



Congewai News

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Remembrance Day 2015

Diary Dates:

Sculpture in the Vines excursion - Thursday 19th November

Last swimming lesson for the year - Friday 20th November

Newcastle Herald Newspaper awards and morning tea—
Tuesday 24th November 11am

Australia's Biggest Mud Pie making competition -
Wednesday 2nd December 11am

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 7 of term 4.

We're starting to count down now with many things beginning to finish and our end of year activities starting. Today we said farewell to our 'almost Kinders' with Malachi, Hugo and Tayler enjoying their last day of our Ready, Set, Go program. The longer transition time into 'big school' certainly proves it works with our newbies settling into school routines really well. We're all looking forward to seeing them next year.

We're looking forward to our visit on Thursday to Sculpture in the Vines and we'd love to see parents there too. Teachers this year didn't get a preview of the installations so this will be new for us as well. We're all very excited about our visit. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Australian Hotel for the provision of their bus to transport our children to the back. It's certainly fabulous to see the community support for our school.

This Friday heralds the last swimming lesson for the term. Our children have shown incredible progress each week, with most now swimming laps of the pool, some of them without aids. All have shown massive confidence bursts and we're very proud of their hard work. I'd like to thank our teaching staff for their patience and care, and this is reflected in

the resulting improvement in swimming skills and confidence in the water. To make the most of this progression, we have booked in swimming as our school sport for term 1 of 2016. We'll be attending Kurri Kurri Aquatics centre on Friday afternoons, commencing in week 2. Parents will receive notes etc in the first week back at school next year.

We're entered Dirt Girl's Australian Biggest Mud Pie making competition, part of National Soil Day. On December 2nd, our students will be involved in making mud pies, getting dirty and having fun. We'd like to ask that they wear their oldest school uniform on the day as mud will be everywhere. Parents and family members are invited to attend and we'll finish with a later morning tea.

We acknowledged Remembrance Day last week with Sean reading a special poem, while Cain raised the flag from half mast. During the moment of silence, our children reflected on the sacrifice of many Australians during times of conflict. We were very proud of the respect our children showed.

*Until next week,
Donna Stackman*



News from the classroom:

Notes due back - *please disregard if these have been returned*

◇ Sculpture in the Vines permission notes and medical information forms

Speaking and Listening topic: "If I were invisible I would....."

Friday - Library: Don't forget library books.

Canteen: no canteen orders this week (nudge nudge wink wink....)

Sport: Our last swimming lesson day for the term. Please make sure students have sunscreen as the glare from the pool burns skin easily.

End of year testing: We've almost finished testing for the end of year reports and our children have shown good results. Mrs Beneke and Mrs Stackman are commencing report card writing and we're looking forward to discussing these with parents.

Choir: Please let children practice choir songs at home, sing with them and sing loud and proud! They're really enjoying the practice.



Enjoying maths and literacy activities....engaging and fun!



Staff Professional Learning - On Wednesday this week Mrs Beneke and Mrs Stackman are attending professional learning in Literacy Language Learning (L3). Mr Boughton will be at school in our absence. He's looking forward to being able to fit in extra guitar practice.

We're collecting for our Christmas hampers now. Please take goodies up to the office.

More raffle tickets are available for sale also.



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.