



Our families supporting our school! Many thanks!

## Diary Dates:

Tuesday 17th March - Year 3 to Ellalong PS for author visit

Wednesday 18th March - Harvest Festival planning meeting. Immediately after school.

Sunday 22nd March - Working Bee 9am - ?

Sunday 29th March - Harvest Festival

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

Welcome to week 8.

I'd like to start this week off with an invitation to all our community and our families to join us for this Sunday's working bee. We have a lot we'd like to get done and as you can see from the pic above, one of the biggest jobs has been tackled. Thank you to the McCarthy and Naysmith families for removing the very determined couch grass from our driveway garden during what turned out to be a very hot day. With mulching still to be done, this garden will now look fabulous. We've mowing and weeding still to be done, painting and planting, tidying and cleaning as well. School will put on the morning tea, bring your gloves, tools, bad jokes and laughter buttons. Bring a plate to share for lunch and our school will shine by the end of the day.

This week our Kindergarten parents will receive their children's Best Start reports. These reports will state what children can do at this point in time along with strategies to use to assist children consolidate skills and develop new ones. We'd like to invite parents to visit us to discuss these reports next week and ask that parents ring us to make an appointment.

Our Harvest Festival is approaching soon (in two weeks) and we've lots of stall holders booked with an amazing array of goods for sale. We've beautiful and unique clothing, crafts, jewellery, accessories of all types, beautiful organic skin care, baby and children's clothing, kid's accessories, iron work and furniture, linens, pillows, gift ware, horse and pet supplies,

foods, pickles, honey and jams, arts, toys, candles, soaps, produce, organic meats, milk and cheese, plants and garden goodies, musical buskers, sno cones and fairy floss, face painting, a jumping castle for the kids, delicious steak and sausage sangers from the Congewai Kids BBQ and much, much more! On top of that we have our best pie competition and our best carved pumpkin competition. We'd like as many visitors as possible for the day as it's a huge fundraiser for our school's learning and support and enrichment programs, so tell everyone you meet, share it on your social media, grab some posters from us to put up.

It's certainly going to be a great day and to make sure our planning is on track we have a planning meeting for the Harvest Festival on Wednesday afternoon straight after school. Everyone is welcome to join us for this, as we move into the final preparations for the day.

Our school photos were successfully taken last week with some very cute family shots included. Our photos will be ready for collection early next term and we'll be letting parents know as soon as they arrive.

All of our 125th commemorative pavers have arrived and we'll be placing these on our working bee day if not before. If you know of someone who organised a paver to be placed, please let them know and invite them to the Harvest Festival to view their paver and to enjoy our Festival.

*Until next week,*

*Donna Stackman*

**Speaking and Listening topic** of the week is:- “My favourite thing is....”

*Students are encouraged to bring in the item to show if they can. They should describe it and what it is that makes it their favourite thing. Teachers will also be participating in this topic to add to the fun.*

**Library:** Mrs Van Der Wel will be back with us this week on Friday, she's really looking forward to her lessons with our children. Don't forget library returns on Friday.

**Change in routine:** From time to time, teaching staff must undertake professional development in order to gain new skills and build on existing skills to ensure successful student learning outcomes. We always tell our students, that we always have to learn too, just like they do. Part of my role as both teacher and principal is to ensure I am up to date in all the changes for schools and teachers, and how this works within our school's systems and procedures. This week I am undertaking professional development and will be absent from school on Thursday and Friday. Next week I will be attending meetings with other principals on Monday after recess, Wednesday after recess and on Friday all day. Certainly a busy couple of weeks ahead for me.

All of our staff are undertaking mathematics training along with teachers and principals from Millfield and Kitchener PS, hosted at our school on Tuesday of next week. We will have another teacher working with our students along with Mrs Dunstan on this day and our children will get to show off their mathematical skills to our visiting teachers. We will be discussing this with our students as usual, to ensure they are aware of the changes.

Mr Cagney and Miss Naysmith will be doing a fantastic job as usual, of educating our students with assistance from Mrs Dunstan in the times I'm away over the next couple of weeks and I will see you all at the working bee on this Sunday.

~ Mrs Stackman



*Morning tea provided*

*Please bring a lunch to share*

*- Children are welcome but must be under parental supervision*

## Congewai Public School Working Bee

**Sunday 22 March**

**8:30am - 1pm**

We'll be:-

- de-grassing our gardens
- mulching
- tidying the grounds of sticks and branches
- trimming
- building
- cleaning

Bring a digging fork, spade, gloves and don't forget a hat and suitable footwear.

**Come and support your school & have some fun!**







## Hat Parade

Wear your best home made hat for our Hat Parade. Family members too. What theme will you have?

Thursday 2nd April at 11am

Families are invited to join us for morning tea.

Bring a plate of yummys to share.



## Easter Raffle

The P&C's Easter Raffle for our yummy Easter Box filled with delicious chocolate will be drawn during our Hat Parade morning tea. More tickets are available from our school.

All sold tickets along with money collected can be returned to school from now on.

*All funds raised help our students in their learning programs.*



*Making tepees for our Harvest Festival.*







### Evacuation Drill

Our school will be having an emergency drill practice on Friday 20th of March. These practices help our students know what to do in the case of an emergency. Discussion will be a big part of this drill to answer any questions the children may have and to ensure understanding of situations and responses. All schools hold regular drills throughout the year.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Have you supported Mrs Dunstan's head shave yet? Please give generously to the money box at school. Her head shave will take place on May 6th at school.

We would like to invite everyone to participate on the day.

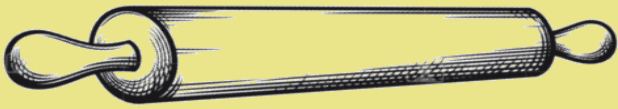
## Are you entering?

1ST ANNUAL

1st  
Wins  
\$100

# PIE BAKING CONTEST

at the Congewai Public School Harvest Festival



SHOW US HOW YOU ROLL

Sunday, March 29th

## CALLING ALL ASPIRING BAKERS!

BRING YOUR  
BEST PIE TO  
THE HARVEST  
FESTIVAL PIE  
TENT ON THE  
DAY BY 10AM  
ON THE 29th!

Pie entries should be prepared in a disposable 9" pie tin. The title of your pie, your name, phone number & pie recipe needs to accompany your entry.

Ingredients used must be natural.

One entry per person.

PIES WILL BE JUDGED on taste, presentation and flakiness of crust.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 9AM TO 2PM  
CONGEWAI PUBLIC SCHOOL  
605 CONGEWAI ROAD - CONGEWAI  
PH: 0249981366



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## HARVEST FESTIVAL

# Pumpkin Carving competition

\$100  
FIRST PRIZE

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN  
TO THE HARVEST  
FESTIVAL ON THE DAY BY  
10AM ON THE 29th!

PUMPKINS MUST BE NAMED,,  
ALONG WITH CARVERS PHONE  
NUMBER AND AGE CATEGORY.

UNDER 10

10 - 20

OVER 20

March 29th  
9am to 2pm

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