



Learning how to train your brain....parents are learning something brand new....

## Diary Dates:

Student Leader Breakfast @ Cessnock Performing Arts Centre Tuesday 4th August

Friday 7th August– School Assembly at 2:30pm

Congewai Clearing Sale - Saturday 22nd August

Father's Day Stall - Friday 4th September

Father's Day - Sunday 6th September

Terrigal Trotters - Saturday 12th September

Welcome to Week 4, of term 3.

It was terrific to see so many recipients from the schools within the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools at Mount View High School last week, proudly going up on stage to receive their awards. Congratulations to our Education Week Award recipients in recognition of the achievements of students, support and promotion of our school and its community.

Our students eagerly showed off their learning practices to families at Friday's Open Day, demonstrating reading and writing, the use of technology in learning and exhibited one of our "Train Your Brain" methods. Parents joined their children for Kung Fu Punctuation and the competition was fierce. With morning tea to finish off, our students felt their families know more about the way they are immersed in their daily learning.

We had a great start to our Gymnastics program last week, with all having a go at ribbon twirling and twisting. Our students showed off their fine motor skills with throwing and catching of silk squares, something which is much, much harder than it looks. Tomorrow's session will be learning Circus Clown Skills, and the children are really looking forward to it.

Last week we sent home a helper needed note for the raffles at Ellalong Hotel. We need someone to do the raffles this Thursday night. If you're available, could you please contact us at school prior to Thursday please?

*Until next term,*

*Donna Stackman*

## Book Week and Book Fair

Book Fair Monday 17th August

Theme: Under the Sea

## Congewai Clearing Sale

Clear out your sheds, your garage and the house and book a free site.

Taking place at the school, 20% of all proceeds of the auction to go to the school learning programs.

BBQ available on the day.

Phone the school for more info

**Saturday 22nd August commencing at 9am**



Enjoying gymnastics! More than just jumping around....

Using paper mache to create our feelings creatures



## News from the classroom:

**Speaking and Listening topic:** The topic for this week is “2 of the most interesting things about the Congewai School Teachers is.....”.

**Friday - Library:** Don't forget your library books this week for library with Mrs Van Der Wel.

**Class Photographer:** Tyson was our lucky person drawn to be class photographer this week. We're wondering what pics he'll take.

**Special play time:** This week's play time lucky draw winner, was Mikey. We're sure there'll be lots of interesting things built and investigated this week.

**Country study:** We'll be exploring Antarctica this week after last week's visit to Japan.

**Video Conferences with Korea:** The primary class is completing work this week on their preparations for the upcoming first video conference with their school in Korea. This will take place very soon with Mrs Van Der Wel, where they'll be sharing a little info about themselves and their school.

**Tennis and sport:** Gymnastics is tomorrow (Tuesday) and we'd like children to wear sports uniform please. Tennis will be on Friday.

**WaterCatchers Competition:** Last week the primary students decided they would enter the watercatchers competition. In order to do this they must submit a script idea for deliberation to a panel. If chosen, they will get to create a movie using their script which tells the story of how water gets to your tap. Entries must be in by Friday, so they'll be working on this throughout the week. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Our clearing sale is on Saturday, August 22nd

Clear out the sheds and the junk rooms. Bring in the old tools, farm equipment and collectables.

Items to be bought to the school site by Friday 21st. Free sites.....20% of sale price payable to the school. Please call us at school for further details including site bookings