



Congewai News

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Congewai Public School

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Learning how much fun books can be.....

Diary Dates:

Congewai Catch Up - Monday 14/3/16

School Assembly—Monday 14/3/16 at 2:30pm

Tell Them From Me Surveys - Monday 14/3/16 years 4 to 6

Last swimming lesson - Friday 18/03/16

Responsible Pet Program visit to school - Thursday 24/03/16 11:45– 12:25

Hat Parade, lunch & Easter basket raffle draw- Thursday 26/03/16 1pm

Good Friday - Friday 25/03/16

Easter Saturday, Sunday, Monday - 26-28/03/16

Students return to school - Tuesday 29/03/16

Harvest Festival - NEW DATE June 19th

Last day of term - Friday 8/04/16

ANZAC Day Monday 25/04/16

Welcome to week 8.

SCHOOL PHOTOS FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK 9am!

Please return your families' photo envelope prior to Friday, even if you're not ordering any photos as this envelope helps with the process of the day.

Our photos will be at 9am in the morning so it's really important that all of our children are here bright and early on Friday. After photos we'll commence our normal school day, with swimming taking place as usual.

This will be our last swimming lesson for the term and I'd like to thank Mrs Beneke, Miss Naysmith and Miss Kirsty for doing a great job with our children and Mr Blake for driving the bus. The children have come a long way with skills and confidence in the pool since commencing lessons and this was evident during this year's Small School's Swimming Carnival.

This week our years 4-6 will participate in the Tell Them From Me Survey. This online survey gives children the opportunity to tell our schools just what they think about their education and their participation in school. As it's done totally anonymously they can give accurate feedback about their experiences. All children in our school will be participating and it will be finished by the end of the week.

We had a fun filled visit by two Librarians from the Cessnock City Library last week. Our children got to be very involved in the whole story telling process and lots of laughter was heard. We all know the benefits of reading on emotional and intellectual health and our kids found out that it could be fun in a whole new way when you get to be physically involved as well. Our local library is a great resource for our students, as well as borrowing books they often have guest speakers, authors and are able to offer tutoring/homework assistance for students who are in year 4 and up. Well worth checking out!

Primary class news: We have been able to secure Mrs Woodward for the first three weeks of term 3 to teach the primary class until Mr Boughton is available. Mr Boughton will then teach the class until the end of the year and Mrs Beneke will return in 2017.



14 th March, 2016



CLASSROOM NEWS:

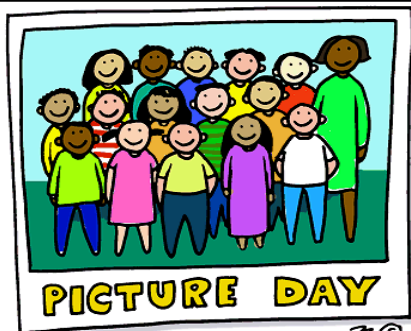
Speaking and Listening: We're revisiting the speaking and listening processes early this week, with an expectation that all children are prepared for their topic talk, particularly as they know which day of the week their turn is on. Speaking and listening is part of the literacy curriculum and as such, children should prepare what they intend to speak about, perhaps reinforcing their talk with props or items of interest, and follow a sequence of events with what, why, where and how. As a listener it is important to ask questions to delve further, to clarify, to find out more, to show that listening has been attentive.

Speaking and Listening topic of the week: "Who do I admire most and why?" This could be for example, a family member, a famous person or someone who has had a positive influence on their life.

Literacy: This week we're investigating narratives further. Adding interest to characters, settings and plots, making sure the reader wants to read our stories.

Maths: Over the next couple of weeks until our Easter break, we'll be focusing on all topic areas, particularly numeracy. We'd like parents to assist by helping their children know their basic facts. For juniors these are numbers which add up to 10 and to 20, times tables 2, 5 and 10 and counting on and back. For seniors it's numbers adding to 100, times tables to 12 and counting on and back.

Gardening on Wednesday: our students will be tidying our garden areas and would love some adult helpers. If you are able to assist, we'd love to see you at 2pm.



School photos

Friday morning

18th March at 9am

Please bring photo envelopes in by Wednesday

Canteen special
Ice-cream
tubs 50c

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who've already bought in items for the Easter Baskets. And to those who've bought in their sold raffle tickets and to our families who are busy selling tickets to the wider community. All funds raised goes directly to our learning and support program.

The raffle will be drawn at our Hat Parade on Thursday 24th.

Education Week Awards

One of the topics of discussion at our area's Principal's meeting last Friday was planning for this year's Education Week celebrations in term 3. We'd like to ask you to think about this year's award recipients for our school. Categories include: student, teacher, school staff, principal and school programs. Early next term, a nomination form will be sent home to all families with these categories for your suggestions.

Changes to Routine for this week

- Mr Boughton is in on Monday and Friday.
- Mrs Woodward is in on Wednesday.
- Mrs Stackman is at the region's Principal network meeting on Friday, leaving straight after school photos.

It's Monday! Let's check for little hair crawly critters!