Dear community members,

Throughout the past two weeks our students have been working very hard on their Joseph Furphy Writing Competition. I was very pleased with the progress made and the creative stories compiled. On Friday, 14th of October the work was submitted and I wish all students the best of luck with their entries.

We also completed our planting along the playground as part of the “One Tree for Every Child” program and the grasses are coming along very well.

We have commenced our Term Four Science Unit titled “What’s the matter” that will be investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Everyone has been very enthusiastic about this unit and we look forward to numerous discoveries. Hopefully some of our findings will make for some interesting “table” conversations at home.

We were successful in obtaining a grant to purchase some additional tennis equipment to compliment the Sporting Schools program we completed in Term Three. The equipment arrived recently and we are now the proud owners of some modified tennis nets, racquets, and tennis balls. We look forward to utilising them during our weekly Physical Education sessions.

The Dookie Show is fast approaching and our students will be entering individual pieces in the following: handwriting, art and colouring competition. Students have been asked to return their favourite piece of school art so it can be submit.

Students are also invited to enter their own lego construction they have built at home.

Last week was Mental Health Week and students have completed learning tasks about cyber safety and Bully prevention. As part of this unit, students completed some very creative artistic posters about bullying and cyber safety. These pieces will also be entered in the art category at the Dookie Show.

Students have made a request to continue with hot lunches during Term Four and I am happy for this to continue.

A friendly reminder that all students and staff are required to wear school hats whilst outside throughout Term Four.

Thanks for reading,

Brendan Kenna
CREST Projects:
Students completed their presentations for the recent CREST projects over the course of the last two weeks. The grade 2, 3 and 4 students designed and constructed bird feeders and the grade 5-6 students investigated a variety of powders, and how they react to different conditions.

Charles demonstrating how his bird feeder is suspended in a tree. Jessica with her creative feeder using a large drink container.

Becky and Hannah used ice cream containers in their construction to keep the seed dry.

Fletcher and Leo designed a very creative gravity feeder.

Dhairya went with an Open design to attract more bird varieties.

Ted-Oscar and Maisie-Gabi discussing their Presentations on powders.

Zone Athletics:
Congratulations to Jess, Fletch, Ted and Oscar for qualifying and competing at the recent Zone Athletics held in Wangaratta.

Below are some actions shots taken by Sarah.

The mixed relay team
Oscar also broke his own record in the High Jump. Well done Oscar.

Fletcher competing in the 200 metre running event.

Jessica flying over the hurdles.

Ted giving his all in his hurdles event.

Sun Smart:
Wide brimmed School Hats are required to be worn at all times whilst outside during Term One and Term Four. Other hats are not permitted.

Pictured to the right are Gabi and Maisie modelling the correct hats.
**CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**
- Wednesday 19th — School Council — 6pm
- Monday 31st — Report Writing Day — student free day

**NOVEMBER**
- Tuesday 1st — Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Friday 11th — Yachting at Victoria Park Lake
- Tuesday 15th — Book Week Cluster Day at Congupna Primary School — theme yet to be advised.

**HOT LUNCHES**
Due to the unusually cold temperatures, the weekly hot lunches will be extended for the remainder of Term Four

Hot lunches are on every Thursday.

Hot Dogs and Vegie Burgers $2.50
Dim Sims 50c each.

This week is “Dim Sim” week.

**National Tree Plating Day:**

**Book Week Cluster Day:**
Book Week Cluster day will be held at Congupna Primary School on Tuesday 15th November. The theme for the day will be advised shortly, however students are generally able to dress up as their favourite book character.

**Healthy Fruit Snacks!!**
Don’t forget to pack your “Healthy fruit” snack that we eat at 10am each day. Please, no processed fruits.

**Scientist of the week:**
**Week One:** Dhairya for his excellent oral presentation about his Crest Project.

**Week Two:** Oscar for the creativity and organisation he demonstrated in his first “What’s the matter” experiment.

**DOOKIE MOTORS GENEROUS OFFER:**
For every service or grease and oil change booked and paid by a school family, we will receive a $50 donation back to the school.
Simply take a copy of our newsletter in and show them this ad.
Ring 58286215 for your next service.
What great local support we have been offered.
If you have had your vehicles served, please notify the school and provide a copy of your paid invoice so contact can be made with Dookie Motors.
Parenting Program, "Turning in To Teens"  
Come and join us for the:  

You are not alone...  

Or... Emotions can run high at our house?  

Ever feel that my teen won't listen to me...?  

Help your teen to deal with conflicts.  

Help your teen learn to manage their emotions.  

to understand your teen more?  

strategies to talk with your teen?  

Would you like:  

Have the tools to help manage your child’s behaviour.  

assess your child’s social and emotional needs and emotions.  

communicate with your child.  

will learn how to  

comes designed to help parents/carers of young people aged 12 years and older.  

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