Concongella Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 12th March, 2026
Term 1, Edition 4

Earth Ed Excursion – A Day of Science and Discovery! 🔬

Last Wednesday, our students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Earth Ed in Ballarat, where they spent the day exploring the wonders of science through hands-on learning.
The students actively engaged in a range of science-based activities that sparked curiosity and creativity. They experimented with chemical reactions, explored the forces of gravity, designed and tested marble runs, and even worked with robots to see technology in action. There were plenty of investigations along the way, encouraging students to ask questions, problem-solve, and think like real scientists.
It was fantastic to see everyone so involved, collaborating with their peers and showing great enthusiasm throughout the day. The excursion was not only educational but also a wonderful opportunity for students to learn through fun, interactive experiences.
A big thank you to the staff and organisers at Earth Ed for providing such an engaging and memorable day. It was a fantastic day out for all!

Term 1 Dates to remember

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 (Student Support Group Meetings)

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

Sharing Our MTSS Journey at the Wimmera South West Principal Forum

Today I had the opportunity to present at the Wimmera South West Principal Forum, sharing the work our school has been doing to strengthen teaching and learning through the implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

MTSS is a structured approach to ensure that every student receives the right level of academic and wellbeing support at the right time. Our work has focused strongly on Reading and wellbeing, as we know that strong reading skills and wellbeing are the foundation for success across all learning areas.

At the forum, we shared how our school community worked together to redesign the way we support students. Staff across the school, including teachers and education support staff, collaborated to analyse our data, build their knowledge of evidence-based literacy instruction, and implement consistent approaches to teaching reading snd wellbeing from Foundation to Year 6.

Key elements of our work include:

- Explicit, evidence based reading instruction in every classroom
- Early identification of students who need extra support through regular reading assessments
- Targeted small group reading interventions for students who require additional practice
- Individualised support plans for students with more complex learning needs
- A strong focus on student wellbeing, recognising that students learn best when they feel safe, supported and confident.

Families are an important part of this process. For students receiving additional reading intervention, parents and carers receive regular communication from the school so that we can work together to support learning at home.

Another important outcome of this work has been stronger collaboration with allied health professionals and NDIS support teams, ensuring that students with additional needs receive coordinated support between school, home and external providers.

We are proud that our school's work was recognised at the forum as an example of how a school can build a clear, structured and consistent approach to supporting all learners.

Most importantly, this work is already helping us improve reading and wellbeing outcomes and strengthen the support we provide to students.

While reading and wellbeing continues to be a key focus, the systems we have built will also guide our next improvement focus in Writing.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families who continue to work together to ensure every student is supported to succeed.

Annual Privacy Reminder for Our School Community

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Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy and the Schools' privacy collection notice.
Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy: https://www.concongellaps.vic.edu.au/key-documents describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.
We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education: https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/software/26 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.
For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents.

NAPLAN Testing Important Information for Families

NAPLAN testing has commenced this week, with our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students beginning with the Writing assessment on Wednesday 4 March.
Students in these year levels will complete the remaining assessments on the following dates:

- **Writing:** Wednesday 4 March
- **Reading:** Monday 16 March
- **Language Conventions:** Tuesday 17 March
- **Numeracy:** Wednesday 18 March

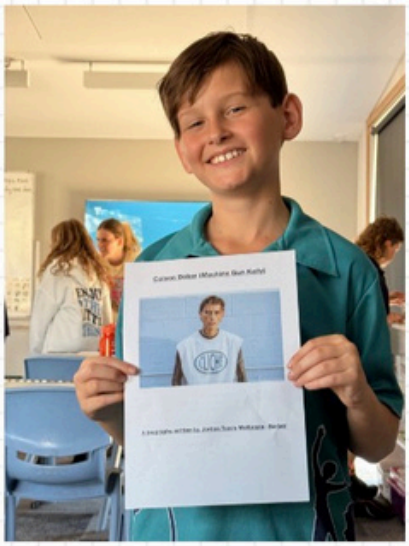
Catch-up sessions will be available for students who are absent on any of these days. However, we strongly encourage families, where possible, to ensure their child attends school on the scheduled testing days.
A number of adjustments have been put in place to support our students during the testing period. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is completed one test at a time, and students are supported throughout the process.
While the results provide useful information at a system level, we know our students well and use many forms of assessment to understand their learning. NAPLAN is just one piece of information that helps inform the next steps in your child's learning journey.
If you have any concerns, questions, or wonderings, please feel free to reach out to Amy, who will be happy to assist and provide further information.

WARATAH HUB CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Grade 5/6

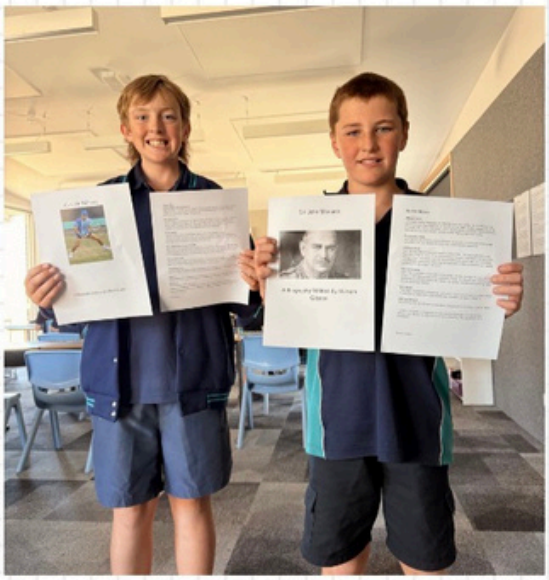
Literacy Overview

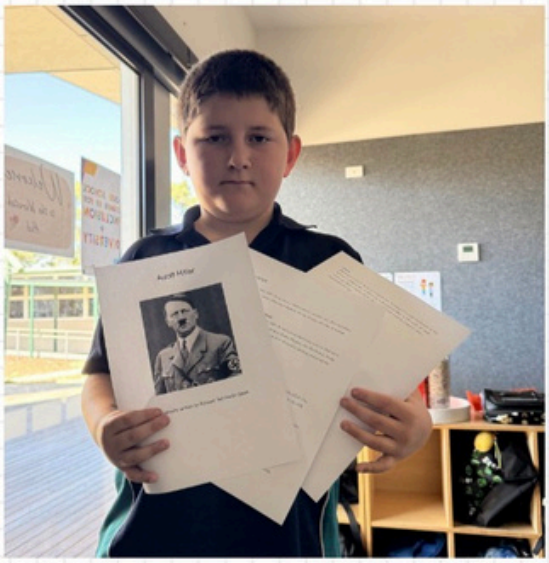
Year 5/6 students have been enjoying a biography writing unit where they chose someone they were interested in learning more about. They learned how to research information, plan their writing, and create detailed biographies using the correct structure. Students were proud to share their work and learned a lot from each other along the way. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, effort, and growing confidence in writing.



Curriculum

Literacy Overview





Harrys Learning!
Harry has been learning all about money, using a range of hands on activities!

WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

Concongella's Commitment to Mental Health & Wellbeing

At Concongella Primary School, we prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of the entire school community. We believe that students learn best when they feel safe, valued, connected and understood. Wellbeing is embedded in everything we do - in our classrooms, playgrounds and our relationships. Through a range of evidence based proactive supports, we create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

LISTEN

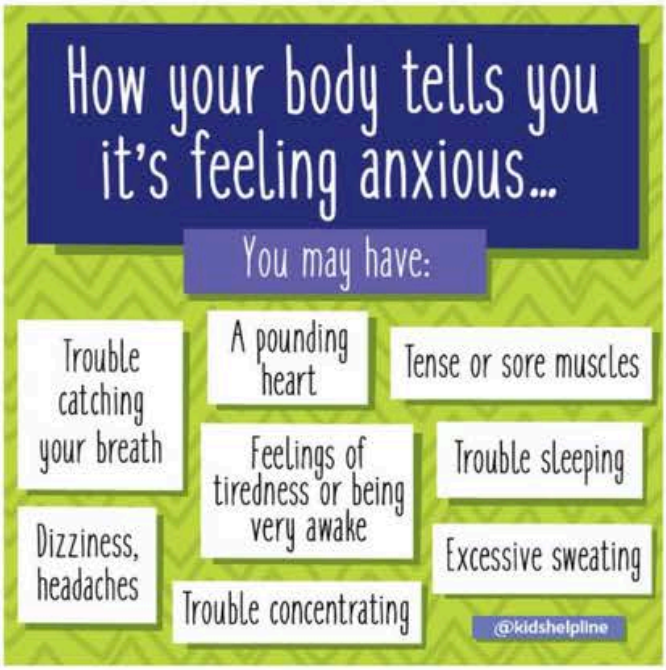
Emerging Minds Families
Supporting children with big feelings

READ

Raising Children
Understanding and managing emotions: children and teenagers

WATCH

Emerging Minds
Emotions and Behaviours



Safe Respectful Responsible

Students Of The Week

Congratulations to the following students for displaying the values of

WATTLE HUB F,1,2 - Kaleb Todd: For great problem solving in maths. Well done Kaleb!

BANKSIA HUB 3-4 - Declan Resuggan: By being helpful and supportive in the classroom and out in the yard, well done!

WARATAH HUB 5-6 - Student was absent and will receive their award at our next assembly.

School News

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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

EarthEd

EXCURSION

Birthday Wishes

School Assembly

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

Our next assembly is scheduled for
Friday, 20th 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.

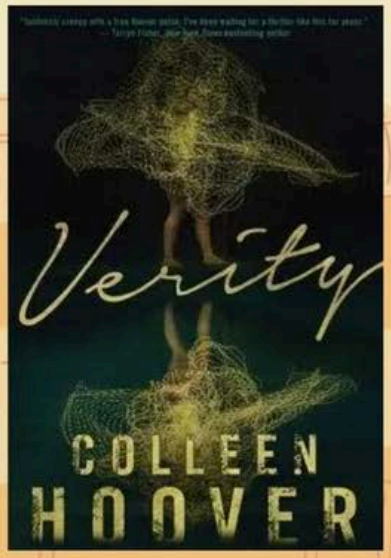
Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.
We look forward to seeing you there!

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.



If you enjoy a story that keeps you questioning everything, Verity by Colleen Hoover is a gripping psychological thriller that's hard to put down. Lowen Ashleigh, a struggling writer, is given the opportunity of a lifetime—to finish a bestselling series after its author, Verity Crawford, is left unable to continue following a tragic accident. But while staying in the Crawford home, Lowen discovers a hidden manuscript written by Verity herself. What she reads inside is chilling: a raw, disturbing account that reveals dark secrets about Verity's life and the tragic deaths of her daughters. The deeper Lowen reads, the more she begins to wonder what is truth, what is manipulation... and what danger she may now be in.

Community News

Tuesdays
5:30-6:30 PM

Youth Chorus

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FREE ENTRY

GRAMPIANS HARMONY FESTIVAL 2026

CELEBRATE CULTURE, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

SATURDAY 21 MARCH
12PM - 4PM
@STAWELL TOWN HALL

EVERYONE'S WELCOME

MUSIC/ FOOD/ COSTUMES/ ARTS & CRAFTS/ FAMILY FUN

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Cultural Diversity Week 21 - 29 March 2026
HARMONY WEEK
Grampians Multicultural HUB
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Doxa YOUTH FOUNDATION

CITY HOLIDAY CAMP

City Camp
7 - 10 April, 2026
Urban Camp

Activities
St. Kilda Penguins & Melbourne Zoo
Comedy & Arcade
Eureka Skydeck & Movies

Transport
Doxa Support Train Transport
Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong & Pakenham

*Scan QR Code for Application Form

Doxa Holiday Camps are FREE
Holiday Camps are funded by our amazing sponsors and donors

HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL market 2026

Halls Gap Rec Reserve 9AM - 1PM

8th March
5th April
7th June
27th September
1st November

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.

Lunch Orders:
Lunch Orders are available every Thursday weekly. All orders must be placed into the notes box in the office prior to 3pm on Wednesdays. These days are marked on our uEducateUs calendar, in the newsletter and on facebook. Lunch order forms and menu's 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

Second hand uniforms will be available from our uniform stall every second Friday at our school assembly for a gold coin donation per item. Any good quality second hand donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Dates to remember

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	**MAR 9** LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY	**MAR 10** CHINESE Provisional Psychologist - Caity	**MAR 11** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 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 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	**MAR 17** CHINESE Provisional Pysch - Caity NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	**MAR 18** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 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 EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN
Week 9	**MAR 23** Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am *Harmony Day*	**MAR 24** CHINESE Provisional Psychologist - Caity 5/6 Maths Olympics SSC	**MAR 25** Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am Student Support Group Meetings (SSG) *Lunch orders due	**MAR 26** Newsletter Riley - Kelly Sports Lunch Order Day	**MAR 27** Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am Learning Showcase 2:30pm
Week 10	**MAR 30** Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am F-6 Swimming Program - parents to pick up students from SSAC at 3:10pm	**MAR 31** CHINESE F-6 Swimming Program - parents to pick up students from SSAC at 3:10pm	**APR 1** Breakfast Club 8:30-8:50am F-6 Swimming Program - parents to pick up students from SSAC at 3:10pm *Lunch orders due	**APR 2** Lunch Order Day Last day of Term 1 2:10pm finish *F-6 Swimming Program - parents to pick up students from SSAC at 2:10pm*	**APR 3** *GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE*

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Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility
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