



Congewai News

Newsletter

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Safety

Respect

Learning

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TERM 2 WEEK 10

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Diary Dates

Term 2

Week 10

Friday 3 July

Last Day of Term

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 20 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 July

Students Return

Week 2

29 July

Cessnock HS

Yr 6 Transition 12 - 2p.m.

Week 3

5 August

Cessnock HS

Yr 6 Transition 12 - 2p.m.

Week 4

12 August

Cessnock HS

Yr 6 Transition 12 - 2p.m.

Date TBA

Mt View HS

Year 5 Taster Day

Week 5

18 August

P & C 3.30p.m.

Date TBA

Mt View HS

Transition Visits

LAPTOPS: REMINDER TO FAMILIES THAT STILL HAVE SCHOOL LAPTOPS TO RETURN THEM TOMORROW FOR ESSENTIAL UPDATES PRIOR TO NEXT TERM.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Attendance

The past two terms have been challenging in so many ways and families have been understandably protective of their little ones. Going into next term, I would encourage you to ensure that students maintain good attendance at school. This enables them to make strong connections with their classmates and their learning. It is often difficult for students to keep up with new learning when they have missed time at school. This results in them missing important foundation skills and often, losing confidence in themselves.

The school will introduce PBL attendance awards at the end of this year, to be given to all students who have been at school for at least 90% of the time. This award will be presented with a \$20 gift voucher for students to spend at Big W. Students are very excited about this and are enjoying tracking their own attendance. Through this, we are trying to build good patterns of attendance into the future.

Drink bottles

Just a reminder that all students need a drink bottle at school every day. Students are able to refill their bottle from the water cooler as necessary but are unable to use the bubblers due to COVID restrictions.

Hats

Students will be required to wear a hat each day to be able to play outside next term. Without a hat, students will have to play under the shelter.

Rewards Day

Students have all worked incredibly hard this term and I commend them on their commitment to our school values of Safety, Respect and Learning. They have truly proven themselves, earning over 1000 Dojo points as a class group! Tomorrow will be our rewards day. Students are encouraged to wear out of uniform with an adventurer theme. A gold coin donation will be put towards P&C's end of year class party.

Students are able to bring a pillow/rug etc for comfort tomorrow – there may be a bit of chill-out time during our adventures. Lunch will be provided but please pack water bottles and snacks as usual.



Library: Thursday

please check for any overdue books – we are missing a few.

Fencing

Please see the report by Olive later in this newsletter

Term 3 Return to school

Next term, staff will return to school on Monday 20th July for Staff Development Day. Students will return on 21st July.

Multiplication and Division

Stage 2 and 3 Students continue to work on their automatic recall of multiplication facts and have been investigating the relationship between multiplication and division so that they can easily draw on fact families to help them solve problems. I encourage them to work on their three and four-times tables over the holidays so that their learning stays fresh. Stage 1 students have been working on doubles and doubles plus 1 to support efficient problem solving.

Reading aloud

Asking your child to read a short passage for two to three minutes per day, concentrating on fluency and expression, will support them in maintaining a nice flow in this important skill. If they have a device, recording their reading and then playing it back is a great way for them to monitor their own progress.

IT

During the holidays we have some cabling works happening within the school. This should improve the efficiency of our wifi in the classroom. I also have an IT person coming out to help me update our laptops and set up the ipads. If you still have a laptop at home could you please return it as a matter of urgency as students will be set back if they are unable to join activities which require technology next term.

Reports

Reports have now been distributed and interviews held. I was very proud of our students providing comments on their learning both in their reports and during their interviews. This gives students real ownership over their own learning and helps them with set goals for the future. Could you please complete the 1 minute survey sent out on Skool Loop to provide us with feedback going forward with our new reporting format and three-way interviews.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Melinda Stokes

Principal

STAGE 3 CAMP

Please return EOI notes tomorrow to finalise the camp in Term 4.

EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



OFFICE NEWS

Absences
More on absences, I would remind parents that all absences must be explained. Contact the school via Skool Loop, phone message or email on the day or a note when the student returns to school.

Also a reminder that using the reason sick or unwell will result in an unjustified absence, it is a Department requirement that the nature of the illness is advised. Schools only have 7 days to explain absences, after which the system is locked.

The Home School Liaison Officer checks our records regularly and investigates any absences which are unexplained or unjustified.

Newsletters/Weekly Bulletins
Commencing next term we will be publishing three newsletters per term, in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. We are also introducing a weekly "What's on at Congewai" bulletin outlining events and variations to routine for the following week.

Chris Sattler
Admin Manager



Congewai Public School
wishes Gabrielle a very happy birthday for 18 July.



CONGEWAI POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD SYSTEM

4 CLASS AWARDS	=	BRONZE AWARD
4 BRONZE AWARDS	=	SILVER AWARD
4 SILVER AWARDS	=	GOLD AWARD
4 GOLD AWARDS	=	PRINCIPAL AWARD
2 PRINCIPAL AWARDS	=	MEDALION

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Bronze Award this Term.

Olive, Abigail L, Caitlin, Laura, Kiye and Mia.



FENCING

Students have been working together to solve the concerns staff have about the car park.

"At Congewai we have been talking about a fence in the car park.

We need the fence to protect our students. Cars and delivery trucks enter the carpark during breaks.

A fence around the car park would prevent accidents and keep our students safe."

Olive

CONGEWAI WROTE A LETTER FOR KATE MILLER HEIDKE

Kate

We are writing to you from Congewai Public School, a small school in the country, near Cessnock, NSW. We have been listening to and learning about your song 'Caught in the Crowd' and we would like to ask you some questions.

- * What was the inspiration behind the song?
- * How has COVID19 impacted you? Have you still been writing songs and been able to perform in a different way?
- * What/who influenced you to become a singer?
- * Are any of your other songs based on real life?

We hope you are staying safe and well. We just have one more question for you: Do you have any tips or advice you can give us if we want to become singers?

Hope to hear from you soon.
From Congewai Kids.

CONGEWAI SNAPSHOTS

