Australia & New Zealand.

www.angelgownsaustralia.com

The local group is holding open days in the coming weeks to "spread the word". Please click on the link above for more information.

THANK YOU

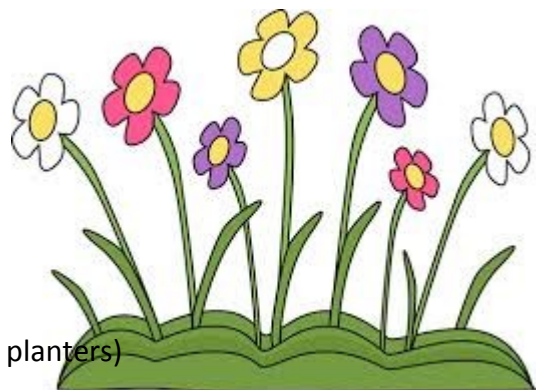
I'd like to thank parents for allowing me to use images of their children in my recent Uni assignment. I'd like to let you know I received a high distinction for the assignment and this is in part because of your generosity.

~ Vanessa Miller

This week's newsletter includes an information flyer for a fundraiser on August 16 at the Ellalong Hotel for the families of Phil Grant and Jamie Mitchell, victims of the Austar Coal Mine Tragedy. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Can you help? We need the following for our gardening...please drop them off at school if you can spare them.....old is more than OK as long as they're still in usable order.

- ◇ Digging forks
- ◇ Narrow shovel
- ◇ Large brooms
- ◇ Rakes
- ◇ Garden edging...eg: sleepers
- ◇ Old wheel barrows (working or not, as we can use them for planters)



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