

Concongella Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 21st May, 2026
Term 2, Edition 8

Term 2 Dates to remember

Tuesday 26th May

- Black Ranges Cross Country - St Arnaud

Tuesday 2nd June

- Cluster Black Rangers Winter Sports - (Soccer) North Park

Friday 5th June

- School Closure - Report Writing

Monday 8th June

- Public Holiday - Kings Birthday

Tuesday 9th June

- School Council Meeting 6pm

Monday 15th June

- Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

Wednesday 17th June

- Grade 5 & 6 Discovery Day Stawell Secondary College

Friday 19th June

- Learning Showcase from 2:30pm

Monday 22nd June

- Grade 5&6 Elephant Ed Incursion

Friday 26th June

- Last Day Term early finish 2:10pm



Prim-SCI Incursion

Last week, our F-6 students participated in an exciting PrimSCI incursion that linked perfectly with our current Inquiry unit. Through a range of fun, hands-on activities, students explored the science of sound and light, as well as learning more about the digestive and brain systems.

Students were highly engaged as they investigated how the body works and even had the opportunity to get hands-on with models and specimens including tongues, brains, and intestines. These interactive experiences sparked curiosity, encouraged questioning, and helped students develop a deeper understanding of the concepts being explored.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and teamwork shown throughout the day, and we look forward to continuing these important connections in our Inquiry learning throughout the term.

Black Ranges Cross Country



Congratulations to Tyler, William, Hugh, Toby and Oliver for representing our school at the Black Ranges Cross Country held at Lord Nelson Park in St Arnaud last week. Although the boys did not progress to the next stage, they should be very proud of their efforts on the day. They showed great determination, sportsmanship and encouragement towards one another throughout the event. Well done boys on giving your best and representing the school so positively!



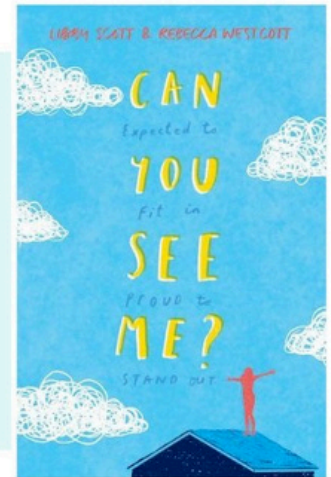
Curriculum

Waratah Hub

Thursday 21st of May 2026

READING

We have been reading *Can You See Me?* by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott during our Read, Discuss, Vocab sessions. This powerful novel follows Tally, an autistic Year 7 student, whose story is told through diary entries and third-person narration. Students have been developing skills in discussing and evaluating characters' perspectives, as well as growing their vocabulary through rich whole-class conversations about the text.



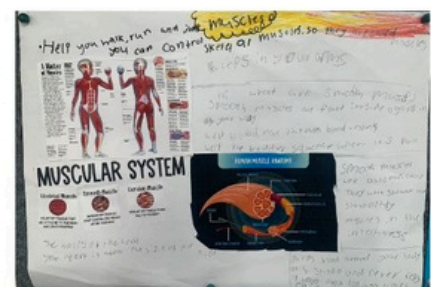
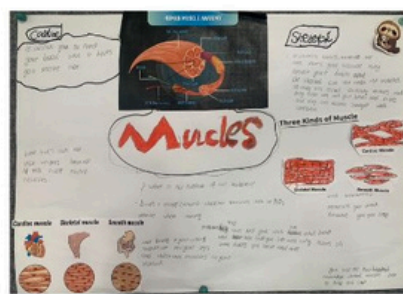
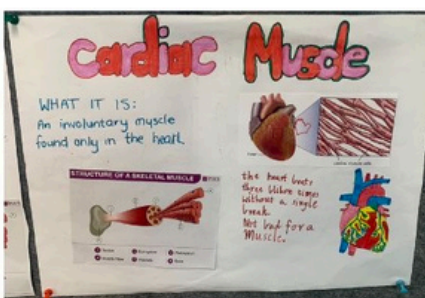
WRITING

Students have begun their persuasive writing unit, beginning with a topic close to many hearts – the positive impact of therapy animals in schools! We have been reading and analysing a range of articles on the topic. Students are building their own toolkit of persuasive techniques ready to apply in their own planning and persuasive writing.

INQUIRY

It has been amazing to see the students from the Waratah Hub coming together in mixed inquiry groups with students from the Wattle Hub and Banksia Hub. Students have been learning to research and collaborate with their peers on Health topics.

In Week 4 & 5, students have been learning about the muscular system! Exploring the three types of muscles and exploring their structure, function, and role in keeping us moving and alive! Their research posters show some brilliant thinking and discoveries along the way.





Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships

This Term, students will be taking part in activities designed to help them build essential social and emotional skills that will serve them well both in and out of the classroom.

Through these activities, students will be developing their ability to understand and consider the feelings and needs of the people around them, as well as learning to listen respectfully and appreciate that others may have different perspectives and opinions – an important life skill in our diverse community.

They'll also be exploring practical ways to handle disagreements and conflict, and building confidence in making thoughtful decisions that take both their own needs and the needs of others into account.

Working alongside their classmates, students will discover what it looks and feels like to truly cooperate in a group and will get hands-on practice in both individual and shared decision-making. They'll also develop simple, effective strategies for navigating everyday social challenges with their peers.



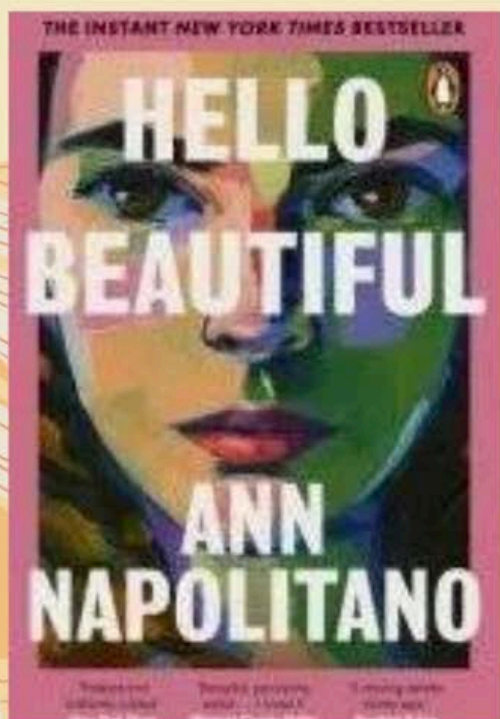
Student
Wellbeing Hub

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.



Family, love, heartbreak, and the ties that hold us together—Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano* is a beautifully layered family saga that will stay with you long after the final page. Inspired by the warmth and complexity of Little Women, the story follows the four close-knit Padavano sisters whose lives are forever changed when William Waters enters their world. As love deepens and betrayal fractures the family, each sister is forced to confront who they are, what they value, and whether forgiveness can truly heal old wounds. Tender, emotional, and deeply human, this is a story about the beauty—and messiness—of family. Can a family ever truly recover after trust has been broken?



Students Of The Week



Congratulations to the following students for displaying our school values of



WATTLE HUB F,1,2 Jaylen: For working hard on his literacy and numeracy activities.

BANKSIA HUB 3-4 Ollie: By being an enthusiastic learner during literacy lessons - well done!

WARATAH HUB 5-6 William: By including his peers and showing leadership when working in groups. Well done!

Ava: By showing courage and persisting when tasks are challenging. Great job!

SPELLING MASTERY Well done to **Oliver, Finn, and Livia** for being super spellers! Your hard work, excellent listening, and fantastic spelling skills are something to be very proud of. Keep up the amazing effort!



School News

🏈 ✨ KIDS FOOTY FUN IS HERE! ✨ 🏈

🌟 ONLY \$55 for the whole program

📌 This includes a Footy!

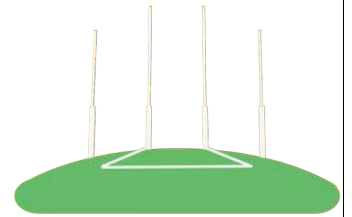
👟 Run by AFL Victoria coaches

📍 Concongella School Oval

🕒 Wednesdays | 3:30pm

📅 May 27 | June 3 | June 10 | June 17

Perfect for kids wanting to learn new skills, make mates and have a blast!



👉 Register now: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/c61fb5>

✉ Questions? Contact: david.j.kennedy@afl.com.au

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

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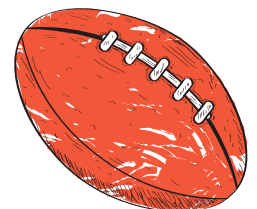
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SCHOOL OVAL

WEDNESDAYS - 3:30PM

4 WEEKS

STARTS MAY 27



Birthday Wishes

WE HAVE NO STUDENT BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS TIME, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECOGNISING THEM NEXT EDITION!

School Assembly

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

Our next assembly is scheduled for
Friday, 29th MAY 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!

The logo for 'School Assembly' is displayed on a red square background. The word 'School' is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, a white curved line forms a smile. The word 'Assembly' is written in the same white, bold, sans-serif font below the smile.

**School
Assembly**

Community News

THE COTTAGE



Do you know someone who is doing it tough?

If you know anyone who is doing it tough, please tell them to come to the Cottage, 20 Sloane St. Stawell, Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, between 10:30am and 1:30pm and we will help them. For out of hours emergencies ring -0408 038 949."



FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

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- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. www.artisticat.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$18 a class after the free trial (exc GST)
The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

**LIMITED PLACES
BOOK NOW!**

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BOOK SALE

JOIN US FOR A
FUNDRAISER AND A
SAUSAGE SIZZLE. CRAFT
ITEMS ALSO FOR SALE!



13TH JUNE 2026

10:00 - 2:00



Stawell Neighbourhood
House
42 Sloane Street Stawell

Term 2 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.

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 5	MAY 18 Breakfast Club Shelter in place drill	MAY 19 Chinese Caity - Prov Psych	MAY 20 Breakfast Club Lunch Orders Due	MAY 21 Newsletter Riley Kelly Sports <u>Lunch Order Day.</u>	MAY 22 Breakfast Club
Week 6	MAY 25 Breakfast Club	MAY 26 Chinese	MAY 27 Breakfast Club Lunch Orders Due Auskick 3:30pm	MAY 28 Specialist <u>Lunch Order Day.</u>	MAY 29 Breakfast Club Assembly - 2:50pm
Week 7	JUN 1 Breakfast Club	JUN 2 Cluster Black Ranges Winter Sports - Soccer	JUN 3 Breakfast Club Lunch Orders Due Auskick 3:30pm	JUN 4 Newsletter Riley Kelly Sports <u>Lunch Order Day.</u>	JUN 5 SCHOOL CLOSURE - Report Writing
Week 8	JUN 8 KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	JUN 9 Chinese Caity - Prov Psych	JUN 10 Breakfast Club Lunch Orders Due Auskick 3:30pm	JUN 11 Specialist <u>Lunch Order Day.</u>	JUN 12 Breakfast Club Assembly - 2:50pm