



Congewai News

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Congewai Public School

- a proud member of the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools



Proudly representing our team at the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition morning tea

Diary Dates:

Australia's Biggest Mud Pie making competition -
Wednesday 2/12/15 11am

Beach Days - Thursday and Friday 3 & 4/12/15

Report Cards Home - Monday 7/12/15

Congewai Playgroup - Thursday 10/12/15
9:15-11am

Carols at Congewai - Friday 11/12/15

School Presentation Day - Wednesday 16/12/15
commencing at 9:30am and morning tea

Last day for students- 16/12/15

Welcome to Week 9 of term 4.

It's hard to believe the end of the year is almost upon us, how quickly the year has gone. As a little voice reminds me of each morning as he gets into the car, we've only got a few days left until our summer break and the Christmas celebrations.

Miss Naysmith and I proudly accompanied two of our school newspaper team to Newcastle last week, where they accepted a very prestigious award on behalf on their fellow team member, who won the Primary Young Newspaper Journalist of the Year. This prize also came with a \$500 bank account which I'm sure he'll invest wisely. They were very happy to be able to present him with his award at our school assembly last Friday and we'd like to thank our parents for sharing this moment with them.

Our children are certainly looking forward to the end of this week as we visit the beach for our beach days. We'd like to remind parents to get their notes and payment in if they haven't already done so, as we need to plan who is and isn't attending.

We're going to have a fun filled morning on Wednesday too (nudge nudge, wink wink) and we'd like to remind parents to send their kids in the oldest school uniform they have. We'll be taking plenty of pics to put onto our social media pages for parents to see.

Our student council has been busy deciding on where they'd like to go and what they'd like to do for the end of year celebration and we've included their suggestions inside this newsletter edition. We'll be deciding on Wednesday, exactly what to do and will be sending a note home then.

We recently sent survey forms home in regard to homework and we'd like to ask that all parents please take the time to complete and return these forms as it will decide on how our

homework will look for 2016. This week we'll be asking parents to complete a school survey, asking how you think we're doing with room for suggestions for the future. This forms a very important part of the school's assessment of programs and planning for future directions and we'd appreciate it if all parents could complete the survey and send it back.

Our Carols at Congewai are fast approaching. This week we're including a helper's note in the newsletter, please see if you can give some helpers time to help out in an area or two, as this all enables a successful event.

Our Student Council has planned the run list for our School Presentation Morning and we're very excited that we're holding it in our new refurbished school hall. We hope you can all join us for a celebration of our 2015 and for morning tea afterwards.

*Until next week,
Donna Stackman*



ALL WELCOME
Come and join us at
Congewai Public School

LAST DAY FOR THIS YEAR

Thursday December 10th 9:15-11am

News from the classroom:

Notes out and due back -

- ◇ Bush fire preparation plan - revised one home today.
- ◇ Beach Day permission notes and medical forms
- ◇ Homework survey for parents

Speaking and Listening topic: We didn't get to this last week so are carrying the topic over to this week "Why is it important to be kind to others?"

Maths - we're practicing our numeracy skills this week, lots and lots of recall. We'd like to ask that students practice times tables, facts to 20 and place on the hundreds chart to reinforce learning at school.

Friday - Library: Don't forget library books- last week for borrowing, all books must be returned next Friday

Canteen: No canteen this week due to beach days.

Sport: Thursday and Friday.....Look out Beach here we come !!!!!!!

Choir: We're busily practicing our choir songs, please let

Creating wire sculptures is really hard work!



Homework Survey

The kids have done theirs and now we just waiting for all the parents. Please return these to school if you haven't already!

Do you have a gazebo or large beach umbrella we can borrow for our Carols night?

If so, we'd love to borrow it to put one of the Carols at Congewai activities under.

We're collecting for our Christmas hampers now and to date don't have much at all. Please take goodies up to the office if you're able to add to the hamper goodies. More raffle tickets are available for sale also. All raffle proceeds go directly to our school's learning support programs.



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.