



Congewai News

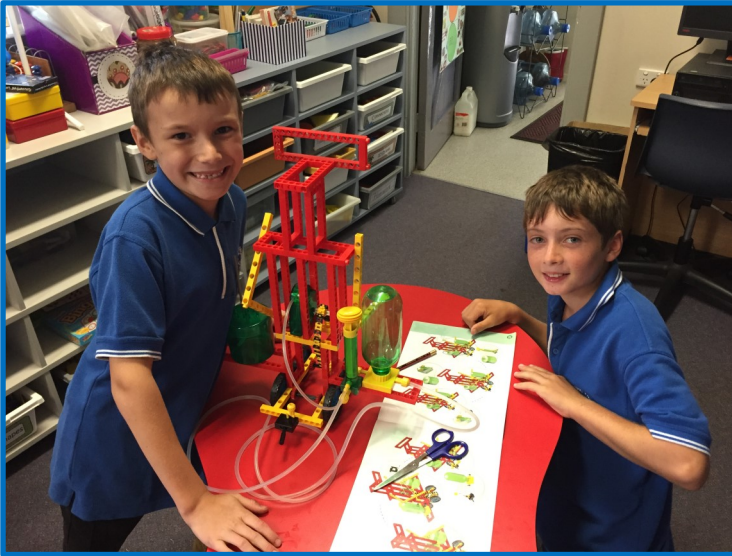
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Congewai Public School

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.....really enjoying creating and building while investigating science principles.....

Diary Dates:

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

Schools Remember ANZAC service - Tuesday
5/04/16

Last day of term - Friday 8/04/16

ANZAC Day Monday 25/04/16

Term 2 Staff Development Day - Tuesday
26/04/16

Students return - Wednesday 27/04/16

Welcome to week 9, our last week before our short Easter Long Weekend break.

We finish school on Thursday of this week before Good Friday. On Thursday we have a visit from the Responsible Pet Program. This program educates children on how to be a responsible pet owner, how to react when meeting a strange dog and how to treat pets. During the program the children will get to meet a dog owned by the presenter and will be able to interact with the dog in a safe and responsible manner, putting those skills demonstrated into practice. The program will run from 11:45 to 12:25.

We will finish the day with our Hat Parade at 1pm and Easter Basket raffle draw. Children will parade the hats they have made at home and show off their handiwork. Parents and family members are also encouraged to bring a decorated hat to the parade and a small prize will be given to the 'best hat', judged by our school student council. We'd like to invite our family members to join us for lunch with a bring your own lunch to finish the merriment.

Please bring all raffle tickets and money to school by Wednesday if you haven't already done so. All funds raised by our school fundraisers go directly to supporting our Learning and Support program and we'd

like to thank our school community for their continued support in our fund raising efforts.

Last week most of our year 4-6 students took part in the Tell Them From Me Survey, and all found it an easy process. This is a yearly event and we'll be participating next year as well to assist us with information for our school growth and improvements.

Our students had an enjoyable last swimming lesson last Friday. We'll be focusing on Fundamental Movement Skills over the next couple of weeks in preparation for next term's sporting feature. The dates have been confirmed for this year's Zone Cross Country and Small School's Athletics Carnival. Students will undertake our school's Zone trials on Thursday 7th April. All of our students will participate in the trial. Information notes accompany this newsletter. Zone is for 8 year olds and up, and will take place on 19/5/16 at Turner Park and the Athletics Carnival will be on Friday 27/5/16 at Turner Park.

With our Easter long weekend approaching we'd like to ask parents to have an enjoyable and restful break with their families, try not to eat tooooooo much chocolate and we'll see you all on Tuesday the 29th.

~Have a relaxing long weekend



21st March, 2016

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Speaking and Listening: We saw a big improvement in the quality of our speaking and listening tasks last week, well done to all. As mentioned last week, this is a part of our literacy curriculum and is a reportable component in school reports.

Speaking and Listening topic of the week: **“What would be a fantastic short holiday break and why?”**
Students may bring props to add emphasis to their topic.

Literacy: This week our junior class will be looking at persuasion. We’d like to advise parents that there may be a little of this used at home by their children over the next few days. Our primary class will continue to build on the work they commenced in this area last week.

ANZAC Day Service in Cessnock

Monday 25th April

Attached to this week’s newsletter is an expression of intention to attend the ANZAC Day Service and march to represent our school. The Cessnock community of schools always have a strong presence at the march every year and as it falls on the last Monday prior to returning to school for term 2, we are asking parents to complete the intent to attend form to enable planning for this event.

Please complete and return by the end of term 1.



EASTER RAFFLE

This is the last week to bring in items to make up the Easter Baskets for our raffle. Please bring in items by Wednesday if you haven’t already done so, ready to put into the great 3 prize baskets.

Changes to Routine for weeks 9, 10 & 11

Week 9: I will be at Maitland District Office this Wednesday as part of the process of filling the School Administration Officer position for our school. We are hopeful of completing this process by the end of the school term and will be informing our school community of the outcome as soon as we can.

Week 10: Part of the system changes coming soon to all schools is the way our office, finance and student wellbeing processes will operate. As part of these changes, principals and school administration staff must undertake training and learning based around these procedures. In preparation for our school going live in the new system in early 2017, Mr Jasper and I will be attending the first training sessions on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st of March.

Week 11: I will also be out on Wednesday the 6th of April due to a compulsory principal’s meeting with Directors regarding the new staffing agreement with the Department of Education.

I do apologise for these changes in school routine, unfortunately sometimes they do all seem to happen close together and we do have procedures and practices in place to ensure there is no interruption to student learning.

It’s Monday! Let’s check for little crawly critters in our kid’s hair!