

*Don't interrupt  
me....I'm busy  
working.....*

## Diary Dates:

Kindergarten Transition has commenced. Dates are on our school website.

Emergency Drill - Tuesday 27th October

Locked Down Drill - Thursday 29th October

Congewai Catch Up - Wednesday 4th November

Road Safety for Kids - Thursday 5th November

Playgroup at Congewai - Thursday 5th November

Sculpture in the Vines excursion - Thursday 19th November

Beach Days - Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December

Report Cards Home - Monday 7th December

Carols at Congewai - Friday 11th December

School Presentation Day - Wednesday 16th December

Welcome to Week 4, of term 4.

Our Grandparent's Day, once again, was well attended with many parents and grandparents visiting us, some for the first time. During the morning, our families created self portraits on fence palings, something long lasting and memorable which will be displayed throughout our school gardens in family groups. We did hear lots of 'but I can't draw' from the adults in the group, which our kids thought was really funny as they know that we never say 'can't' at our school, instead it's 'we're going to have a go'. The colourful finished palings certainly show that everyone can paint and draw, it doesn't matter on the skills. These will be on display for the first time during our Carols at Congewai, so please make sure you have a look.

We'd like to welcome Mr Len Boughton to our school staff. Mr Boughton, recently retired as Abermain Public School's Principal, is a very experienced and talented teacher and he'll be working with our children on Mondays and on those days that I must be away from the school. As you know, Mrs Wittmann is very busy with house repairs after the devastating floods in Dungog and may not be back at school for a few weeks.

Our first swimming lessons were greatly enjoyed last week, despite the cool outside air on the day. The warm water was lovely to get into and the chil-

dren had lots of fun becoming more confident in the water. Now that we've had a chance to access their skills and confidence they will be placed in groups this week and will work on specific skills.

Today was the first full day for our next year's Kindergarten group. They certainly enjoyed spending a full day immersed in learning. Over the next few weeks, they'll learn valuable skills and be much more ready for the new learning year, when attending in 2016.

We are hosting the first Congewai Playgroup next Thursday, November 5th at 9:15 - 11am. This very informal playgroup is a chance for parents to have a chat and coffee while their young children play, utilising our school's playground areas. If you know of a young family who would like to join in, please grab a flyer from the office. We've included some with this week's newsletter for you to hand out as well.

Our next Congewai Catch Up is next Wednesday, 4th November, and all parents and community are welcome to attend, we start straight after school.

*Until next week,  
Donna Stackman*



## News from the classroom:

**Notes due back** - *please disregard if you've returned these notes*

- ◇ Whole school: Child protection notes
- ◇ Filming permission notes for Class Movies
- ◇ Road Safety notes

**Speaking and Listening topic:** How should I be a responsible person in the community?

**Video Conference with Singapore:** Our primary students have their second video conference with Singapore this week, sharing with the Singapore school students their favourite Australian foods. They demonstrated how to spread vegemite on toast (a very important skill), how to drink warm milo through Tim Tams, how to suck the chocolate off Fantaes before eating the toffee and how to lift the lid of a meat pie to add sauce, just to name some.

**Friday - Library:** Well done to those kids who borrowed last week, again, children who borrow this week will receive a sticker on their chart.

**Sport:** Swimming lessons again this week. Please make sure all items of clothing (including socks and undies) are named. Students will need to bring plenty to drink, fruit for fruit break and sunscreen to reapply at the pool. Please apply sunscreen when dressing in the morning. Please also pack something light for recess as children go back into the pool after recess.

**Water watch:** Last week we cancelled the trip to the creek as it was very hot. We're hopeful that we'll be able to go this week on Wednesday, but this will be up to the weather as rain is now predicted. If this is the case, we'll try for another day and will discuss this with parents on the morning of the day we go.

**Road Safety Workshops:** Next Thursday morning (November 5th) our students will join Paxton PS students in participating in road safety workshops, at Paxton PS. Part of this will be learning how to be a safe bike rider when on the road and / or around traffic and students will need to bring their bike helmet to school for the workshops. As the students will be attending in two groups, both Primary and Juniors, transport to and from the workshops will be via teacher's private vehicles. Parents are more than welcome to attend these workshops and transport their own children and times of the workshops are on the permission form. Please return the permission form and accompanying medical information form as soon as possible.

*Enjoying swimming lessons!*



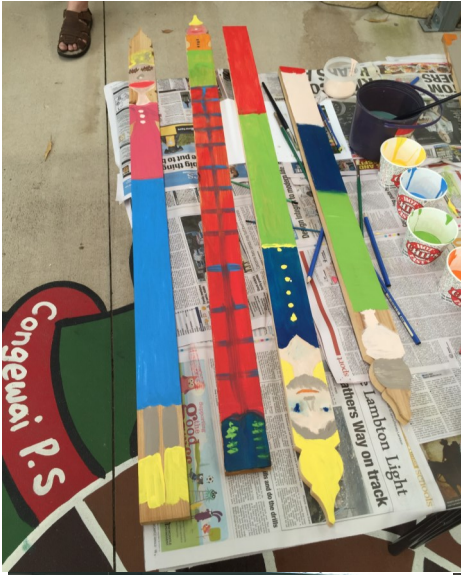
***Don't forget...Head Check Friday!***

*On Friday afternoons, check kids hair, give it a good going over because the crawlies do like to hide, and treat if necessary.*









**Grandparent's  
Day 2015**