From The Principal

Farewell Dinner for Mr and Mrs Williamson
Staff, (both present and former), family and friends, came together last Friday night to celebrate the Williamson’s impending retirement. Staff, students and the community will miss them tremendously, both at a professional and personal level, but wish them great happiness and many adventures in the next stage of their lives.

Thank you to the P&C for their generosity in contributing a delicious chocolate cake which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Gold Assembly / Awarding of Principal’s Medallions
A wonderful celebration of students’ achievements. More photos can be accessed on our website.

Jemima Russell delivering her speech on “The Life of A Toothbrush.”
A family affair – Charles Simpson, Elke Simpson (Principal’s Medallion) and Skye Simpson.

Proud recipients of the Principal's medallions (picture courtesy of Sam Potts, Mudgee Guardian)
Elke Simpson, Emily Nott, Jemima Russell, Isabelle Hauville, Tayla Large, Ella Maynard, Hugh Rohr and Xanthe Althofer.

Weeks 10 and 11
All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school until Wednesday 16 December, the last day of teaching for Term 4 2015.

Presentation Days
Congratulations to the award recipients who received awards today and to those students in Stages 2 and 3 who will receive their awards tomorrow. I will put a selection of photos in next week’s newsletter and they will also be accessible from the school’s website.

Executive Planning Day
The school Executive will meet this Friday to work on the School Plan for 2016. As part of the school’s accountability, improvement measures are built into the Plan and evidence collected to show the achievement, or progress towards, meeting such targets. Preliminary meetings of the planning teams have taken place and the collated evidence will be used for future planning, along with data from sources such as surveys.
When considering the impact of the Plan’s key strategies, we will also be looking at the results of staff input in assessment of the school’s progress in learning, teaching and leading using the School Excellence Framework. The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high quality practices and it is against these elements that we have assessed (and will continue to assess) our practices.

A Thought
We don’t see the things the way they are. We see things the way WE are.
Talmud
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: Braidyn O’Reilly, Ashton Cleaver, Jesse Nelson, Harry McFarlane.
Stage 2: Jacob Blanchard, Benjamin Jeeves, William Buckley, Campbell Holgate, Mackenzie Davis, Aaron Drent.
Stage 3: Lachlan Burke, Tayla Woods, Mia Robertson, Dylan Jarvis, Darcy Cavanagh.

This week at CVPS we will be: Respectful – At School

Highlights of this week at CVPS
What a busy week with our annual Presentation Days, Year 6 Farewell and Helpers’ Morning Tea. All wonderful opportunities to celebrate the end of another successful year.

2015 Party Day
Our 2015 CVPS Party Day will be held on Wednesday 16 December. You can pack your child/children’s lunchbox/es with whatever party food
you would like your child to have. The canteen special ‘Party Day’ order is also on this day.
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.

Candy Canes
As Christmas approaches, we like to share thoughts and gifts with those we care about. At CVPS, candy canes and other sweets are not allowed at school as part of our no sweet policy. A card with a special message inside is all that is required.

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal

Year 6 Fundraiser
On Friday 11 December a group of Year 6 children are holding a stall to raise money towards the purchase of the Year 6 present. All items will cost $1 or less. There will also be a guessing competition to see who can guess the number of jelly beans in a jar. Students can bring some coins to school on Friday and buy something from the children’s stall.
Thank you for your support.
Pat Williamson

Computer Corner
The year in review.
It’s hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner and my first year as computer coordinator at CVPS is coming to a close.
It’s been a fantastic experience in my new role this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of the students at CVPS and exposing them to a range of computer activities throughout the year. In particular, I’m very pleased with the progress students have made with blogging and coding. Coding will continue to be a focus at CVPS and I’m pleased to see that Mrs Blamire is doing extra coding activities during lunchtimes for students and staff who would like to extend their knowledge.
The iPads have been an outstanding success and are being used both in classrooms and the computer room. Over the next couple of weeks I will continue to download apps onto the iPads and computer programs onto the desktop computers.
During the holidays both blogEd and Edmodo will be shut down. Students won’t be able to access these until the start of the school year in 2016.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Steve Armstrong
Computer Coordinator

Library News
Overdues – Please make sure that school resources are returned, replaced or paid for. Many notes have been mailed home. If you are unsure if your child has a book/CD, please ring me at school.
Happy reading
Dana Russell

Merit Certificates
Red Certificates: Rachel Cade, Mark Maskell(2), Jesse Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Douglas Leadbitter, Mac Dickson, Peyton Loneran, Samuel Evans, Ruby Redfern, Dusty May, Jordyn Richards.

Canteen News
This Week:
Wed 9  Bek Piscioneri
Thu 10  Bec Cooper, Leonie O’Malveney
Fri 11  Jen Keyssecker, Annette Lewinski

Next Week:
Mon 14  Judy Hopson, Nicki Warren
Tue 15  Judy Hopson
Wed 16  Simone Rawlinson

Helpers’ Morning Tea
On Friday 11 December we will be holding a morning tea in the school hall at 11.15am to thank any helpers we have had this year. The staff at our school appreciate your valued support. Please come along and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.
Kind regards
Rebecca Daniell

Garden Club News
The school term is coming to an end just as our veggie garden growth is taking off. We have an abundance of herbs, tomatoes ripening, corn tassels pollinating and lots of chilli, capsicum,
egplant, zucchini, pumpkin and cucumber plants getting ready to fruit. The gardens will need to be monitored over the school holidays and we are offering staff, students and their families the opportunity to help keep our veggie patch pumping through the summer break. All you need to do is nominate what days you would like to help in the garden and contact me through the school or direct (details below). Care will include watering some garden beds, checking our worms and spinning our compost tumblers. You will also be able to harvest from the patch through the school break.

Our kitchen garden students will be participating in an end of year feast where they will pick, prepare and share food grown in our patch and locally, with their families, staff and volunteers. We feel this is a great way for students to share their garden experience with their families and one of our aims is to help students become experts at creating one or two seasonal dishes. Bruschetta, pesto and garden salads are easily learned, fresh and seasonal additions to the summer meal and we hope by the end of the season our students will be experts in their preparation.

Our avenue of Crepe Myrtles leading into the school by the COLA are flowering and look just lovely. In a few more years this will become a lovely, shaded feature of our school entrance. Many thanks to the staff who have maintained this garden over the last few months.

Also take the time to check out the completed Stage One of the Outdoor Learning Space behind the Kindy classrooms. Many thanks to our volunteers and staff for putting in a big effort every week to get this completed.

Garden Club will be at the Mudgee Fine Foods Farmer's Markets on Saturday 19 December. We will be selling veggie seedlings and small gifts so come along to say hi and buy some pre-Christmas goodies. This is one of our major external fundraisers and all funds raised are recycled back into garden programming for our CVPS students. Your support is most welcome and needed.

For information on any of the above, volunteering or donations, you can reach me through the school office or direct on 0419235365.

Happy Gardening, Kristie Cavanagh, Coordinator.

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**Jackeroo Ranch Summer School Holiday Riding Camps**

Jackeroo Ranch is again running its popular horse riding camps in the summer vacation.

Pre-Christmas Camps from 6 – 16 December 2015

Come anytime from 3 days to 10 days

First week – Sat 2 Jan – Sat 9 Jan (AM arrival)
Second week Sat 9 Sept – Sun 17 Jan (PM arrival)

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.

For booking and further information ring Pattie Hudson on 6337 7173 (nights are best)

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Absence Dates: ______________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______________

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