



Diary Dates:

School Assembly - Friday 29th May at 2:30pm

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - Monday 8th June

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

Healthy Harold - Wednesday 24th June

Welcome to week 6, Term 2. How quickly the term is going.

We certainly had a busy start to last week, practicing for and participating in the small school's athletics day and enjoying the great weather for it. It was a great day for our students and parents and I'd like to say a huge thankyou to all those who made it successful. Mrs Beneke organised a great Infants Athletics, there's been a lot of comments from teachers and principals from other schools about the day, all saying how much fun the students had and how well the carnival was run.

Many thanks to those who assisted in making the canteen run smoothly, we couldn't have done it without our helpers and our cake makers.

Our students have been very busy in class over the last weeks, and we'll commence testing over the next two weeks in preparation for mid year reports cards. Our students are progressing in leaps and bounds, proving the processes we've put in place to improve literacy and numeracy are working.

Last week I attended the Principal's Conference where the key note speaker was Sir Ken Robinson. Always an incredibly interesting speaker, he spoke about creative schools, teaching to kids interests and needs, in an

environment that fosters willingness to learn. I certainly think we do that quite well here at Congewai as I watch the engagement in learning from our students and the interactions between teachers and students, all enthusiastic about the learning process.

Last week a survey was sent to all families in regard to School Religious Education and Ethics Classes. We've asked parents to indicate whether they would like either of these at school. Should you prefer neither, please feel free to write this on the form too. We've only received 4 back so far, please return the survey if you haven't had a chance to yet, so we have a thorough indication of preferences from all our families.

*Until next week,
Donna Stackman*



News from the classroom:

Speaking and Listening topic: Name 3 things you think we should do at our school.

Home reading and homework: Reading tasks -

Kinder and Year 1 : Write down a list of nouns found in one of your books. Remember nouns are naming words.

Years 2-5: Design a new cover for one of your books.

Friday - Library Mrs Van Der Wel is in on Friday for library.....Return your library books and borrow some new ones.



Enjoying Athletics Day



Changes to Routine: Mrs Stackman will unfortunately still be away from the school undertaking professional development and participating in meetings early this week. 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 on Monday and Tuesday. We'd like to thank Mrs Blanch for joining us last week. Mrs Stackman's looking forward to being back at school on Wednesday.