



# 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

Thursday 2nd April - Hat Parade + morning tea 11am

Welcome to a busy week.

This afternoon I will be joining teachers and principals of other small schools in our area to plan our Small School's excursions. These are great opportunities for our students to meet and form friendships with children from other schools, creating great opportunities for socialisation and skill building.

We will be joining the Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 excursion next term for a visit to Tocal Homestead. This is one of the oldest homesteads in the area and has a rich history of continual farming. It is also the 50th anniversary of Tocal college this year.

The children are really looking forward to Thursday's visit from Thunda, the education dog, to learn about being safe around pets. Please ensure each child's permission note has been returned, giving us any pertinent information which may affect your child's enjoyment of the visit.

Friday is Clean Up Our School Day. This national program plays an important role in teaching children that they are part of a wider community, each with a role to play. As we will be cleaning up along the roadside of our school grounds, we would love a lot of parental involvement to ensure safety for all. We will be starting

our clean up at 9:30am, doing the road side first, before moving to our school grounds. Children are encouraged to bring a set of old kitchen tongs and gloves, if they have them available.

Our staff will again be undertaking training in TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) on this Tuesday. This is part of our staff training within the Early Action for Success strategies, aimed at achieving high success for all of our students.

We'd like to invite family members to join us for gardening activities each Wednesday afternoon. If you have a spare afternoon or morning and would like to assist in the Kitchen Garden program, all tasks are listed on the blackboard in the outdoor learning area near the car park. Please feel free to weed or water, our students will appreciate the assistance.

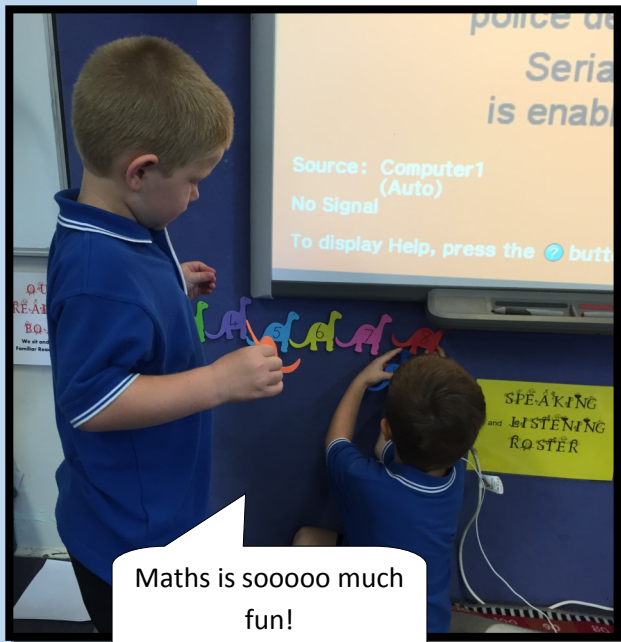
We've got some yummy hamper goodies coming in for the raffle, please take all items up to the office, and raffle tickets will be coming home this week.

*Until next week,*

*Donna Stackman*

## Small School's Athletics Day Canteen

Each year a school is rostered for the canteen operation at the Small School's Athletics Day. This is a big fund raising opportunity for schools and last week we sent home a canteen helpers note. As we're a small school with a small number of families, we are asking if you are able to assist as much as possible, perhaps asking family members to assist also. If you can give an hour to help in the canteen, that will help our school greatly. School staff will be assisting as much as possible, in between running events at the Athletics Day and we're hoping to organise a roster of helpers by the end of the term. If you haven't yet returned a helper note, please see Mrs Stackman or Mrs Dunstan, we'll be grateful for any assistance possible.



Maths is sooooo much fun!

We've got quite a bit of illness sweeping around our neighbourhood lately and we'd like to advise that it's our school belief that children feel much more comfortable at home when they are unwell. If your child becomes unwell at school, we do try to ring you to ask that you collect your child. If really unwell, and you're not available, we will ring the emergency contact on your information form.

Please ensure this is correct information and it hasn't changed, we do send these forms home at the beginning of the year for updating, but if circumstances change, please let us know.

Our speaking and listening topic for this week is:

"The pet I would like to have would be....."

### Canteen

Orders due on Wednesdays for Friday's canteen.

## 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 yummys to share with everyone, school will provide the drinks, tea and coffee.

We're looking forward to lots of fun.

## Easter Raffle

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

