

Concongella Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Edition 16



Project Platypus Bug Incursion - Bug Detectives

Our students embarked on an exciting adventure with the Project Platypus Bug Incursion. Armed with curiosity and special bug-collecting tools, the kids went on a bug hunt around the school grounds, discovering a fascinating variety of creepy crawlies. Afterwards, they examined their finds up close using a telescope, getting a detailed look at the tiny creatures. The students gained knowledge on how to identify the species and the important role they play to the functioning of the ecosystem. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that sparked a love for nature and science in all our young explorers!

Term 4 Dates to remember

Tuesday 21st October

- Specialist Day
- Black Ranges Cricket Blast

Wednesday 22nd October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am
- Natalie - Provisional Psych

Friday 24th October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am-8.50am
- Weekday Warriors
- Assembly at 2.50pm, all families and community welcome

Monday 27th October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am
- Whole School Transition Day
9.15am - 11.00am

Tuesday 28th October

- Specialist Day
- School Council Meeting - 6.00pm

Wednesday 29th October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am
- Natalie - Provisional Psych

Friday 31st October

- Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am
- Weekday Warriors
- Lunch Order Day

Important Dates Term 4

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

Guess What...We're Getting a New Oval!

We're thrilled to announce that our school oval is getting a major upgrade! A very big thank you to the Bulgana Green Power Hub Community Grant, who will be funding half the cost of our **Green Space Project**.



This exciting project will see our oval completely refurbished; the grounds will be levelled, an automatic irrigation system (with an upgraded and fully functional pump) will be installed, and rye grass and kikuyu seed will be spread to ensure year-round greenery.

The result will be a safe, sustainable, and vibrant oval for our students to enjoy.

A very big thank you also goes to our Student Leaders Jacob, Toby, Oliver and Hugh, who raised this project on behalf of the student cohort and wrote a fantastic letter of support for the grant application. Having their idea come to life is a fantastic achievement, one they can be proud of for many years to come!

We'll now be working closely with our landscaper to ensure the project is completed over the summer holidays, so our students can start the 2026 school year with a fresh and revitalized green space!

We will continue to keep our community updated as we progress through our ***Green Space Project***.

VSBA Planned Maintenance Works-Starting 30th October

We are pleased to advise that planned maintenance works at our school will commence on 30th October.

The Johns Lyng Group have been appointed to carry out the project.

This maintenance program will address all Priority 1 and Priority 2 works identified for our school, ensuring our facilities remain safe, functional, and well-maintained. Works will include:

- External building repairs to the administration building, including replacement of window shutters.
- Replacement of shade sails.
- Refurbishment of the 5-6 classroom deck alongside sanding and repainting of windows.
- Removal of vegetation.
- Extensive roof works on all buildings.
- Repairs and repainting of sheds.

The purpose of planned maintenance through the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is to ensure that school facilities remain safe, well maintained, and fit for purpose, providing a supportive environment for both students and staff. These works help protect our school's assets, enhance learning spaces, and maintain the long-term functionality of our buildings.

We thank our school community for their understanding during these essential works and look forward to seeing our upgraded facilities.

A Word From The Principal

Black Range Basketball and Cricket Blast

What an action-packed couple of weeks it's been for our students! We were proud to have teams represent our school at both the Black Range Basketball and Cricket Blast days.

Our students showed fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork, and school spirit throughout each event. On the basketball courts, they demonstrated determination, and encouragement for one another, every game was played with enthusiasm and respect. Meanwhile, at Cricket Blast, students enjoyed learning new skills, working together, and showcasing their batting, bowling, and fielding talents in a fun and supportive environment.

A huge well done to all participants for giving their best effort and representing our school with pride. And

of course, a big thank you to our staff and who supported our teams on the day, your encouragement and organisation made it all possible!

GRADE 6 GRADUATION-SAVE THE DATE-Tuesday 16th December

Our Formal Year 6 Graduation ceremony for our Grade 6 students is fast approaching. This is a semi formal event and specifically focusing on celebrating the end of our Grade 6 students primary schooling. Grade 6 Graduation will be held at North Park with a sit down two course meal. Students and their immediate families will be receiving an invitation over the next week.

Fundraising 2025-2026-Supporting Our Interstate Camp to Tasmania

We're excited to announce that all fundraising efforts from now until September next year will go directly towards our Interstate Camp to Tasmania Port Arthur!

This incredible opportunity will allow our students to experience history first hand, making strong connections to our Term 4 Inquiry Unit on History. It's an unforgettable learning adventure that brings classroom learning to life.

We strongly encourage all families to get involved in our upcoming fundraising activities. Your participation helps ensure that every student can attend, with funds specifically aimed at significantly reducing the camp cost, our goal is for families to pay little to no out-of-pocket expenses.

Stay tuned for the launch of our Major Raffle in the coming weeks, it's set to be fantastic and a key part of our fundraising journey!

Together, we can make this educational experience possible for all our students.

With thanks,

Amy Henderson.

Middle Room News

THE WILD ROBOT

Our Grade 3/4 students are currently diving into the mentor text 'The Wild Robot'. We will be exploring this engaging story in depth, examining the characters, setting, plot, and themes, while also focusing on the elements of persuasive writing.

After reading the first chapter and activating their background knowledge, students have been making thoughtful predictions about what they think the story might be about and what events could unfold next. This activity encourages critical thinking, imagination, and a deeper connection to the text as we continue our study.



STUDENT PREDICTIONS

Ava: I believe Roz the robot might meet a human.

Macie - I think that Roz the Robot will make a house and life on the island

Harry - The robot might crash and shut down.

Samera - I think that Robot Roz is going to somehow found some animal friends for company.

Hamish - I think the wild robot will save all of the animals from a disaster.

STUDENT PREDICTIONS

Tyler - I think Roz is going to find a fish

Ted - I think the wild robot will die.

Izzy - I think the robot will find some friends.

Asher - I think the robot might stay with the egg and the egg might vanish.

Aubree- I think the robot will become best friends with the animals.

Odiah - Roz the robot will try and escape the island.

WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



Managing Screen Time

Screen time and digital technology use are part of life for most children and teenagers. The time your child spends watching TV and using computers, gaming consoles, smart toys, tablets and smartphones can be part of a healthy lifestyle.

You can help your child use digital technology in a balanced way as part of a healthy lifestyle by encouraging your child to:

- have fun and learn while using screens
- use, watch or play good-quality apps, games, TV, movies and online videos
- be safe and protect their data and privacy online
- have healthy posture when using screens, be physically active and get the sleep they need
- spend social time with family and friends online and offline
- be actively involved in a variety of hobbies and interests, including reading and creative activities.
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Students of the Week 🏆

Congratulations to the following students for displaying the values of

Safe



Respectful



Responsible

Foundation, 1 & 2 - Juniors

Connor Brown - For your super efforts and a huge improvement with reading. Well done!

Jaylen Taylor - For working hard with your writing and spelling. Well done!

Year 3 & 4 - Middles

Macie Hunt - For growing in confidence every day and working extremely hard during literacy and numeracy sessions!

Year 5 & 6 - Seniors -



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

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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

AUBREE!

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 24th 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!

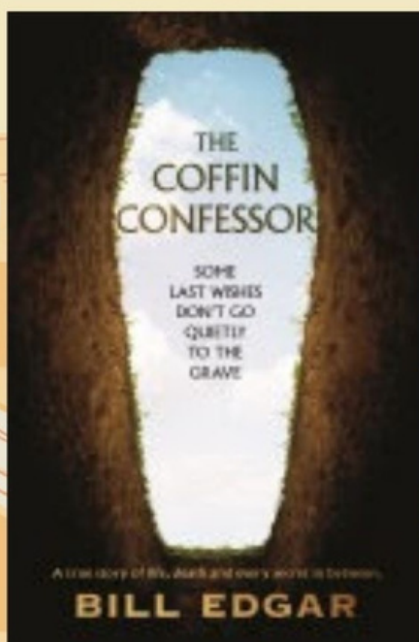


Book Club

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.



Here's one that's equal parts jaw-dropping and fascinating. The Coffin Confessor by Bill Edgar is a true story about a man with one of the most unusual jobs you'll ever hear of. As a self-made "coffin confessor," Bill is hired by people to carry out their final wishes—after they've died.

From crashing funerals to reveal long-held secrets, to cleaning up personal belongings before family members find them, Bill's work is as bold as it is heartfelt. It's a book that dives deep into truth, loyalty, and the strange, often funny ways people want to be remembered. If you could send one final message after you're gone—what would it be?

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



CHOOSE YOUR FOOTY ADVENTURE STAWELL & SURROUNDS

CHECK OUT THE FANTASTIC PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU IN TERM 4

4 - WEEK PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY'S
CENTRAL PARK - STAWELL
STARTING 29TH OCTOBER - 5.00 PM - 6.00 PM

AUSKICK & SUPERKICK RUNNING AT SAME TIME
DELIVERED BY AFL VICTORIA COACHES - COST \$55

FREE FOOTBALL
for registered
participants



Register Now!
nab AFL Auskick
4-7 year olds



Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

AFL Superkick
7-12 year olds

Register Now!



Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.



VISIT [PLAY.AFL](https://play.afl.com.au)

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 Amy or Nikeeta 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 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 <u>School Council</u> <u>6.00pm</u>	OCT 29 Breakfast Club 8.30am Provisional Psych - Natalie	OCT 30	OCT 31 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Bakery. Lunch</u> Weekday Warriors
Week 5	NOV 3 School Closure Report Writing	NOV 4 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	NOV 5 Breakfast Club 8.30am	NOV 6	NOV 7 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Weekday Warriors</u> Assembly - 2.50pm
Week 6	NOV 10 Breakfast Club 8.30am	NOV 11 Specialist Day Student Leadership Meeting	NOV 12 Whole School Transition Day 9.15am - 12.30pm	NOV 13	NOV 14 Breakfast Club 8.30am <u>Weekday Warriors</u> <u>Bakery Lunch</u>

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



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