



# Congewai News

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**Congewai Public School**

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## Diary Dates:

Thursday 26th Feb - Living Safely with  
Dogs Program incursion

Friday 27th Feb - Clean Up Our School Day

Tuesday 10th March - School Photos

Welcome to week 4 and another week of fun while learning.

Our Congewai Kids certainly made us very proud last week during their visit to West Haven Retirement Village. From the first moment we entered the village, they entertained, read and chatted to the many residents who joined us in the morning room. I, Mr Cagney, Miss Naysmith and Mrs Dunstan were astounded at our student's confidence and conduct as they mingled with everyone. It certainly made for a great morning.

I'd like to especially thank Miss Naysmith and Kirsty for making lots and lots of yummy cupcakes to share with the residents in recognition of St Valentine's Day, it was and is greatly appreciated. It's lovely to see such fabulous support from our school community.

Next week on Thursday 26th of February, we have a great incursion for our children. Thunda and his handler, Ms Willis will be visiting our school to discuss with our children the elements of living safely with dogs. This program teaches children how to interact with their own pet dogs safely and what to do when meeting a strange dog.

On Friday the 27th of February, we will again participate

in Clean Up Our School Day. We will tidy up our school grounds and on both sides of the road leading up to our school from both directions along Congewai Road, within the school zone areas. As we will be on the road, I'd like to invite parents to join us to ensure safety. Signage will be placed from next Monday to inform the community that our school is participating in this and to remind traffic of school zones. We will commence our tidy up along the road first, from 9:30am, and then move to our school grounds.

Our school photos date has been confirmed, for March 10th, at approximately lunch time. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

Our school has quite a few events both fundraising and charity based, planned for the year and we've placed a calendar of the confirmed events inside this newsletter for parent's convenience. We'd love some assistance if you're able, just come and see us if you're able to help with one or more of the events.

*Until next week,*

*Donna Stackman*



Our **Harvest Festival** is fast approaching with only 6 weeks now until we launch.

This will be a major fundraiser for our school with lots of wonderful stalls with goods ranging from organic foods to arts.

To ensure maximum attendance from the public, we'd like to ask that our families promote the Festival throughout as many areas as they can. If you're visiting friends, relatives or a place, perhaps some flyers might be left in local shops, sharing on Facebook or other social media, and doing letter box drops will all help.

Our school will be running the BBQ on the day, so look out for a 'helpers' note soon.

## *Easter Raffle*

Items suitable for the Raffle may be left at the school's office.



Our speaking and listening topic for this week is:

Why do you like school?

## **Canteen**

In response to requests from our students, we will make canteen available every Friday including this one, for the rest of the year.

Orders must be in by each Wednesday, with correct change if possible.

## **Hat Parade**



The date is set!

Start planning the most interesting hat, pick a theme, either a seasonal one (Easter) or something else, and get creating.

Our hat parade will be on

**Thursday, 2nd of April at 11am**

and we'd like to invite parents and family members to participate in the fun.

Please bring a plate of yummies to share with everyone, school will provide the drinks, tea and coffee.

We're looking forward to lots of fun.



Mrs Van Der Wel is here on Friday for fun in the Library