



# Congewai News

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**Congewai Public School**

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## Diary Dates:

Monday 2nd February - Assembly at 2:30pm

Wednesday 4th Feb - P&C meeting 5:30pm

Friday 6th Feb - First library session for the year (don't forget your library bags)

Welcome to week 2!

I'd like to start off by saying a huge thankyou to those families who were able to assist with the BBQ at the clearing sale on Saturday, either on the day or in preparation, along with our staff members and family members. We had an enormously busy day, running out of food twice and selling all of our drinks. Those who attended the sale were very generous in their support for our school and many comments were made in regard to our school and the role that small schools have to play in the education of students across the public sector. It was a great PR exercise indeed, as well as being very successful.

Our students have had a great introduction back into school life, creating a strong start to their school council, making their first decisions and putting rules into place. After a long discussion, fully lead by the students themselves, it was decided that our school needed only one rule. This will be discussed during today's assembly and is written clearly inside our newsletter this week. Mr Cagney

and I were very impressed by the high level of discussion and debate that our students engaged in. Our school rule links strongly to our PBL core values of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn and our student council have actively discussed how these three areas look like at our school.

Happily we have been able to lodge an application for a bus run to our school for the first time. This is quite a long procedure and will take a long time (up to 18 months) until we hear if we're successful. If we are, it will need to be strongly supported by our school families and we expect it will assist with the growth of our school for the future.

I'd like to let parents know that our students have again been signed up for the free program, Studyladder. Currently they are able to use unlimited activities while at school and 3 each day at home. BUT, if they log onto Studyladder at home before this Wednesday, they will get unlimited access at home.

*Until next week,*

*Donna Stackman*

## Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Last week our Student Council developed our one school rule:-

*"You must do what you are supposed to do!"*

They made the decision that this rule covered all expectations of behaviour and linked directly to our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn. Our students also decided upon the consequences for breaking this rule.....Mrs Stackman will place offenders on detention and contact parents. They thought it was important that there be immediate consequences, with no warnings as we will be learning a lot about how to act and behave appropriately in accordance to our core values throughout our schooling at Congewai PS.

In recognition of students who are upholding our school rule and our core values, our acknowledgement system has also been design to reflect students achievements and effort.....

2 students will receive an assembly merit award at each School Assembly. (There may be more on special occasions)

When a student has received 5 merit awards, they will receive a Principal's Award. 2 Principal's Awards will equal a badge, silver for the first one, then children will return to the start of the system, beginning with merit awards again. The second badge earned thereafter will be a gold one, followed by a diamond one. This system will be recorded with all tallies rolling over to the following years to ensure all children have the opportunity to earn the higher level awards.

## School Staff meetings

*We'd like to advise our parent community that our school holds its staff meetings on Wednesday afternoons commencing at 3:15pm. As this involves our whole staff, we are not available to answer queries or for other matters after 3:10pm on Wednesday. We thank you for your understanding.*

## Small School's Swimming Carnival

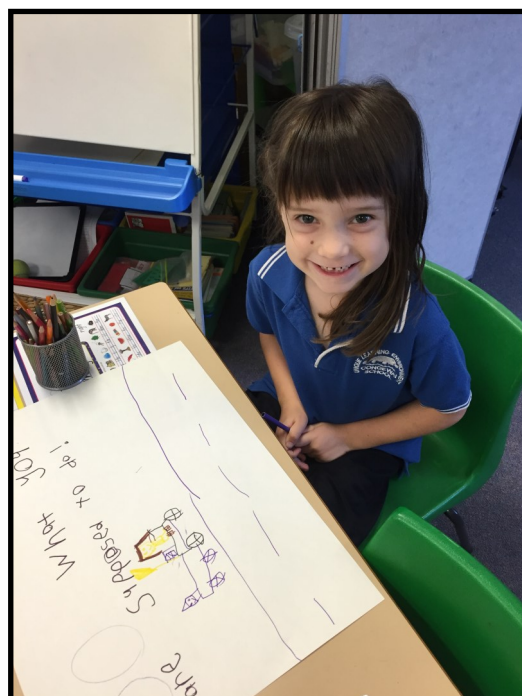
After consultation with parents we have withdrawn from participation in the Small School's Swimming Carnival for 2015 as we do not have confident swimmers eligible this year.



### CANTEEN

Our yummy canteen starts Friday this week, 6th February.

Please return orders by Wednesday 4th February.



Mrs Van Der Wel will be here for Library on Friday!

Bring your library bag, ready for borrowing.