



Congewai News

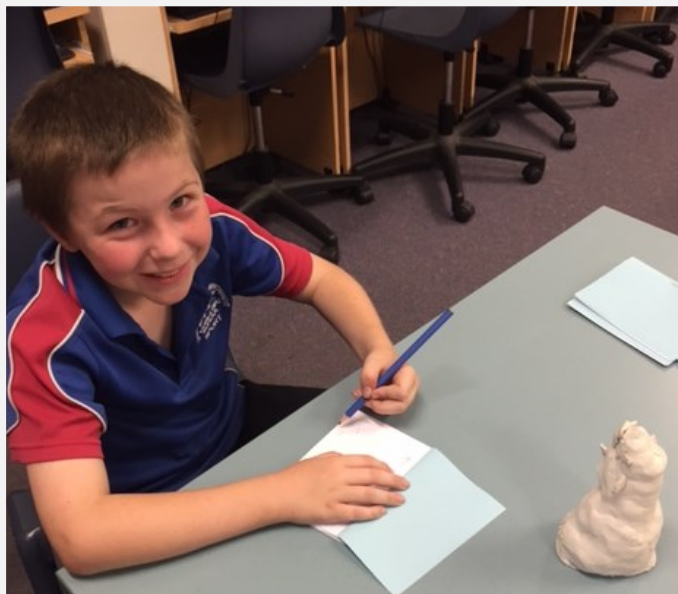
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Congewai Public School

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Diary Dates:

Small School's Athletics Day - Tuesday May 19th
Turner Park

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - Monday 8th June

Biggest Morning Tea - Friday 12th @ 11am ~ bring a plate to share

Healthy Harold - Wednesday 24th June

Welcome to week 5, Term 2.

It's time to have fun on Athletics Day!

This Tuesday (tomorrow 19th May) is our Small School's Athletics Day at Turner Park. Our area's Small Schools, Mulbring, Stanford Merthyr, Paxton, Millfield, Laguna and Congewai will participate together in a variety of events during the day.

As notified in recent newsletters, our school is running the canteen on the day and we'd like to thank those parents who have already indicated they are able to assist during the day. Please feel free to pop in for a while if you find you can help for or alternatively purchase lots of yummy food to ensure funds for our school. Cakes / slices may be dropped off early on Tuesday morning at the Canteen to us if you've been unable to drop it in today. Pieces individually wrapped would be great.

I'd like to congratulate our year 3 and 5 students on a great job done participating in last week's NAPLAN testing. Despite nerves, they worked well with the year 3 undertaking their first go at NAPLAN. This is just one of many student assessments schools look at to plan and create learning plans and as such is only a small snapshot of a students wider abilities throughout the year. Reports will be given to parents later in the year.

Today parents will receive a note requesting

information about School Religious Education and Ethics Education at our school. Please return the note given to children, make comments as required and return to school by Friday 22nd May.

Also included in this newsletter is information for our parents of students in their first year of school regarding the Australian Early Development Census.

Last week we introduced a new part to our weekly learning. Using meditation, concentration and mindfulness techniques our students are participating in "Train Your Brain" to foster enhanced abilities to concentrate in class to further learning abilities. We have been doing these short lessons throughout the week and our students have been loving it. Many of the techniques we are participating in can also be done at home to calm minds and enable greater attention to tasks.

Let's look forward to great weather tomorrow,

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

News from the classroom:

Speaking and Listening topic: *This week we're doing something a little different - Students must develop and practice a 3 to 5 part movement based on body percussion. They will perform their sequence and teach it to the rest of the class during their speaking turn day.*

Home reading and homework: Reading tasks -

Kinder and Year 1 Draw a new cover for your favourite home reading book.

Years 2-5 Do a short book report for your favourite home reading book.

Friday - Library Return your library books and borrow some new ones.

Changes to Routine: Mrs Stackman will be away from the school undertaking professional development and participating in meetings over several days later this week and early the next. These days are unfortunately consecutive and affect this Wednesday through to next Wednesday. Miss Fitzpatrick and Mr Cagney will join Mrs Beneke, Mrs Wittmann, Miss Naysmith and Mrs Dunstan to ensure the smooth running of the classes in her absence. Mrs Stackman will be checking in each day and will only be a short distance away should something arise.

Supporting the Dungog Community

Planet Dungog Music festival – incorporating music, dance, street art, spoken word, comedy and film in one packed weekend in Dungog, May 29 – 31.

ABC radio 1233 is currently holding a promotion: go into the draw to win free full weekend passes when you donate \$5 or more to the Dungog Flood relief fund. This is a fantastic prize including all passes and accommodation (guaranteed dry, valued at over \$450).

Planet Dungog has grown to 50 acts across 8 heritage venues in 2015. For a great weekend of quality entertainment, come to Dungog: find more information at planetdungog.com.

Follow the link for a chance to win tickets from 1233 ABC.....

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2015/05/12/4234400.htm?site=newcastle§ion=competitions>



We introduced a new learning program into our IT at school today. Skoolbo has lots of learning 'games' to assist with literacy and numeracy. Our students have their logon card for home use with them today and they are encouraged to access this at home for extra skills practice.