

# Congewai News

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Newsletter Week 7

**National Numeracy and Literacy Week**

Term 3 2014

Welcome to week 7.

We certainly had an exciting and colourful week last week, with Book Week celebrations and Book Fair. It was lovely to see all of our students, staff and many parents dressed in costume. We took in \$901 in sales, which is fantastic for a school our size. This allowed us to purchase lots of picture books for the school, replenishing our classroom readers with some very interesting books.

Congratulations to Ben and Gabby who were acknowledged at the Kullaburra Awards. They received their awards on Wednesday evening along with representatives from all Public and High Schools. Gabby received her award for "Leadership" and Ben received his as an "All Rounder". Well done to both of you.

Our chook pen continues to grow each week, last week the front door was put in place, this only leaves a vermin proof flooring to be put in and it will be ready for nest boxes, roost and little chooks. Our terrific GA, Wayne has done a great job and our poultry will be housed in a safe and secure enclosure. Thank you also to Amanda, for providing some warm nesting material for our chooks.

We will be visited by Wollombi Public School in a couple

of weeks when they join us for a speciality Arts Day. We will be visited by renowned Textile Artist, Mrs Katherine Wittmann, who will be holding a hands-on workshop for our students on varying aspects of textile art.

Our students will be busily practicing and honing their skills for the upcoming Tabloid Sports Day at Millfield Public School next Wednesday. We will be practicing first thing in the morning until 9:20am each day. Students have been reminded to bring their hats and drink bottles every morning and they are encouraged to wear their joggers to ensure comfort.

Next week our Infants class will be participating in the Small School's Excursion to the Reptile Park. Mrs Woodward and Miss Naysmith will be accompanying our students for the day and I'm sure they'll all have a great time.

We'd also like to wish our Primary Relay Team every success as they compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival in Glendale on Friday. We'll be with you in spirit on the day.

*Till next week -*

*Donna Stackman*

## **Diary Dates:**

Wednesday 27/8/14	Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition - all primary students
Friday 29/8/14	Primary relay team at Regionals in Glendale Family pizza and movie night - 5 - 8pm
Wednesday 3/9/14	Tabloid Sports Day at Millfield Public School
Thursday 4/9/14	K-2 Excursion to Reptile Park
Friday 5/9/14	Father's Day stall at school \$5 per gift
Tuesday 9/9/14	Arts Day - joined by Wollombi PS
Thursday 11/9/14	Picasso Cow at Tocal - Primary students
Saturday 13/9/14	Terrigal Trotters
Tuesday to Thursday 16-18/9/14	Canberra Excursion for years 5&6
Friday 19/9/14	Canteen Day



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## CLASSROOM NEWS

**Maths** - This week our sub-strand for Infants is Addition and Subtraction, for Primary it is Length.

**Great websites for learning:** to practice addition and subtraction and chance.

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/1-number-games-addition-subtraction.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/interactive/>

<http://mrnussbaum.com/probfair/>

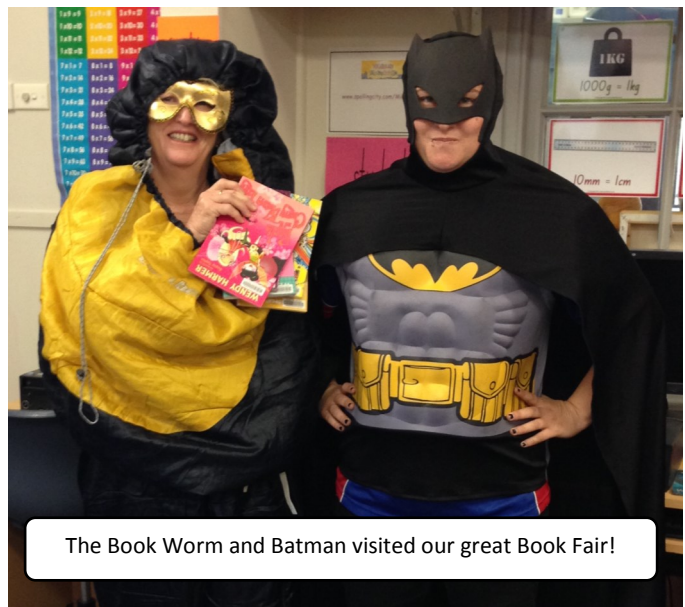
**Science Infants class**— This week we will continue to investigate alternative energy sources. This is linked to our book, Uno's Garden.

**Kitchen Garden program:** Last week the school took delivery of a great Kitchen Centre provided by Kitchen Aide and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. We're going to really enjoy using this. This week students will continue to plants seeds into seedling trays to continue our planting program and will be preparing pizza sauces for our movie and pizza night.

**Morning News**— Our topic for this week is "friendship."

**Library:** Last week our students commenced 'cyber safety' lessons. In today's multi-media digital world, it is important that students are taught how to keep themselves safe when on-line and if using social media. This is an important part of library lessons and we will be completing more tasks on this subject this week.

Due to book fair last week, library borrowing took place today. Normal borrowing will again take place on Thursday and if students forget to bring their books in then, they may borrow and return on Friday.



**Changes to routine:** Next week Mrs Stackman will be in Sydney for a few days. She will be leaving on Monday, after lunch, and will be returning to school on Thursday. She is attending information sessions of the Early Action for Success Strategy which our school has been chosen to undertake, commencing later in the year.

Mr Cagney will be on class for the time she is absent, supported by Miss Naysmith and Mrs Dunstan.

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# Crawfords Bridge Replacement Revised Closure Day

*Wednesday 3 September 2014*

Due to worse than expected conditions in the bridge foundations, the contractor has been required to revise the design of the footings. This will involve pouring additional concrete which will require time to cure. It is important to undertake this additional work at this time to ensure the safety and stability of the bridge into the future.

As a consequence the date for the full closure of the bridge to replace the girders and deck has been moved to **Wednesday 3 September 2014**.

## Family Movie and Pizza night

**Friday 5:00pm**

RSVP's due on Wednesday 27th



## P&C News

At the last P&C meeting, several things were decided:

- ◆ The new constitution of the P&C was ratified by members present. A copy is available for members at the school's office upon request.
- ◆ The Father's Day and Mother's Day stalls will be reinstated, commencing with the Father's Day stall on Friday, 5th September, 2014. All items will be \$5.
- ◆ The first major fundraiser will be the provision of a BBQ and drinks for the Terrigal Trotters (on school premises) on Saturday September 13th, 2014. Please let the executive of the P&C or school staff know if you can assist on the day. This is a big fundraiser for the P&C and therefore the school, and your assistance is highly appreciated.
- ◆ The P&C would like to have a stall at the next Wollombi markets on October 6th, Labour Day. This will be a good chance to raise some needed funds for next year's school programs. Suggestions of goods and availability for manning the stall on the long weekend in October is being discussed. Please see an executive or school staff if you have goods or items you can donate for the stall and also importantly if you can give some time to manning the stall for a period of time.

***Fundraising is a very important aspect of the P&C, as funds are used to support the school's programs, and therefore our students.***



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Enjoying Book  
Fair!

