

Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 4

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We had an exciting and busy week during Education Week last week, with three of our school community receiving Education Awards. I'd like to extend my congratulations to Gabrielle Lindsay, Gabrielle Naysmith and Vanessa Miller. They were presented with their awards during the Education Week ceremony at Cessnock High School.

During the day on Wednesday, our primary students hosted a "high tea" with lots of goodies made from scratch by the children and enjoyed by the parents and family members who were able to attend. The food was delicious with much produce used from our own kitchen garden. Well done, kids, you are all great cooks.

We enjoyed a visit to Millfield Public School on Thursday to listen to author and illustrator Gus Gordon. Gus wrote such books as Wendy, a story about a motor-cycle stunt riding chicken, and Hermon and Rosie, a story about friendship. Gus himself went to a small school of only 14 students, so is very interested in small schools. We like to thank Mrs Lindsay for transporting students and the Paxton Hotel for the loan of their bus for the morning.

We were represented really well by several of our primary students at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday, with Ben competing in the 800, 200 and 100m races, and then joining Gabby, Lili and Chris in the relay, with Kim on standby as reserve. Very well done,

kids, we are very proud of your efforts.

Friday also saw a busy afternoon at school, as we were joined by incoming students into next year's Kindergarten. This afternoon gave our 'newbies' a taste of 'big school' and the children really enjoyed themselves, joining in on playtime, playing sport and cooking pancakes.

Today, Kim and Gabby spoke in the Public Speaking competition at Nulkaba and Ben will take his turn on Tuesday. All children have been busily practicing and we congratulate them on their efforts.

On Wednesday, our year 5 and 6 students will accompany me to the School Leader's Breakfast in Cessnock, where the guest speaker is Mr Sam Cawthorn. He is the CEO for Empowering Enterprises and has been featured in USA Today and the New York Times. He is also a State Winner for the Young Australian of the Year.

Put the date in your calendars: Book Fair! We will be holding a book fair on Friday the 22nd of August to celebrate Book Week. This year's theme is "Connect to Reading" and we'd like to encourage our kids to join our school staff and come dressed in costume with that theme. Let's get creative!

Till next week -

Donna Stackman

Diary Dates:

Monday - Tuesday 4&5/8/14	Public Speaking competition at Nulkaba PS
Wednesday 6/8/14	School Leader's Breakfast -7:15am
Friday 22/8/14	Book Week - Book Fair 9:30amcome dressed in costume "Connect To Reading" theme
Wednesday 27/8/14	Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition - all primary students
Thursday 4/9/14	K-2 Excursion to Reptile Park
Tuesday to Thursday 16-18/9/14	Canberra Excursion for years 5&6



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Home Reading - This week our students will have a new worksheet in their home reading folder. This will be their 'English' homework this week, along with their spelling practice. Primary will also have their BTN, this week's topic is "Punishing Kids."

Maths - This week our sub-strand for Infants it is 2D and 3D space, for Primary it is Mass.

Science Infants class— This week we will be looking at how our playground changes, they will be revisiting their original garden drawing and adding to it using Uno's Garden as inspiration.

Morning News— Our topic for this week is "Our School." Our students are getting very creative in presentation techniques and their verbal and listening skills are growing really well.

Great websites for learning: to practice times tables

<http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

Changes to routine: Mrs Stackman will be at L3 training on Thursday, Mr Cagney will be replacing her along with Miss Naysmith for the day.

Library borrowing on Thursday and lessons on Friday.



Our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is again on being

RESPONSIBLE.

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