

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 2

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Welcome to week 2.

I'd like to start of this week with a big thankyou to our staff and our parents who assisted with NAIDOC Day activities at Wollombi PS last Friday. This fantastic day was enjoyed by all who attended. Thankyou to the teaching staff ,Mrs Floyd and Mrs Murphie, who planned all the activities, and the Wollombi parent and student community for hosting a great day. The comments from the children attending were fantastic and very positive.

We would like to invite parents and family members to and afternoon tea at our school for Education Week. This will be hosted by our Primary class as part of their Kitchen Garden program and they are happily planning the yummy goodies to prepare and serve. Invitations will be sent out to families this week and we'd appreciate it if you could RSVP for catering purposes.

Following this will be an open day for those children who are eligible for enrolment in 2015, on Friday 1st August. If you know of a family who may be considering us for their school of choice, please let them know of this opportunity to visit us and meet our teachers and students. The back page of our newsletter this week has a copy of the flyer and further copies are available from the office, if you'd like some for distribution.

Diary Dates:

Monday 21/7/14	Whole School Assembly 2:30 pm
Wednesday 23/7/14	P&C meeting + AGM 5:20 in classroom
Friday 25/7/14	School Tree Day
Wednesday 30/7/14	Celebrating Education Week with a "high tea" afternoon 1:30 - 3pm
Thursday 31/7/14	Author visit Millfield PS - parent transport please or travel by bus
Friday 1/8/14	Open Afternoon to students who are eligible for 2015 enrolment.

We will be visiting Millfield PS next week to listen to author/illustrator Gus Gordon. We have been reading his books in the classroom and have enjoyed them a lot. We will be taking a small bus with Mrs Dunstan driving, but will still need limited parent transport as well. Please let us know if you'd prefer to take your child to and from Millfield. A note will go home on Friday with all information.

Till next time....

Donna Stackman



We'd like to advise of the upcoming P&C AGM next week, on Wednesday 23rd of July at 5:30pm.

All parents and community members are very welcome.



Celebrating Education Week 28th July to 1st August - 60 years since the first "Education Week" and still going strong.

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Literacy - As part of L3 this week, Kinder will investigate how to write a “good” sentence. They will also focus on two new books as well as reading ‘familiar’ books. Kinder will also get spelling homework for the first time as part of their weekly homework.

We will be looking at writing information reports, how to structure reports and find information.

Home reading will be sent home this week. This is a much more structured program than previously as it is teacher directed. All students have a home reading folder and are given three books to read. More information is included in their folders. We ask that all home reading books that are at home be returned to school ASAP, along with existing home reading folders and reading logs. Children have been reminded of this, this week.

Maths - This week our sub-strand for Infants it is Area, for Primary it is Mass, Volume & Capacity. We will also be studying numbers as we do each week.

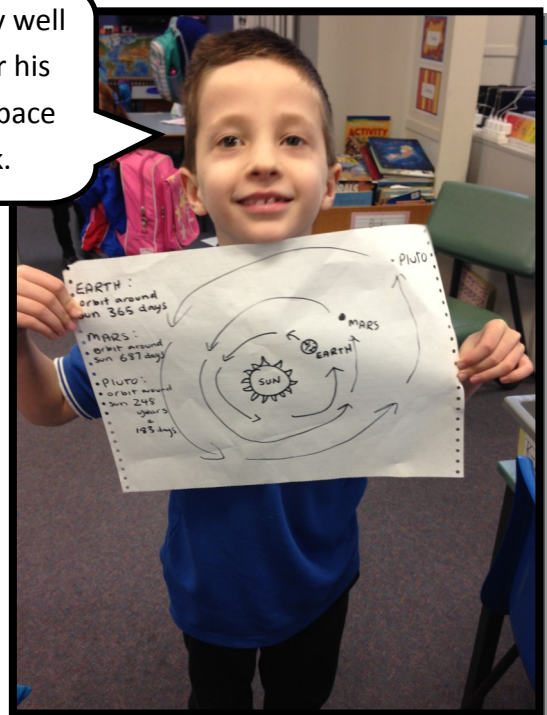
Science Infants class- Last week we created drawings of our own gardens based on the book Uno's Garden. This week we will look at critters in our school garden.

Morning News— Each week our students will focus on speaking and listening skills as their ‘news’ component. Each Friday they will be given the ‘news’ topic for the following week. This week’s topic is **“Ready to Learn”** and students will be able to discuss what they think this is.

Behind the News— As part of their Government study, Primary will be looking at a BTN news story each week in class. As part of their homework, they must retell the story and comment on the story in some way. Students have been shown examples of how they may do this and have received a BTN book today to do this work in. It is part of their homework component and must be returned each Friday for marking.

Library borrowing on Thursday.

Jade was very well prepared for his “news” on Space last week.



Again our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is on being

“Ready to Learn.”

Our children are encouraged to focus on this in class and during their morning preparation for school.



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NAIDOC Day



Congewai Public School

P&C Meeting

+

AGM

Wednesday

23 July, 2014

5:30 pm

- all parents and community members are
welcome to attend

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We'd like to invite parents and family members to visit us at school for afternoon tea to celebrate Education Week.

Wednesday

30th

July 2014

1:30 - 3pm

Congewai Public School Open Day



We'd like to invite all children who are starting school in 2015 and their parents, to our open afternoon.

We are an innovative small school in the beautiful Congewai Valley.

Small student / teacher ratios mean individual attention to learning in a caring, family orientated setting with creative and dedicated teaching staff.



August 1st, 2014

1:30pm

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