



Congewai News

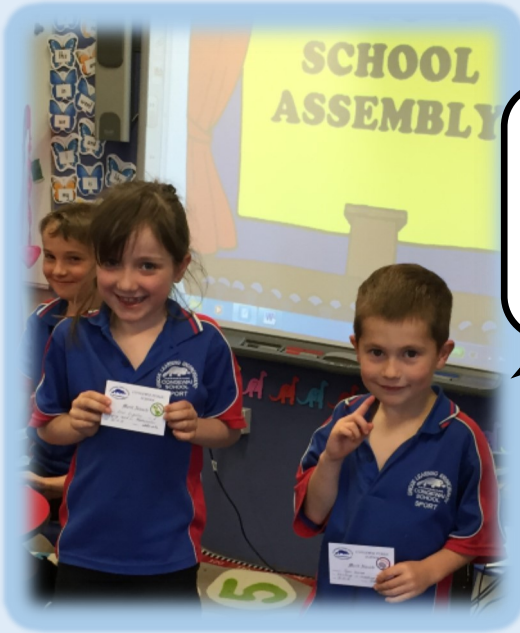
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Are you coming to our next assembly on Friday at 2:30?

We're hoping to see you there.....

Diary Dates:

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

Intensive swimming lessons - Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November

School Assembly - Friday 13th November 2:30pm

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 6 of term 4.

What a busy week it was last week, as we welcomed our little visitors and their parents to the very first Congewai Playgroup. The children painted, played and enjoyed themselves while parents chatted and relaxed, even though it wasn't quite the best weather. This is the first of what is a fortnightly event and all parents and their children are welcome to come. It's a great way for children to become more familiar with schools and be more school ready for both preschool and 'big school'. Of course it's a lovely way to meet new friends for mums and dads while the kids are playing too.

Our children all enjoyed the road safety workshops at Paxton PS last week and we'd like to thank Mrs Murphie and her students for inviting us up to participate. The children learned the importance of slowing down in wet weather (lack of traction on the road due to water forming a slick), how to place your bike helmet correctly, why it's important to wear a seatbelt (especially if you're an egg) and how easily it is to distract a driver if you're yelling or fighting in the backseat. We'll be completing workbooks which compliment the lessons this week.

Our children are commencing choir practice this week, learning carols and songs for the end of the year's Carols at Congewai. They'll bring songs home

this week to practice at home and we'd like to ask parents to practice with them.

We're sending invitations out to past students this week and we'd like to ask parents if they can pass on any past students name and / or contact details so we can get an invitation to them. We're all looking forward to the event and the fun that goes along with it.

Sculpture in the Vines is on again and our children will be visiting Stonehurst next week. During the visit they will observe the numerous sculpture and participate in a hands on sculpture making lesson with an artist. As we found last year, it's a fabulous day and parents are more than welcome to accompany us for the visit.

It's getting closer to the end of the year for us and we'd like to advise parents that we're busy testing for end of year reports. Reports will go out to parents in the next few weeks and we'd like to invite parents to see us to discuss their child's progress and successes. Please feel free to make an appointment with either Mrs Beneke or myself.

*Until next week,
Donna Stackman*



News from the classroom:

Notes due back -

- ◇ Sculpture in the Vines permission notes and medical information forms

Speaking and Listening topic: "What I really want to learn about next year....."

Friday - Library: Don't forget library books.

Canteen: bring orders in on Wednesday for Friday's canteen

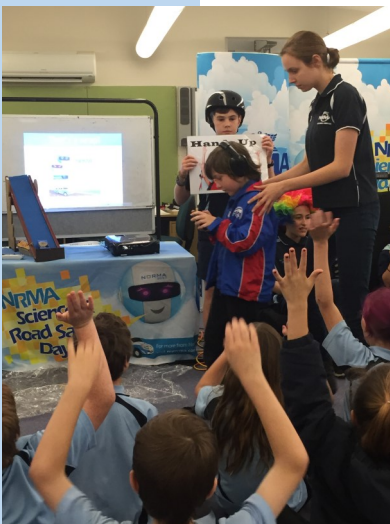
Sport: Swimming will be at the Cessnock pool again this week and will be on both Thursday and Friday. Please remember to put sunscreen on in the morning when getting dressed. We'll have to leave school by 9:20am sharp to get to the pool, ready to start lessons at 10am.

Water watch: Unfortunately we didn't get to go down to Congewai Creek again. The weather got in our way. We're looking forward to revisiting these lessons next year in 2016, to track changes over the next 12 months.

End of year testing: We currently testing the students, ready to write end of year reports to parents. Please let us know if your child will be away so we can ensure they catch up on any missed testing, as it's important to check for understanding of taught concepts and understandings especially to plan for learning programs for the following year.

Choir: We're learning our songs for the end of year celebrations and will be learning a selection of carols, melodies and fun songs for our events at the end of the year. As we introduce a new song, we'll send a copy of the song home so children may practice at home, ensuring they know the song ready to sing at the particular event.

Totally absorbed in his video game, Cain didn't notice children in face masks, hands waving in the air, yelling and people dancing. What would happen if he was crossing a road?



Staff Professional Learning - in order to provide our students with best professional practice and strategic teaching our teachers and learning support officers undergo professional learning in strategies and methods to ensure our students thrive in learning. This week, our school staff will be undergoing professional learning in both L3, Early Action for Success strategies and Behavioural Reading. Mr Boughton and Mrs Beneke will be at school during the week on Monday and Tuesday to provide learning consistency for our students while other school staff are at professional learning. As always, we discuss this with our students to ensure they are aware of changes to routine.

Raffle tickets for our Carols at Congewai evening go out to families today with our newsletter. This is a big fundraiser for our school, please ask us for more tickets if you'd like to sell more.

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.