

Concongella Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 6th November, 2025
Term 4, Edition 17



Black Ranges Basketball

On Wednesday 15th October, our Grade 3–6 students travelled to Ararat to take part in the Black Ranges Basketball Competition. Students competed against other local schools, showing fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship, and a great sense of fun throughout the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to challenge themselves, cheer on their peers, and enjoy some friendly competition!

Term 4 Dates to remember

Wednesday 12th November

- Whole school Transition Day 9.15–12.30pm
(Grade 6's Graduation Preparation)

Tuesday 25th November

- Whole School Sports Carnival

Wednesday 26 November

- Whole school Transition Day 9.15–1.30pm
(Grade 6's Graduation Preparation)

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th, Friday 5th of December

- F-6 Swimming Program– Parents to pick up students from Stawell 3.10pm

Tuesday 9 December

- Statewide Transition Day F-6.
9:00am–3:10

Friday 12th December

- Whole School Adventure Park
Excursion Geelong

Tuesday 16th December

- Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 17th December

- End of Year Concert and Picnic Lunch starting at 12.00pm
- Last Day Term 4–2.10pm finish

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 December

- School Closure Staff PD

A Word From The Principal

End of Year Assessments

As we approach the end of the school year, our students will be participating in a range of end of year assessments. These assessments play a key role in helping us understand each child's growth and progress, not just what they've achieved, but how far they've come in their learning journey.



End of year assessments provide one valuable piece of evidence in what we call the triangulation of data. This means we consider three key sources when evaluating student learning:

1. Observations of day to day engagement and participation in class,
2. Conversations about learning: student reflections, teacher feedback, and goal setting, and
3. Products or assessments that demonstrate what students know, understand, and can do.

By triangulating these different sources, teachers gain a well rounded and accurate picture of each student's growth. The data helps us celebrate achievements, identify next steps for learning, and ensure that future instruction is targeted to meet individual needs.

To ensure accuracy and fairness, all assessments are moderated collectively by our teaching staff, including myself as principal. This collaborative process allows teachers to discuss student work together, compare expectations, and confirm shared standards of achievement. Through moderation, we build consistency across classes and year levels, strengthen professional judgment, and ensure that every child's progress is recognised in a fair and balanced way.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating the growth of each student with you in their end of year reporting which will be released on Friday 12th December.

Stawell Performing Arts Company Inc (SPACI) Partnership

We are delighted to share that from Week 6, our students will be working with Alanis from the Stawell Performing Arts Company Inc (SPACI) as part of their Performing Arts program. Alanis will be collaborating closely with our teachers and students to prepare for our Christmas Concert.

We have partnered with SPACI to provide our students with access to specialist expertise in performance, choreography, and stage production. This partnership enriches our Performing Arts curriculum and allows students to explore their creativity while developing important skills in confidence, expression, and teamwork.

Working alongside a professional from the performing arts industry offers our students a valuable real world learning experience. It helps them make connections between their classroom learning and the wider world of creative arts, inspiring them to take pride in their talents and efforts.

We are looking forward to seeing our students shine on stage and share their achievements with our school community at the Christmas Concert!

Our Christmas Concert will be held on:

Wednesday, 17th December, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Concongella Hall.

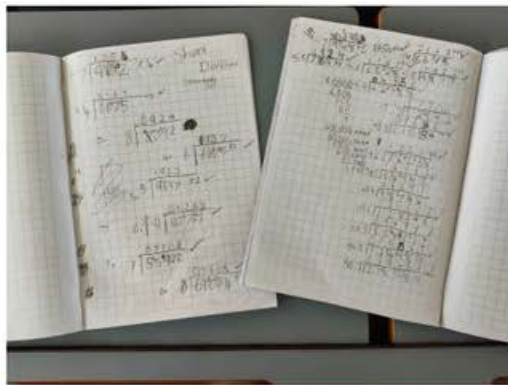
Following the concert, families and community members are warmly invited to join us back at school for a picnic lunch to continue the celebrations together.

We encourage all families to mark this date and time in their diaries, our students are already looking forward to performing and would love to see you there to share in their achievements and festive spirit!

With thanks,
Amy Henderson.

HAPPENINGS IN THE SENIOR ROOM

Its full steam ahead into the assessment period! The 5/6 students are working on historical recounts and learning division strategies amidst completing all of their end of year assessments. Well done crew



On Wednesday the 22nd of October we had parliments Australia visit our classroom. Students learnt about the government system and took part in a role play

Learning takes time!

WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to term 4, we hope everyone had a lovely holiday break and got some much needed rest.

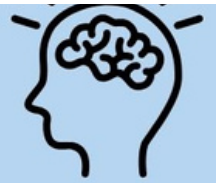
As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, we are reminded the significance of exercise for our physical health. However, did you know that exercise also plays a crucial role in mental health?

Research indicates that individuals who engage in regular physical activity experience better mental health, enhanced emotional wellbeing, and lower rates of mental illness.

Most primary school-age children need plenty of unstructured play and activity like running, chasing and playground games.

These kinds of unstructured, everyday physical activities can be more affordable and easier to fit into busy family life than organised activities and sports. And they all add up to a more active lifestyle for your child.

How much physical activity does your child need? For good health, development and wellbeing, school-age children should do at least one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity and several hours of light physical activity each day.



THE MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF EXERCISE

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS



Increases self
esteem



Improves
social
wellbeing



Improves
attention



Improves
decision
making



Improves
personal
growth



Reduces risk of
depression



Reduces
anxiety



Can help
children feel
as though they
are in charge
of situation



Improves sleep



Increases
autonomy



Can provide
children with a
more positive
view of
themselves

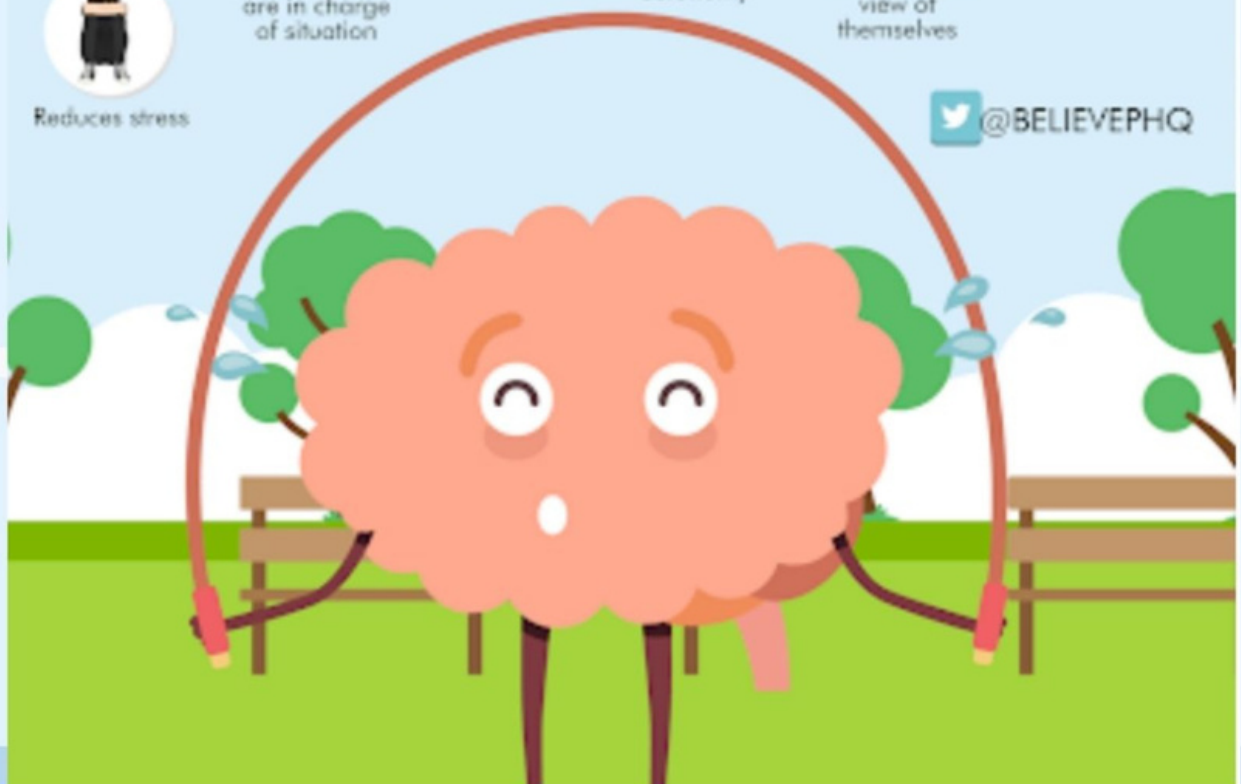


Increases
confidence



Reduces stress

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Black Ranges Basketball



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for displaying the values of



Respectful



Responsible

Safe



Foundation, 1 & 2 - Juniors

Jaxon Ridd: In recognition of your hard work in maths. Well done!

Ava Briggs: In recognition of being an enthusiastic learner. Well done!

Year 3 & 4 - Middles

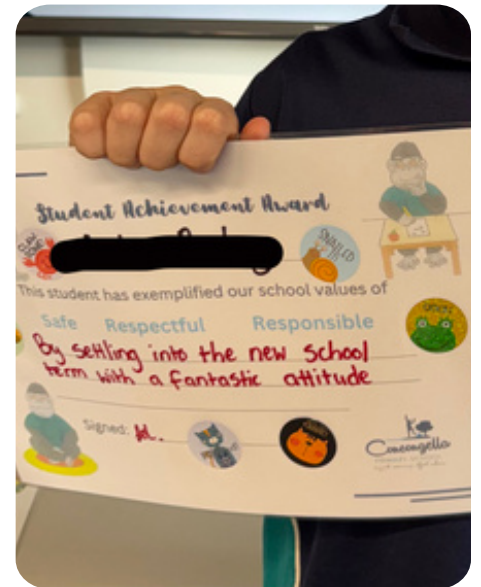
AB: By settling into the new school term with a fantastic attitude.

Year 5 & 6 - Seniors -

Finn: For putting in tremendous effort into his numeracy and making growth

Kai Ringin: For consistently supporting his younger peers, ensuring they feel included and safe.

Oliver Grant: By demonstrating amazing leadership skills during Black Ranges Basketball



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.

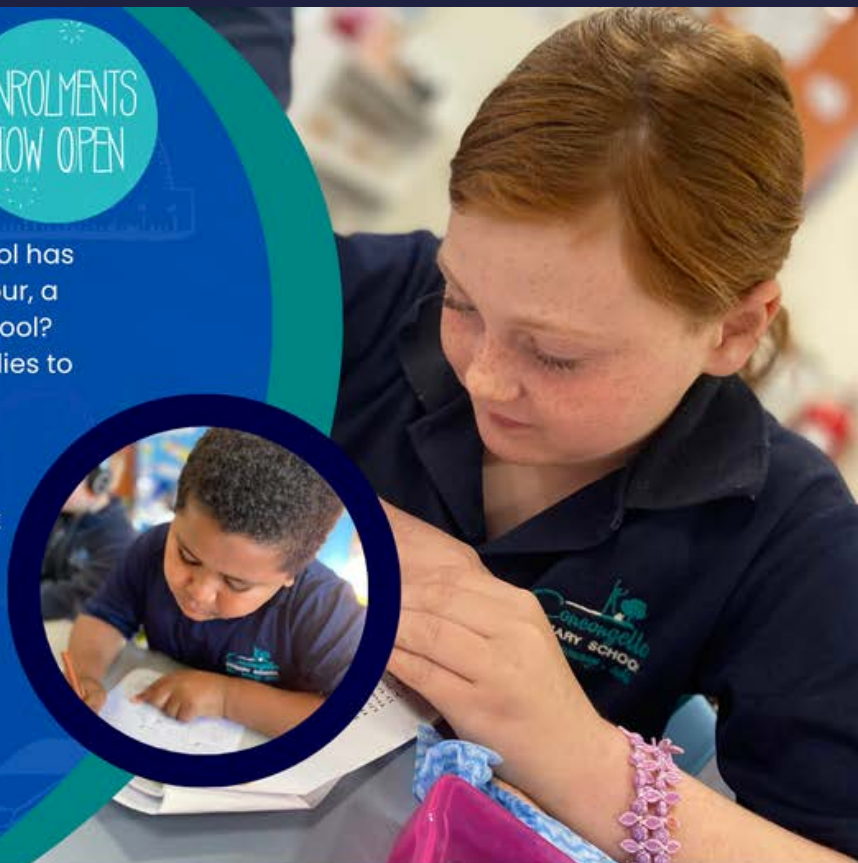


Any date throughout Term 4, 2025

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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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM BREAKFAST CLUB

8:30-8:50am
Mon, Wed, Fri





**WEEK 9:
1ST-5TH
DECEMBER**

WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

**Parents to pick up students
from Stawell at 3.10pm**



Birthday Wishes

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY
SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

MACIE HUNT

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, November 7th 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.



Told beautifully through verse, *The Weight of Water* by Sarah Crossan is a moving story about courage, belonging, and finding your place in the world. Kasienka, a young Polish girl, moves to England with her mother in search of the father who left them behind. Between learning a new language, facing bullying at school, and watching her mother's heartbreak, Kasienka feels like she's sinking—until she discovers a sense of peace and strength in the water. Through swimming and a growing friendship with a boy named William, she begins to rise above her struggles with quiet bravery and hope.

When life feels heavy, where do you find your calm?

Community News



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

nab AFL Auskick
4-7 year olds

Register Now!

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

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 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	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</u> <u>Warriors</u> Assembly - 2.50pm
Week 6	NOV 10 Breakfast club 8:30am	NOV 11 Specialist Day	NOV 12 WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY 9:15-12:30 Breakfast Club 8:30am	NOV 13	NOV 14 Breakfast club 8:30am <u>Weekday</u> <u>Warriors</u> Bakery Lunch
Week 7	NOV 17 Breakfast club 8:30am	NOV 18 Specialist Day	NOV 19 Breakfast club 8:30am	NOV 20	NOV 21 Breakfast club 8:30am <u>Weekday</u> <u>Warriors</u> Assembly - 2:50pm
Week 8	NOV 24 Breakfast club 8:30am	NOV 25 Whole School Sports Carnival	NOV 26 Whole school Transition Day 9.15-1.30pm (Grade 6's to stay onsite) Breakfast club 8:30am	NOV 27	NOV 28 Breakfast club 8:30am <u>Week Day</u> <u>Warriors</u> Bakery Lunch

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Education
and Training