

Concongella Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 9th October, 2025
Term 4, Edition 15



Cave Hill Creek - Whole School Camp

What an unforgettable adventure our students had at our School Camp to Cave Hill Creek! From the moment of arrival, the excitement was high, and the energy never dipped. Days were filled with bushwalks, canoeing, archery, and giant ladders that pushed everyone to try something new. The best part? Watching the student's step outside their comfort zones, encourage each other, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Camp wasn't just about activities - it was about building resilience, teamwork, and gaining some pretty impressive new skills!

Term 4 Dates to remember

Tuesday 7th October

- Specialist Day
- MARC Van
- Lacrosse with Riley

Wednesday 8th October

- Project Platypus Bug Incursion
- **Friday 10th October**
- Weekday Warriors
- Assembly at 2.50pm, all families and community welcome

Monday 13th October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am

Tuesday 14th October

- Specialist Day
- School Photo Day

Wednesday 15th October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am
- Black Ranges Basketball

Friday 17th October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am
- Weekday Warriors
- All Stars Colours Day
- Bakery lunch

Important Dates Term 4

Tuesday 14th October

- School Photo Day

Monday 27th October

- Transition Day 9.15am - 11.00am

Tuesday 25th November

- Whole School Sports Carnival

Friday 12th December

- Whole School Adventure Park Excursion Geelong

Tuesday 16th December

- Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 17th December

- End of Year Concert 12.00pm

A Word From The Principal

Welcome Back!

Welcome to Term 4! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and had the chance to relax and reconnect with family and friends. It's wonderful to see our school community return refreshed and ready for an exciting final term of the year.



Term 4 is always a special time filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit. Over the coming weeks, students will have many opportunities to showcase their learning through assessments and celebrate their achievements, as well as take part in a range of extra-curricular activities, including Black Rangers Cricket and Basketball, the whole school Sports Carnival, the Swimming Program, the end of year Celebration Day at Adventure Park Geelong, Grade 6 Graduation, School Concert and Picnic Lunch. It promises to be a busy and enjoyable term for everyone!

This term, we are also delighted to welcome our Foundation students as part of our transition program. It's always a joy to see our newest learners begin their school journey, and we look forward to supporting them as they take these important first steps.

Our dedicated staff continue to provide a supportive and engaging environment where every student can thrive. If you have any questions or need assistance at any stage, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher as the first point of contact, or reach out to the school office for further support.

Together, let's make Term 4 a positive, productive, and memorable conclusion to the year.

Whole School Transition Program

We are excited to launch our whole school transition program this term. This year, alongside our four day Foundation transition program, our entire school will be participating in a transition initiative.

What does this mean?

Over four days, we will be trialling a variety of classroom structures to determine which structure best supports our students' learning and wellbeing. Key factors such as academic growth, social and emotional development, and intervention needs will guide our decision making process.

Why is this important?

As a small school, we have the unique opportunity to maximize our learning environments to best suit each student. By exploring different classroom structures, we can ensure our students have the best possible outcomes academically, socially, and emotionally. Further to this, our students will have the chance to develop their relationships even more strongly with staff and peers, strengthening our supportive and connected school community.

Please see the attached Whole School Transition flyer for the dates. Our 2026 structures and staffing will be released following the final transition day on Tuesday, 9th December.

We look forward to seeing our students benefit from this initiative and sharing the results with our school community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

A Word From The Principal

Thankyou

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our All Stars Colours Day and participate in sports activities with our students. It was fantastic to see so many families get involved. Your support and enthusiasm made the afternoon truly special!

You may have also noticed that our sandpit has been moved next to the sports shed, with the old location currently under construction. A very big thank you goes to Hugh, Thomas, Aubree, Ted, Will, Toby, Tyler, Samera, Solara, Oliver, Jacob, Ollie, Hudson, Odiah, Hamish, Izzy and Jaylen who worked tirelessly to deconstruct and reconstruct the sandpit, this was no small feat! The level of teamwork and support from all of the students was outstanding, and this is exactly why we love our community. To show our appreciation, the students were treated to a pizza lunch on the last day of Term 3.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make our school community such a warm and supportive place

Digital Newsletter Trial Term 4

From this term, we will be trialling our school newsletter in a digital format. Families will be able to access our fortnightly newsletter through three platforms:

1. **Directly via uEducateUs** (sent to each family fortnightly)
2. **Concongella Primary School Facebook page**
3. **School website:** <https://www.concongellaps.vic.edu.au>

A small number of printed copies will still be available from the office. If you prefer to receive a hard copy each fortnight, please let us know, and we'll ensure one is provided for your family.

Moving to a digital newsletter helps us reduce paper use, improve accessibility, and share information more efficiently with our school community. Families can now access the newsletter easily on any device, stay up to date with school events, and revisit information at any time.

We appreciate your support as we trial this new approach and welcome any feedback throughout the term.

Amy Henderson
Principal

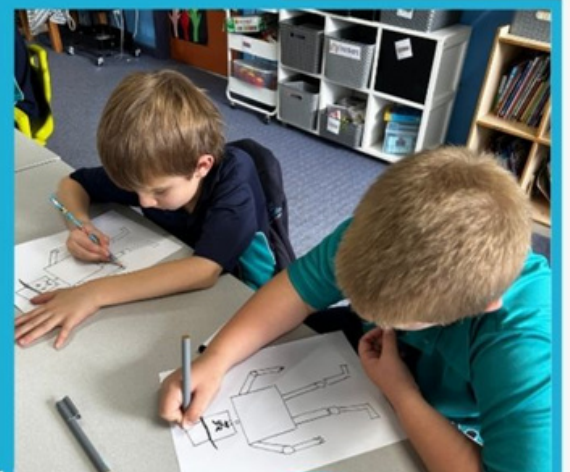
THE JUNIOR ROOM

Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL

Welcome back to Term 4!
We've had a fantastic and busy start to the term. One of the highlights of our first week was learning how to play Lacrosse with Riley from Kelly Sports. Thank you, Riley, for such a fun and active session!



We have been putting our design skills to work by drawing our own scarecrow designs! It helped us practice our creativity and planning skills before building our scarecrow.



WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



Strategies For talking About School

When your child first gets home from school in the afternoon, they'll probably be tired and hungry or thinking about other things. So easing the transition from school or after-school activities to home can help your child feel more like talking.

Every afternoon or evening can be different. Even if your child usually likes to share their day with you, there'll probably be days when they don't want to talk. Sometimes it's a matter of sensing your child's mood and picking the right moment. Some days there might not be a right moment at all, and that's OK.

Simple, positive and specific questions about the day:

What's the news from school today?

What was fun?

What did you like best at school today?

What does your classroom look like at the moment?

What did you do in class after recess?

Who did you hang out with today?

What subjects did you do today?



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for displaying the values of

Safe



Respectful



Responsible

Foundation, 1 & 2 - Juniors

Connor - For being focused and completing your handwriting activities.

Lemuel - For your effort you put into writing your narrative.

Year 3 & 4 - Middles

Tyler - For being a fantastic leader during camp and taking on challenges with a brave mindset.

Samara - For being supportive, kind and a fantastic leader to her friends and peers on camp.

Year 5 & 6 - Seniors -

Ollie - For the outstanding way you have settled into our school community and quickly building positive friendships.

Thomas - For always lending a helpful hand and assisting his peers respectfully in the classroom.

MacqLit

Well done to **Aubree, Ava** and **Toby** for successfully completing Part C of the MacqLit program. Keep up the fabulous efforts as you continue to grow and succeed, we are so proud of your progress!

MiniLit

Izzy - You are reading with great expression! Fantastic work!

Solara - You have written some Super Sentences! Well done!





Pizza Celebrations



A big Thank you to all of the wonderful students who helped to deconstruct and reconstruct our sandpit! Your hard work made it a big success. Great job, everyone!



Cave Hill Creek



School News



Concongella Primary School **COME & TRY**

ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN

Would you like to see what Concongella Primary School has to offer your family? Would your child like to try an hour, a morning or a whole day at Concongella Primary School? We are opening our doors to all new prospective families to see what our small school has to offer.



Any date throughout Term 4, 2025

To arrange a day or time that suits you or to find out more information

Please call Ms Henderson
on 5358 1811 or email
Concongella.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Don't miss this chance to be a part of our school community and take the first step towards your child's brighter future!



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2025 WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DATES

Monday 27th October F-6
9.15am - 11.00am

Wednesday 12th November F-6
9.15am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 26th November F-6
9.15am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December F-6
9.00am - 3.10pm

CONTACT US



5358 1811





CONCONGELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE DONUT-ION DRIVE

We are holding a Donut-ion Drive as a fundraiser for our 2026 camp!

ORDERS WILL BE SENT OUT
WEEK 1, TERM 4

ORDERS DUE BACK
MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER

DELIVERY
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



Birthday Wishes

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY
SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

TYLER!

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

School Assembly

Just a friendly reminder that our school assemblies will now be held every two weeks.

Our next assembly is scheduled for
Friday, October 10th 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!

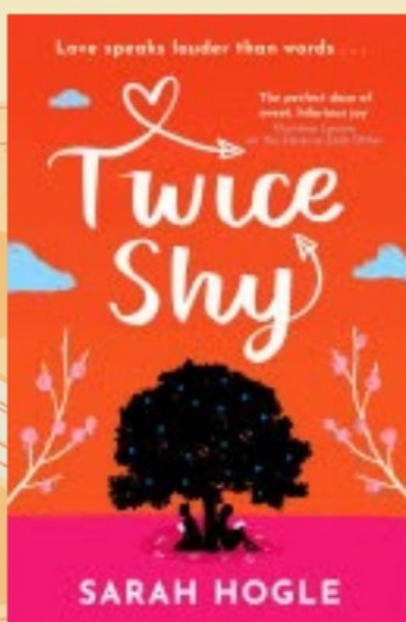


Book Club

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 love stories that warm the heart and make you smile, this one's for you. Maybell Parish is a hopeless romantic with a big imagination and an even bigger dream of a perfect life. When she unexpectedly inherits her Great-Aunt Violet's crumbling old house in the Smoky Mountains, Maybell sees it as her chance for a fresh start—until she discovers she has to share it with Wesley, the grumpy (but quietly charming) groundskeeper. As the two clash over what to do with the property—hotel or animal sanctuary—the walls around their hearts begin to crack. What unfolds is a tender story about courage, connection, and learning to see beyond first impressions.

Community News

THE COTTAGE



Do you know someone who is doing it tough?

The Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage thanks the whole school community for their support of Homelessness Week by their wonderful collection of essential household food for those in need in our region.

We really appreciate your kindness and practical support of our Cottage.

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."

STAWELL AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Family Fun Day is here again! Bring along the whole crew for a fun-filled day of activities and entertainment

- ✓ Free Kids Entertainment
- ✓ Young Farmers Challenge
- ✓ Food & Beverage Stalls
- ✓ Gate Prizes & Members Draw
- ✓ Horse, Photography & Hall Class Competitions
- ✓ Mullet and Dog Competitions
- ✓ Animal Nursery plus much more!

 Saturday
25 October 2025

 9:00 AM
4:00 PM

 73 Patrick Street
Stawell

 Follow us



NEW SWIMMING LESSONS AVAILABLE

LEVEL 1

Friday afternoon, 3.30pm with Jemana

LEVEL 3

Friday afternoon, 5pm with Kiah

LEVEL 6

Wednesday afternoon, 5.30pm with Imogen

Term 4 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 a wide brimmed school bucket 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, ICT devices, 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 Nikeeta or 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 1	OCT 6 Term 4 commences	OCT 7 Specialist Day Lacrosse with Riley	OCT 8 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Project Platypus Bug Incursion</u>	OCT 9	OCT 10 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Weekday Warriors</u> Assembly 2.50pm
Week 2	OCT 13 Breakfast Club 8.30am	OCT 14 Specialist Day <u>School Photos</u>	OCT 15 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Black Ranges Basketball</u>	OCT 16	OCT 17 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Weekday Warriors</u>
Week 3	OCT 20 Breakfast Club 8.30am	OCT 21 Specialist Day Black Ranges Cricket Blast	OCT 22 Breakfast Club 8.30am Provisional Psych - Natalie	OCT 23	OCT 24 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Weekday Warriors</u> Assembly 2.50pm
Week 4	OCT 27 Breakfast Club 8.30am Transition Day 9.00am - 11.15am	OCT 28 Specialist Day	OCT 29 Breakfast Club 8.30am Provisional Psych - Natalie	OCT 30	OCT 31 Breakfast Club 8.30am Bakery Lunch <u>Weekday Warriors</u>

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility



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