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SCHOOL CALENDAR
School Calendar also available on the website
Term 4
Nov
16-27 Swim School
19 P&C Meeting – 7pm
20 Gold Assembly cut-off date
25 OC 2016 Information Evening – 5pm
Dec
1 Gold Assembly
8 ES1/S1 Presentation Day – 10am
9 S2/3 Presentation Day – 10am
10 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
16 Last day of term for students & Party Day
17-18 Staff Development Days

From The Principal
Stage Class Survey
Thank you to those who have responded. The results have been collated from community, staff and students and will be communicated via this newsletter next week, along with our responses to the constructive feedback received.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to the students who participated in the Roger Wotton Public Speaking Competition (see later report). Articulate young people and the topics absolutely fascinating and wide-ranging. One of the speeches in particular gave cause for self reflection as it was about the pointlessness of writing and delivering a speech – the amount of time taken to compose and deliver and whether it had any impact on the audience. Was the time and thought justified? Well, I for one was influenced and shall be mindful when writing my speeches… So, Lara Stubbs, I can answer that your speech was not pointless; rather, it was very influential.

Opportunity Class 2016
Congratulations to the Year 4 students who have been offered places in the Opportunity Class 2016. 14 of our students will take up places next year in the 5/6 class. Selection is a tremendous achievement and reflects ability, hard work, wonderful parenting and great teaching.

Stage One Excursion to Red Hill
A report will be included in next week’s newsletter.

A Thought
“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.” – William Arthur Ward

Andrea Lester
Principal

From the Deputy Principal
Students of the Week:
Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded our ‘Student of the Week’ trophies:

Early Stage 1: Chase Coghlan, Rylee Smith, Shalyce McNaughton, Bessie Nicholson.
Stage 1: George Kelly, Skye Simpson, Jayden Richey, Lucy Pritchard, Chloe Agnew, Peyton Lonergan.
Stage 3: Paige Hayes, Elke Simpson, Destiny Wrage, Brendon Palmer, Bailee Davis.
This week at CVPS we will be: Safe - In the Playground

**Highlights of this week at CVPS**

**Monday - Friday:** Our annual Swim School will be taking place for the next two weeks. Our regular school assemblies will still take place and Red Certificates will be handed out. Students who are attending Swim School at assembly time will receive the certificates in class. Thank you to Mrs Treverrow for organising this very necessary event again this year.

**End of Year Celebrations**

As the end of the year draws near, we will again have many opportunities to acknowledge the successes of the year with our wonderful parents/carers, teachers and students at the following functions.

- **Tuesday 1 December:** Gold Assembly - Gold Awards, Principal’s Medallions and the P&C Values Awards will be presented at this assembly
- **Tuesday 8 December:** Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Presentation Day at 10.00am in the COLA
- **Wednesday 9 December:** Stage 2 and Stage 3 Presentation Day at 10.00am in the COLA
- **Wednesday 9 December:** Final Scripture lesson for 2015
- **Thursday 10 December:** Year 6 Farewell at Mudgee Golf Club
- **Friday 11 December:** Helpers’ Morning Tea

**Roger Wotton Public Speaking Competition**

Last Friday seven of our students participated in the Roger Wotton Public Speaking Competition which was held at Mudgee Public School. Sam Roth, Kayla Glossop and Alix Dray represented Stage 2 and Emily Nott, Lara Stubbs, Gabrielle Paige-Lecke and Jemima Russell represented Stage 3. Congratulations to all of these students who demonstrated excellent Public Speaking skills when delivering their entertaining speeches. Very special congratulations must go to Jemima whose speech, “A Day in the Life of A Toothbrush”, was awarded a Highly Commended in the Senior section. Well done to all the students and a very special thank you to all the parents and grandparents who supported them on the day.

Sarah O'Connell

**Merit Certificates**


**Canteen News**

**This Week:**
- Wed 18: Simone Rawlinson
- Thu 19: Bec Cooper, Leonie O’Malveney
- Fri 20: Jen Keysecker, Clare Edenhofner

**Next Week:**
- Mon 23: Judy Hopson Nicki Warren
- Tue 24: Katrina Mills
- Wed 25: Judy Hopson
- Thu 26: Bec Cooper, Leonie O’Malveney
- Fri 27: Jen Keyssecker, Trish Harrison

**P&C News**

Hello parents and caregivers, this week at our P&C meeting we will be voting on the new

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal
uniform changes. Come along to the final meeting for 2015.
Kayt Dickson

**Garden Club News**

Thank you to the members of the school community who supported the Veggie Swap table last Tuesday. It was lovely to see families from other schools coming to buy seedlings and snap up some fresh, free produce. These swap meets will happen when we have excess from the veggie patch so keep an eye on the P&C Facebook page for updates. Most popular items of the afternoon were the garlic and tomato seedlings. Thanks again CVPS.

Our kitchen garden children had a great time last week planting into our ever growing veggie patch. It was a very hot day but the group of CVPS students just wanted to garden. So seedlings of flowers were planted to beautify our gardens, more seeds were sown and succulents potted up and some stabilising of our trellises was much needed as well. Our compost in our tumblers is nearly cooked and ready to be spread around the patch. The children learned about monocot and dicot plants during the lesson and I was very impressed that they were able to see the difference between each type of plants. The adults, I’m not so sure it sunk in! Thanks to our two volunteers for that lesson Amy Penney and Shiralee Archer, I’m sure you learned a lot!

The Outdoor Learning Space and Sensory garden is coming along nicely and we have almost completed stage one of building the chat circle and sensory garden. This week we will be laying weed mat and spreading wood chip for the pathways. Our next big stage will be building of the new sandpit. Notes will be sent home very soon to parents of our Early Stage One families calling for their assistance with this next stage. This area will be such a beneficial space for the younger students of the school and I would like to thank the staff and garden club members who have driven the completion of this first stage. As per each week, Thursday working bee here from 3:30pm. Thanks to our weekend volunteering warriors, Justin and Amy Penney for putting in an hour of power to plant our donated lomandras. Great work. We are still in need of clean, empty ring pull cans so we can pot plants for the upcoming farmers markets. We would also love donations of succulents. Drop these into the office into the Flexi tub. Thanks again and happy gardening.

Kristie Cavanagh

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**Mudgee Baptist Church Gingerbread House afternoon**

Saturday 12th December, 3pm, at Mudgee Baptist Church Hall, Bruce Road, Mudgee.

Come along for a fun afternoon creating and decorating your very own delicious Gingerbread House for Christmas! Children are welcome to come along if they would like to help too.

$30 per gingerbread house (includes house kit, lollies and wrapping). Gluten-free option available. Bookings essential as places are limited. Payment is required at time of booking in order to secure your place. Please email Vanessa Luke at vanessa.jluke@gmail.com for payment instructions and further information.

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**Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons**

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02
CUDGEGONG VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

STAFF AND STUDENTS

wish to invite you to our

ANNUAL

PRESENTATION DAY

ASSEMBLIES

Tuesday 8 December 2015
10:00 am - EARLY STAGE ONE and STAGE ONE
(All Kindergarten students will receive a certificate)

Wednesday 9 December 2015
10:00 am - STAGE TWO and STAGE THREE

In the COLA at Cudgegong Valley Public School

ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME TO ATTEND
Absence Note

Child’s Name: _________________________________________ Class: ______________

Absence Dates: ____________________________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________________________________

Name: ________________________ Signed: ________________________ Date: ______________

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