



Congewai News

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Congewai Public School

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Diary Dates:

Thursday 12th Feb - Staff training at Millfield PS ~ Mrs Woodward coming in

Friday 13th Feb - Visit to West Haven Retirement Village

Thursday 26th Feb - Living Safely with Dogs Program incursion

Friday 27th Feb - Clean Up Our School Day

It's week 3 already, and the weeks are going fast!

Our children are really looking forward to our first visit to West Haven Retirement Village as part of our school's Community Connections program. We will be travelling by bus and we'd like to thank the Paxton Hotel once again for kindly allowing us the use of their bus. Mrs Dunstan will be driving Mr Cagney and the children and Miss Naysmith and I will be driving behind in my car. Our children will be taking their favourite book with them to read to the residents and they may bring one from home or choose one from school. They will also take a cupcake to share with the West Haven residents in recognition of St Valentine's Day on Saturday. The Advertiser will be present to do a story about our visit and we wish to advise parents to let us know if they do not wish their child's photo taken on the day by the Advertiser, if they have not already done so.

I'd like to thank our parents and our children for their team work in returning The Colonel to his chook pen on Friday afternoon, after he excitedly

escaped to nice green pastures through the open doorway. Typical chook, didn't want to do what he was supposed to do (go back in when he was needed to)....I think he might need some detention!

Our P&C is again running our Easter Raffle and they'd like our families to bring in something suitable for the hamper. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon and we'd like to encourage all to support this yummy fund raiser.

We will have a hat parade during the last week of term with a date to be finalised hopefully next week. Children may decorate a hat with a theme, either Easter or another theme of their choice, and we'll be looking forward to seeing parents at the parade and joining us for lunch.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

Speech Therapist Visit for all Kindergarten Children.

As part of a Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools initiative, our school will be visited by a speech therapist from All Areas Speech.

This is part of the Kindergarten testing that takes place across our Cessnock area's schools. We will discuss the results with parents as soon as we receive them. Please feel free to discuss this further with us if you wish.

Mrs Woodward will be visiting us on Thursday and teaching our students while our whole staff attend a training day at Millfield PS. We will be learning how to implement the TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) to compliment our implementation of the L3program. This is part of our school's involvement in Early Action for Success and will involve 3 training sessions in all across terms 1 and 2.

Mrs Stackman is again continuing training in L3, following on from last year's training. Her first session for this is on Wednesday afternoon, and Mr Cagney will teach K-6, assisted by Miss Naysmith.

Our speaking and listening topic for this week is: What party food would you have for a dragon who hates 'green' food?

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.



CANTEEN

Our yummy canteen continues next Friday, 20th February.

Please return orders by Wednesday 18th February.

Frozen treats are available every day.

Look what happens when the teachers and student's rolls are reversed! Our students made great "playground duty teachers" in a lesson about appropriate behaviour.



Library is on Friday, bring your books if you've finished reading them.