From The Principal

Stages 2 and 3 Presentation Day
I always look forward to the end-of-year presentation days. They are happy occasions, celebrating the effort and achievements of our students. When I looked at the audience, there were smiles all round and the beaming smiles of our incoming councillors almost lit up the COLA.

Our 2016 incoming councillors:

We were fortunate to have Mr Troy Grant, MP, as our guest speaker and presenter of these two awards.

To Lara Stubbs, Dux of the school.

To Kayleigh Rushworth, a Highly Commended award for her creative and colourful Christmas card design.

Our outgoing Year 6 presented the school with a very solid dingo, made by Mr Chris Dickson. He (I think it’s a ‘he’) completes the animal contingent representing each of the sporting houses.
I have included a selection of photographs and invite you to visit our website gallery to view the full range.

2016 Classes / Teachers
While the number of classes is determined by our entitlement from the Department of Education and based on student enrolments, on the basis of our anticipated 2016 numbers, our teaching staff will comprise (Assistant Principals are in bold):

Early Stage 1: Missess Huntly-Nott and Cunningham; Mrs Hook.
Stage 1: Mrs McNamara, Cover and Donnelly; Misses Tritton and Rayner.
Stage 2: Mrs Roberts/Mr Jennings; Mrs Lynn, Daniell/Murray and Harding; Miss Shady and Messrs Wilson and West.
Stage 3: Mrs Bambrick, Blamire, Treverrow/Channon and Wiseman. Ms da Roza and Mr Bennie.
LaST: Mrs Armstrong and Channon.
Computer Co-ordinator and Supervisor Stage 1: Mr Armstrong
Librarians: Mrs Russell and Dixon
RFF: Mrs Bartlett
Reading Recovery: Mrs O’Connell
School Learning Support Officers will also be employed to continue providing their invaluable services.

**Whooping Cough (Pertussis)**
Reports of whooping cough have been received.

**Symptoms**
Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

**School or home?**
Keep students home from school until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed.

**How can I help prevent the spread?**
Unimmunised contacts may be excluded until treated with an antibiotic. Children can be immunised with DTP vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis at 2, 4, 6 months, 4 years and 15 years.

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**Farewell**
We say goodbye to four staff: Mr and Mrs Williamson, Mrs Osborn and Mrs Fisher. We will miss them tremendously but wish the Williamsonsons a happy retirement, Mrs Osborn all the best for her move to the south coast and Mrs Fisher a successful move to Newcastle.

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**A Thought**
*You get a strange feeling when you’re about to leave a place, like you’ll not only miss the people you love but you’ll miss the person you are now at this time and this place, because you’ll never be this way again.* -- Azar Nafisi

Andrea Lester
Principal

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**From the Deputy Principal**

**What’s Happening This Week?**
Today we held our P&C Raffle. Congratulations to the lucky people who had their names drawn. I’m sure all the prizes will be well used by the winning families.

Tuesday: Tomorrow our Kindergarten students will be involved in a fun Bubble Day as a way to celebrate the end of their first year at school.

Wednesday: School Party Day - At 9.15am our annual Talent Quest will take place. Between recess and lunchtime all classes will be involved in end of year party activities. At lunchtime, all students are invited to bring a Party in a Lunchbox to celebrate the end of the year with their classmates. At 2.15pm, we will be saying a special farewell to Mr and Mrs Williamson at a whole school assembly. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. If you would like to say something on behalf of the parent body, please give me a call and you can be added to the program.

Thursday and Friday: Students begin their holidays while all staff will be involved in two days of Professional Learning to prepare for the beginning of the 2016 school year.

**2015 School Councillors**
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2015 school councilors: Ella Harding, Isabelle Hauville, Xanthe Althofer, Togan Akers, Lewis Roth, Jayson Bailey, Jed Hayes and Curtis Pirie for performing their duties with such dedication. Last week they all showed how much they have grown and developed when they ran our two Presentation Days. They rehearsed diligently and performed faultlessly on the two assemblies, even with a microphone malfunction on one of the days. I’m sure your families and friends were very proud of each of you as indeed I was.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a restful and relaxed holiday.

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal
**Classroom Supplies**

We ask that you provide your child with these essential items for the start of 2016:

Stages 2 and 3:
- HB lead pencils, red and blue pens, 30cm ruler, glue stick (UHU or Bostik, as the cheaper brands do not stick as well), eraser, scissors, sharpener, coloured pencils (pack of 12) or wind up crayons, covered homework book (120 pages approximately), pencil case, library bag and a box of tissues (to be used by the class throughout the year, as required).

Optional Items: textas, oil pastels, wind up crayons, dictionary, thesaurus, basic calculator.

Stage 1:
- Coloured pencils, HB lead pencils, small pencil case, glue stick (UHU or Bostik, as the cheaper brands do not stick as well), a box of tissues (to be used by the class throughout the year, as required), rubber (soft), library bag and paint shirt.

Kindergarten:
- Glue stick (UHU or Bostik, as the cheaper brands do not stick as well) and a box of tissues (to be used by the class throughout the year, as required), library bag and paint shirt.

**School Councillors Elect 2016**

Congratulations to Penny KELLY, Madison ROBERTS, Henry BOXSELL, Dimitri DUTA, Henry McNAMARA, Lucy CAMPBELL, Chelsea BURNARD and Hartley LUCAS who were announced as 2016 School Councillors Elect at the Stages 2 & 3 Presentation Day Assembly last week.

There will be a special assembly held early next year when the students will be inducted.

Mrs Bambrick and Mr Williamson

**Merit Certificates**

**Red Certificates:** Maree Ioane, Seth McGowan, Alexandra Hawkins, Oliver Evans, Seth Smith, Makayla Peterson, Danielle Pye, Logan Albert, Zara Ward, Stage 1L.

**Gold Certificates:** Mathew Dayrit

The above red certificates were handed out at today’s assembly.

**P&C News**

I would like to wish all families a very merry and safe Christmas. Let’s all enjoy the relaxed time with our children. Your P&C have had a successful year and we congratulate the raffle winners. Please support the local businesses who donated the great prizes – Woolworths, Coles, Target, Bunnings, Harvey Norman, Petries Mitre 10, Sweet As, The Petting Zoo, Reject Shop, Rebecca Meyers Christmas Cake and Sheryn Slavins Essential Oils.

Merry Christmas to everyone

Kayt Dickson

**Canteen News**

**This Week:**
- Mon 14 Judy Hopson, Nicki Warren
- Tue 15 Judy Hopson
- Wed 16 Simone Rawlinson

**Reminder**

Canteen Meal Deal – Party Day Bags is on this Wednesday 16 December. No other lunch orders will be available on Wednesday.

Thank you

Tina Barnes

**Uniform Shop**

Thank you to so many of you for the lovely warm welcome as I learn the ropes of Coordinator under the careful guidance of Nicki Warren.

2016 Holiday & Term 1 Opening Times

(EFTPOS is available)
- Tues 19 January: 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- Thurs 21 January: 10.00am – 12 noon
- Thurs 28 January: 3.00pm – 3.30pm

During Term

- Every Tues Morning: 8.30am – 9.15am
- Every Thurs Afternoon: 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Updated order forms and the new price list are available to download from the CVPS website or direct from the front office and can be returned to the office outside of shop hours. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or EFTPOS upon collection.

I am seeking volunteers to assist with the shop next year. If you think you could spare half an
hour occasionally, please catch up with me at the shop, or leave a message through the office.

I look forward to serving you and dressing our children in our lovely smart uniform, which has always set apart CVPS students so beautifully, as we continue to support the invaluable work of our dedicated P & C, to the ultimate benefit of our children.

Many thanks
Nicole Nicholson

Garden Club Wrap Up 2015
The end of the year is here and I'm sure our garden club volunteers are very pleased to know that this also means an end to our weekly working bee emails! Garden Club has a had a huge year, bringing in over $8000 in external funding and donations from diverse as Moolarben Coal, The CWA, Coles Junior Landcare, MWRC, Auslucerne P/L, Fothergills Seeds, Tamara Bowman and many more. This money along with the budget provided by the school, has been funnelled in to many projects around the school designed to enhance the learning experience for our students and to beautify our green spaces for our entire CVPS community.

These projects include:
*Outdoor Learning Space and Sensory Garden (Coles Jnr Landcare)
*Irrigation of various gardens (Moolarben Coal)
*Citrus Garden (Crunch and Sip Grant)
*Fruit Salad Walk, 2016 (MWRC)
*Native Regen Garden, 2016 (MWRC)
*Weather Station (CWA)
*Mulch for Ornamental Gardens (Auslucerne Pty Ltd)
*Crepe Myrtle Avenue (Tamara Bowman)
*Weekly veggie gardening sessions

We also received a wonderful donation of over $5000 from the ever generous P&C (and therefore our school community) to fund the building of our garden shed.

These projects are brought to life by our hard working team of volunteers. These parents and carers have gone above and beyond this year to facilitate these projects and I thank them, from the bottom of my heart. To the marvellous group of students who have participated in our gardening sessions and who are gardening with their classes, well done. Your school looks

lovely thanks to your efforts. Keep asking questions and taking notice of the natural world around you! Big thanks and appreciation to our teaching staff who have supervised veggie gardening sessions and attended working bees with us. It has been a pleasure to share knowledge with you in the gardens of CVPS. A special thanks to Julie Wiseman, Michele Roberts, Michael West, Mrs Lester, Mrs Hogben and Liz Shady. And last but not least, our wonderful ancillary staff who man the office, crunch numbers and fix everything that need fixing. I'd like to single out Kim Osborn, Les Cook and Leanne Hasaart for their patience, knowledge and sharing of your time. Your contribution to Garden Club wins you the gold star of the year! We've had a big year, now to rest. Happy gardening and enjoy your summer break.

Kristie Cavanagh
Sensory Garden Update
The first stage of the sensory garden and outdoor learning space is complete! Surveys conducted by the garden club of students and teachers were used to design the area which when finished will include the sensory gardens, chat circle, planter boxes, gross motor wall, weather pole and fairy garden. The next stage of this development will see the existing sandpit renewed and extended with one side made from recycled tyres to provide a gross motor wall. Planter boxes and the weather pole will also be constructed and ready for Term 1 2016. A huge thank you to all of the Early Stage One teachers, their partners, Kindy parents, children, Les Cook and Garden Club volunteers for putting in the many hours required to bring the school's dreams into reality.

We will be holding a working bee in the final week of the school holidays between the 18th and 22nd of January. We are inviting new Kindy families, teachers and the school community to get involved and come along to lend a hand. We need your help, especially if you are a builder who can volunteer two to three hours of your time. For further details, please contact Chrissy Brown at christinelbrown@bigpond.com and keep an eye on the P&C Facebook page in January for updates.

Thank you,
Chrissy Brown.

Classifieds
While we accept advertising from commercial enterprises, the school does not endorse these.

Mudgee Tennis School Holiday Clinic:
18-19 January 2016
4-7y.o 8:30-10am
8+y.o 10:30-12noon
Prizes for everyone and discounts for families.
Call Nathan on 0411 868 708.

Looking for something different for the kids to do this school holidays? Sign them up for a half day of craft at The Creative Place in Market Street, Mudgee. 9am – 12pm Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd of December. We will hand-make Christmas presents and learn some crafty techniques to kick off the school holidays and keep them busy while you get your Christmas shopping done. Go to The Creative Place Facebook page, or visit www.thecreativeplace.com.au to find out more and to make a booking. Get in quick though – spaces are limited to 6 children each day!
Ph. 0402195405 E. hello@buhl.net.au

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Bookings Essential – Phone 0448 293 650 or book via our website
www.wiggleandgigglemusic.com.au

FREE Session Dates
Monday 14th December, 2015
Tuesday 15th December, 2015
Wednesday 16th December, 2015
Thursday 17th December, 2015
Friday 18th December, 2015

Daily Class Times
Wigglers Classes @ 9:30a,
Giggler Classes @ 10:15am
Wigglers Classes @ 11:00am
Additional Wriggers Class @ 11:35am on Tuesday only

* Please note: Discounted entry of $3 per child is payable directly to Bizee Bodz on the day to cover unlimited play on the day, however your class will be free of charge.

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Absence Note

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ______________________

Absence Dates: ______________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: ________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________

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