

Concongella Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Edition 3



Welcome & What's Happening at Our School

We are so excited to welcome two new students to our school community - Leilanie and Kaleb! It has been wonderful seeing you both settle in, make new friends, and become part of our classrooms. We hope you feel right at home and know we are so happy to have you with us.

Pancake Tuesday Success!

Pancake Tuesday was an absolute hit! There were plenty of smiles (and syrup!) to go around as students enjoyed a delicious treat together. A big thank you to Ms. Felicia, our School Captain Toby and Vice Captain Tyler who cooked for us, and everyone who made the day so enjoyable for our students.

Term 1 Dates to remember

Monday 2nd March

- Emergency services day - Cluster day Great Western

Wednesday 4th March

- Foundation rest day
- Earth Ed excursion -Ballarat

Monday 9th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 23rd March

- Harmony Day Celebration
- **Tuesday 24th March**
- Grade 5&6 Maths Olympics SSC

Wednesday 25th March

- SSG's

Friday 27th March

- Learning Showcase from 2:30pm

Monday March 30th - April 1st

- F-6 swimming Program - Pickup from SSAC 3:10pm

Thursday 2nd April

- World Autism Awareness Celebration Day
- Last Day of Term 1, pick-up from SSAC (swimming.pool) at 2:10pm

TERM 2

Monday 20th April

- Students start Term 2
- 2027 enrolments now open!

Friday 24th April

- Anzac Day

Monday 4th May

- Cluster Cross Country - Hallsgap

Wednesday 6th May

- Stawell Secondary College - Open evening

Thursday 7th May

- Mothers Day High Tea

A Word From The Principal

Wimmera Leadership Day – Climb Your Own Mountain

On Monday, our student leaders Toby and Tyler, along with Hugh and Oliver, proudly represented our school at the Wimmera Leadership Day. The day featured an inspiring presentation by Lorin Nicholson titled *“Climb Your Own Mountain.”* Lorin’s message encouraged students to reflect on their personal goals, challenges, and aspirations. Using the powerful metaphor of climbing a mountain, he spoke about perseverance, resilience, and the importance of taking responsibility for your own journey. Students were reminded that while others can support and guide them, each individual must ultimately take the steps required to reach their own summit.



The presentation highlighted:

- Setting meaningful and achievable goals
- Building resilience when facing setbacks
- Stepping outside of comfort zones
- Demonstrating leadership through action and example
- Supporting others while remaining accountable for personal growth

For our students, the benefits of attending such a day are significant. Opportunities like this build confidence, strengthen leadership capacity, and encourage self belief. Toby, Tyler, Hugh and Oliver returned with valuable insights into teamwork, positive mindset, and the importance of leading with integrity, skills they will continue to develop and model within our school community.

We are proud of the way they represented our school and look forward to seeing them put their learning into action as they continue to “climb their own mountains.”

Stawell Gift BBQ-Parent Volunteers and WWCC

We are seeking parent volunteers to assist with our upcoming Stawell Gift BBQ. Further details will be sent out over the coming weeks, including specific times and roles where support will be needed on the day. This event is a vital fundraiser for our school, with all money raised going directly towards our Tasmania Camp.

Last year, the Stawell Gift BBQ was our largest fundraising initiative, and thanks to the generosity of our families, the funds raised enabled the school to purchase a brand new marquee. We are excited to officially launch this marquee for the first time at our upcoming Cluster Athletics event early term 2. This is a wonderful example of how your support directly benefits our students and enhances school events.

Any contribution of your time, big or small, is greatly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference for our students. Please note that any parent wishing to volunteer or support our school community in any capacity is required to hold a current **Working With Children Check (WWCC)**. To apply for a free volunteer WWCC card, please complete the application process via the following link:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

There is no cost for a volunteer WWCC, and having one ensures we can continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students.

We look forward to your support and thank you in advance for helping make this important fundraiser another success.

Annual Report to the Community-Public Meeting

Each year, our school prepares an Annual Report to the Community, which provides a comprehensive overview of our school’s performance and achievements throughout the previous year. The report outlines student learning outcomes, school improvement initiatives, financial information, and key priorities moving forward. It is an important opportunity to reflect on our progress, celebrate successes, and ensure transparency and accountability within our school community.

Our Public Meeting to present the 2025 Annual Report will be held on:

Monday 17th March at 5.30pm.

We warmly encourage members of our school community to attend and hear firsthand about our achievements, challenges, and future directions.

Your engagement and interest in our school’s ongoing improvement are greatly valued, and we look forward to sharing this important information with you.

Thank you for your continued trust, encouragement and involvement in our school. The strength of our community lies in the way we work together to support every child’s growth, wellbeing and success.

With thanks, Amy Henderson.

Curriculum

WATTLE HUB

WELCOME BACK

A new school year is here, and our classroom is already filled with smiles and excitement. The first few weeks is all about making friends and learning class routines, Most of all, we're feeling happy, welcome and ready to learn new things.



PLACE VALUE



LEARNING

Our literacy sessions will focus on:

- Phonics lessons
- Handwriting and correct letter formation
- Vocabulary and comprehension
- Structure of a narrative

Our numeracy sessions will focus on:

- Patterns
- Place Value
- Measurement



NARRATIVES



NEW FRIENDS



PATTERNS



WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships

Over the last fortnight, students have continued learning how to recognise their emotions and use strategies to support their wellbeing. Across the learning spaces students have been developing class routines and expectations.

Foundation, Grade 1,2, 3 & 4: Students have played stop and listen games and getting to know you games to foster respectful and support friendships with their peers.
Grade 5 & 6: Students have built shared expectations that contribute to working well with each other. Played emotion games and greetings game.

Take Time To Reflect

Make time each day for your child and the rest of the family to reflect on what went well. It is important to recognise your successes and things you are grateful for, no matter how small. Mindful techniques can also help you focus on the present rather than dwelling on the negative thoughts. Mindful breathing exercises that can help regulate emotions.

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



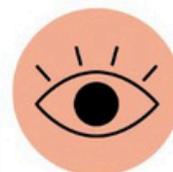
LISTEN

Emerging Minds Families
Supporting children with big feelings



READ

Raising Children
Understanding and managing emotions: children and teenagers



WATCH

Emerging Minds
Emotions and Behaviours





Students Of The Week



Congratulations to the following students for displaying the values of



WATTLE HUB F,1,2 - Solara Martin: By always trying her best and sharing her ideas with the class. Well done!

BANKSIA HUB 3-4 - Odiah Kingsley: By staying focused during writing and producing amazing work. keep it up!

WARATAH HUB 5-6 - Aubree Russell: By always putting in her best effort and displaying all of our school values all of the time!

SUPER SPELLER AWARD

Hugh Clark - Your hard work, practice and determination are really paying off, you should be proud of yourself! Keep up the great work!

MACQLIT

Toby McGrath - Congratulations on passing part D in MacqLit! You've shown great commitment and progress this term. We are super proud of you, keep up the amazing effort!



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WIMMERA YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

On Monday 23rd February Hugh, Oliver, Toby and Tyler went to Horsham for a Leadership day. Lorin was the presenter who was blind and could play the guitar REALLY well! Lorin shared a story about himself riding his push bike over the Great Dividing Range to the beach, which was approximately 250ks away. This showed us that we can do anything if we put our minds to it.

We spoke a heap about self confidence and not listening to negative things that everyone else says, including put downs. He spoke to us about going outside of our comfort zone which helps us build self confidence.

One of the activities was called 'Lord of the Rings' and it was where we had these glasses that made us see the same as he did (blurred tunnel vision). There was a small bag with a piece of string and key ring. We had to tie the string onto the key ring and put beads on both ends of the string. This activity showed us how difficult small things can be and to keep trying.

Another activity was called 'Climb your own mountain' and we had to write down our own goals and goals in life. We had to think about how we could get there, breaking it up into small pieces by naming three people that could help us get there. This activity showed us that getting help from people is important to achieve goals.

There was another activity at recess that saw us go up to a 'random' person and introduce ourselves. This activity was called 'twenty seconds of insane courage' and taught us to step out of our comfort zone and talk to new people.



Toby McGrath
School Captain



Tyler McGrath
Vice Captain

The day was fun and we learnt to never give up!

By Toby & Tyler McGrath



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Easter **RAFFLE**

Concongella Primary School are seeking donations for our upcoming Easter Raffle, which will be drawn at the final assembly for Term 1 on the 20th of March 🐣

We would greatly appreciate any Easter-themed items such as chocolate, gift hampers, vouchers, or small prizes. All donations are kindly requested to be dropped into the front office by the 18th of March to allow us time to organise the raffle.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

-School council



Birthday Wishes

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY
SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

MS. ANNABELLE

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

School Assembly

Just a friendly reminder that our school assemblies are held every two weeks.

Our next assembly is scheduled for
Friday, 6TH MARCH at 2.50 PM.

These assemblies are student-led and provide a valuable opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills in front of an authentic audience. Your presence helps create a supportive environment and makes the experience even more meaningful for our students.

If your child is receiving an award during this time, their teacher will contact you directly.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.
We look forward to seeing you there!



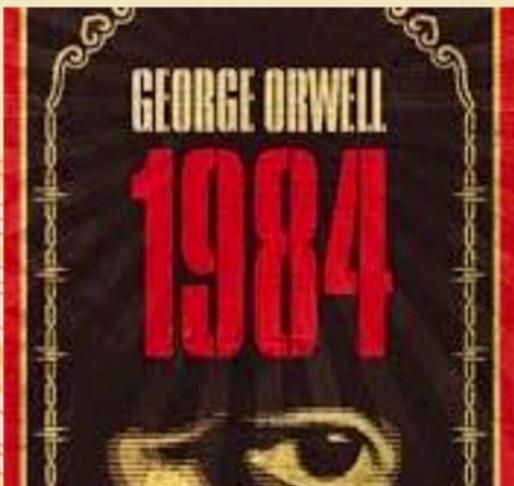
Book Club



MS. AMY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

BOOK CLUB

We all know reading is good for us! But did you know that one of the most powerful ways to support your child's literacy is simply by letting them see you read? Welcome to our Book Club—a space where we'll share great reads for grown-ups, spark conversation, and encourage reading as a shared family value. Whether it's a page-turning novel, a thought-provoking memoir, or a quiet moment with a good book, your reading habits make a lasting impression. Let's inspire the next generation—one book at a time.



Few books have shaped the way we think about power and control quite like Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell. Set in a chilling future where the state watches everything and independent thought is a crime, the story follows Winston Smith as he quietly rebels against a world ruled by Big Brother. In a society built on surveillance, propaganda, and fear, even falling in love becomes an act of defiance. Powerful, unsettling, and still incredibly relevant today, this classic reminds us just how fragile freedom can be.

Community News

Tuesdays
5:30-6:30 PM

Youth



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<https://seed.deakin.edu.au/our-research/project/family-foundations-trial>

Ethics Approval: RCH HREC Reference Number - 117878



GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Horsham's new
YOUTH MAG wants
to know about it

SUBMISSIONS VIA



<https://form.jotform.com/HorshamYouth/2vox-magazine-submission>

- original artwork
- photography
- photo essays
- flash fiction (stories under 500 words)
- essays
- reviews - eats, movies, music
- interviews
- original comics & mini graphic stories
- rants
- thoughts & opinions
- reports on local events
- hobbies & interests
- event promotion
- tips & hacks
- recipes



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2026 SHOW 'SING ME A STORY'

**Sing
Act
Perform**

**DIRECTOR
ALANIS WILLIAMS**



Wednesday
Afternoons

Join Us in 2026

Enroll Now
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Term 1 Reminders



Water Bottles:

Please ensure water bottles are sent with your child each day.

Supervision:

The school yard is supervised between 8.30am and 3.30pm each day. Our staff are often in meetings or planning prior to and after these times. Please be mindful of dropping your children outside these times as they will be unsupervised.

Bakery Lunch:

Bakery lunches are available every 2nd Friday. All orders must be placed into the notes box in the office prior to 3pm on Thursdays. These days are marked on our uEducateUs calendar, in the newsletter and on facebook. Lunch order forms are available from the office.

Hats:

Please ensure your child brings their wide brimmed school hat to school.

This is compulsory in term 1 & 4

School hats are available to purchase for \$15 from the front office.

Voluntary Contributions:

Our Voluntary Contributions were sent home with families at the end of last year.

Thank you to those families that have made contributions already, your support is greatly appreciated. These contributions go towards essential classroom consumables, subscriptions, swimming program, whole school events, first aid equipment etc.

This can be paid at the office. If you wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact Amy in the office on 5358 1811 or call in to see us.

Communication - uEducateUs

uEducateUs is our main form of communication. Our newsletters, weekly updates, messages from your teachers, camps and excursions are all on this platform.

Parents and carers are able to record absences, message teachers and see the calendar on uEducateUs. If you are not logged on to uEducateUs please call the office on 5358 1811 for assistance.

Second Hand Uniforms

Our wellbeing team have organised a second hand uniform stall. Uniforms will be available every second Friday at our school assembly for a gold coin donation per item. We are welcoming any good quality second hand donations as well.



Dates to remember

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	FEB 23 Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am Wimmera Year 6 Leadership Day - Horsham	FEB 24 CHINESE Psychologist - Caity	FEB 25 Foundation rest day Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am *lunch orders due	FEB 26 Newsletter Riley - Kelly Sports Lunch Order Day.	FEB 27 Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am
Week 6	MAR 2 Emergency Services Cluster Day - Great Western	MAR 3 CHINESE Provisional Pysch - Caity	MAR 4 Foundation rest day EARTH EDUCATION EXCURSION BALLARAT *Lunch orders due	MAR 5 Lunch Order Day. Specialist Day	MAR 6 Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am ASSEMBLY 2.50PM
Week 7	MAR 9 LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MAR 10 CHINESE Provisional Psychologist - Caity	MAR 11 Foundation rest day Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am *Lunch orders due	MAR 12 Newsletter Riley - Kelly Sports Lunch Order Day.	MAR 13 Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am
Week 8	MAR 16 Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am	MAR 17 CHINESE Provisional Psychologist - Caity	MAR 18 Foundation rest day Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am *Lunch orders due	MAR 19 Lunch Order Day. Specialist Day	MAR 20 Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am ASSEMBLY 2.50PM