From The Principal

Uniform Review
Following a very thorough review process and after the vote at the P&C meeting last Thursday night I am pleased to announce that the CVPS uniform changes as advertised throughout the year are to go ahead. As per the CVPS Uniform Policy the new uniform will be embraced immediately and will be fully implemented over the next three years, after which time all students will be expected to be wearing the new uniform. A change to school uniforms is often a lengthy and sometimes difficult process but I would like to acknowledge the work of our School Uniform Review Committee who undertook this process with such professionalism to ensure a smooth and positive outcome.

Stage Class Surveys
As part of our annual evaluation of all school processes students, staff and our valued community had the opportunity to respond to survey questions regarding stage classes. The results yielded valuable information and included constructive comments from all responders. Of note is that 92% (438 from Stages 1-3) of students felt that they achieved success in their classes this year. Generally, the younger year in each stage grouping favoured stage classes more at this stage. These results have implications for teaching and learning, including professional development of staff, to ensure all students’ learning needs are accommodated in 2016 and beyond.

A small group of community members responded and the results were varied in terms of how satisfied they were with having a child in a Stage grouped class. It has also highlighted the need for improved communication with the community, as some parents did not appear to know the informed reasoning for organising classes in Stages.

Teacher responses were generally positive about the initiative. The majority of teachers believed they had been successful in differentiating work for students.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our surveys, we value your input. Surveys will be conducted again next year to
gain data in the second year of the stage class cycle.
Feedback about what we do well, or otherwise, is very valuable as we plan for 2016.

Out of Hours Care
I am exploring the idea of starting a Before, After and Holiday School Care Service at CVPS in 2016. We have engaged the services of Camp Australia to look into this possibility. The first step in this process is to gauge the level of potential interest that families at our school have in a Before School, After School and Holiday Care Service. Out of pocket fees to parents per session would range from $7-9 for BSC and $10-12 for ASC. We would like to encourage all parents to complete this brief survey to help us determine the viability of running this program. The survey will take approximately 3 minutes of your time. Please visit https://www.research.net/r/cudgegongvalley
The survey will run for two weeks after which time the results will be shared with the community.

Stage One Excursion to Red Hill
A wonderful time was had by our students in Week 6 when they attended Red Hill Environmental Education Centre. The theme was “Come to the Party” where students enjoyed making connections between present day celebrations and traditions and those of the past. A strong foundation laid through teaching and learning activities prior to the excursion equipped students with knowledge and understandings that were consolidated in a practical situation (a party!).

Retrieval Charts organising the learning from the day.

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: Kara Morrissey, Gabriella Smith, Molly Fay, Aidan Swords.
Stage 1: Taylor Meurer, Shauna-Clare Fitzgerald, Jedd Pike, William Reynolds, Bailey Devenish, Courtney Holt.
Stage 2: Brandon Schofield, Nikolai Evanoff, Toby Burnard, Wesley Anderson, Maggie Virgona, Brodie Kiely.
Stage 3: Gibson Jackson, Tim Clayton, Harry Ward, Declan Smith, Henry Boxsell.
This week at CVPS we will be: Respectful - At School.

Highlights of this week at CVPS:
A quiet week prior to three very busy weeks to end the year….

Swim School continues - we have been very lucky with the beautiful weather we had last week, let’s hope it continues this week as our swimmers perfect their swimming skills.
Councillor speeches: On Thursday morning we look forward to hearing from our councillor nominees as they give a very short speech to the school prior to the final vote which will take place following the speeches. Good luck to all our candidates.
2015 Party Day

Our 2015 CVPS Party Day will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 16 December.

As the ‘Party in a Lunchbox’ was so successful last year we have decided to have it again. You can pack your child’s/children’s lunchbox with whatever party food you would like your child to have. This year, a party bag will be available for purchase form the canteen. Order forms will be sent home tomorrow.

A reminder that the sharing of food is not allowed in line with our school policy. This action is due to some of our students having allergies to various foods and the sharing of food may put these students at risk.

Teachers, in their stage groups, will be planning additional fun activities for the day.

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal

Library News

Only three and half weeks left!!

Please make sure that damaged or lost books are paid for or replaced. Year 6, in particular, need to make sure that overdues are organised before they leave for high school. Notes will be sent home via students and mail so please look out for them. Lost or damaged books which are not replaced or paid for, cost the school approximately $3000 a year, monies which are always needed for resources. Please be mindful of other families in your school community.

Happy Reading,
Dana Russell

P&C News

Last week was the final P&C meeting for 2015. Next time you are in the uniform shop you will see Nicki and Nicole. Nicole Nicholson is our new uniform shop co-ordinator and will be taking over the reins from Nicki in 2016. Pop in and say hi to the ladies. Our P&C members voted to accept the additions to our uniform and this will take effect immediately. Thank you to the parents who helped us achieve this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our small, but very hard working team, for yet another fantastic year. Don’t forget to get out there and sell those raffle tickets, there will be some great prizes.

Raffle tickets for our big Christmas prizes are selling well so don’t forget to get your tickets in and extra books are available through the office. The draw will be at a special assembly on Monday 14 December at 2.00pm in the COLA.

Kayt Dickson

Merit Certificates


Gold Certificates: Lewis Roth, Skye Simpson, Seth May, Erin Crawley, Travis McDonald, Hudson Brown, Oscar Smith, Amy Jenkins, Kelly Kurtz, Liam Peterson, Gibson Jackson, Byron Diener, Kayla Glossop, Taliah Miller, Imogen Brown.

Canteen News

This Week:
Wed 25 Judy Hopson
Thu 26 Bec Cooper, Leonie O’Malveney
Fri 27 Jen Keyssecker, Trish Harrison

Next Week:
Mon 30 Judy Hopson, Nicki Warren
Tue 1 Judy Hopson
Wed 2 Verrell Barnes
Thu 3 Bec Cooper, Leonie O’Malveney
Fri 4 Lauren Honeysett, Clare Edenhofner
**Uniform Update**

As Mrs Lester has explained, the new changes to the school uniform are now being implemented. The following summer options are now available in the Uniform Shop:

- Mint green short sleeve polo (with school emblem) - Sizes 4 – 16 $22 (larger sizes will be available in Term 1 2016, as they are custom made)
- Girls bottle green culottes – Sizes 4 – 16 $25
- Girls Summer Tunic – Sizes 4 – 18 $40
- Midford short and long sleeve shirts (old style) – Sizes 4 – 18 now $10

The new options will now be phased in over a three year transition period. There is no immediate requirement to purchase the new style unless your child needs a new uniform. Existing uniforms already purchased can continue to be worn. It is expected Kindergarten families will purchase the new polo shirts for 2016. Midford shirts won’t be reordered for sale once current stocks are depleted.

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8:30am – 9:15am and Thursday afternoon from 3:00pm – 3:30pm, EFTPOS is also available. Order forms are available to download from the CVPS website and can be dropped into the office with cheque or cash payment or EFTPOS on pick up. The new Price List and Order Forms will be available once updated.

Thank you
Nicki Warren
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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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, and must be received by Sunday 29th November. Please email Vanessa Luke at vanessajluke@gmail.com for payment instructions and further information.
Absence Note

Child’s Name: ________________________________  Class: ____________________

Absence Dates: __________________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________  Date: __________

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