GENERAL NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 WEEK 4 2015

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SCHOOL CALENDAR
School Calendar also available on the website

Term 1

Feb
19   P&C Meeting – 7pm

March
6-10  Book Fair
6    Book Fair launch and BBQ – 5.30-7pm
12   P&C Disco
13   Gold Assembly cut-off date
24   Gold Assembly

From the Principal

Swimming Carnival
What a wonderful day – very high participation rates by our students and many school community members to encourage the swimmers (please see Mr Williamson’s report). A big thank you to our staff who organised and oversaw the day’s events, including reminders to apply sunscreen and wear protective clothing against the sun. Of note is how this fits in with our vision, “...... whilst enjoying an active, healthy lifestyle.” CVPS promotes the value and benefit of exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle and the high number of students who have taken advantage of the Swim School conducted each year is reflected in the increasing confidence and ability levels of students participating in the swimming carnival.

School Plan Update
While we have our Vision and Three Strategic Directions defined, the detailed planning process is starting in earnest. These staff members, with myself, will lead the planning:

Strategic Direction One: Mrs Bambrick, Ms da Roza and Mrs Kennedy
Strategic Direction Two: Mr Armstrong, Miss Shady and Miss Tritton
Strategic Direction Three: Mr Williamson, Mrs Hogben and Miss Huntly-Nott

While these highly competent and enthusiastic leaders will lead the planning, the wider staff, student body and community will also be involved in planning, implementation and evaluation.

Enjoy…
Pheobi Knowles (S2S) has been so inspired by the vegetable gardens that she drew me a picture of a backyard with vegetable plots, complete with water tanks…. Delightful!

Volunteers
Volunteers are welcome, valued and students love seeing them in the classroom. If you are
considering volunteering, it will be necessary for you to undergo a ‘Working with Children Check’ by completing the online application form which can be accessed at -
http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au
Once you have made an application, you will receive an application number.
Present your application number to a NSW motor registry or Government Access Centre, along with proof of identity (which consists of the same proof required when applying for a NSW drivers licence).
Once the application has been processed, the Children’s Guardian will notify you of the outcome by email or post.
You then need to provide the school with the WWCC number and your date of birth so that we can verify this number and obtain clearance. This clearance is valid for five years.

Thank you for supporting us to keep our students safe – we look forward to seeing our volunteers.

School Kiss and Ride / Drop Off Zone
The ‘Kiss and Ride Zone’ (or ‘Drop-off’ area) at the front of the school (Madeira Road, indicating ‘No Parking between 8.00 – 9.30 school days’) provides an appropriate place to drop off your children in the morning. To keep our students safe:

- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the – ‘drop-off’ area.
- Make sure children use only the footpath-side when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Never double park.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

School Contributions
Recently a note was sent home seeking voluntary school contributions. This money comes directly to CVPS and we use it to purchase learning resources for our students. If payment is made before Tuesday 31 March 2015, your name will automatically be in the draw for a $200 Big W voucher.

On behalf of our students who benefit from your financial contributions to the school, I thank you.

A Thought
What’s right isn’t always popular.
What’s popular isn’t always right.
Anon

Andrea Lester
Principal

From the Deputy Principal
At CVPS, we are Responsible in the classroom.
We:
- listen carefully and follow all instructions
- do our best
- come to school prepared for learning

Change of Routine
From time to time it is necessary to change pick up arrangements for your child/ren. When this occurs, it makes it easier if you notify the class teacher in writing of these changes, especially if your child is young and may not be able to explain to his/her teacher the new arrangement.

Playground Rules before School
It has come to my attention that we have many students who are arriving at school a long time before the first bell of the day. Our playground supervision arrangements are that students who arrive early have to sit on the seats in the canteen area. They are not to play on their bikes, skateboards or scooters in this area. This canteen area is not supervised until 8:45am each day. At 8:45am when a teacher comes out on duty, the students can take their scooters and bikes to the storage racks provided for them. The other students take their bags to outside their rooms and return to the canteen area, the back playground or the COLA area. As we want to keep our students safe, it really is best if they arrive to school at 8:45am and not before this time.

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful Swimming Carnival. It was, without doubt, the best carnival held in many, many years … maybe ever! The participation rate was amazing … somewhere around 90% of students ‘tried’ to compete in the 50m races.
It was successful because we have:

- tremendous parents who are supportive and helpful;
- dedicated staff members who set up, work hard all day and then pack up everything; and
- awesome students who tried so hard all day with their behaviour and their efforts!

All of that, when added together, made it a fun and fantastic carnival for students at such a wonderful school. Well done, everyone!

Here are a few of my highlights from last week’s Swimming Carnival...

1. The new House Captains and Vice Captains who diligently checked that all their team mates entered the correct races, organised banners and chants, entered their own events and cheered for their team-mates;
2. The number of students who entered the 50m races for the very first time... some of them got to the end, some didn’t... but everyone was proud of their efforts;
3. The number of students who just wanted to... “have a go!”; and finally
4. The achievements of those students who achieved Personal Bests and gave it their best every time they swam!

A great contingent of 32 students will represent CVPS at the Cudgegong Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 25 February at Gulgong. Hopefully, from this Carnival many of these students will venture to Dubbo on Friday 6 March for the Western Carnival.

Champion Swimming House for 2015 ... COOLBERRY (184 points), Callanna (153), Nargoon (151) & Wanbi (148).

CHAMPIONS – Junior Boy … Liam HOLLIS (Runner-up – Freddy May)
Junior Girl … Kasey HAYES (Runner-up – Charlotte Roberts)
11 years Boy … Dimitri DUTA & Deekin AKERS (Joint)
11 years Girl … Sammi ATKINSON (Runner-up – Darcy Cavanagh)
Senior Boy … Jed HAYES (Runner-up – Lewis Roth)
Senior Girl … Bailee DAVIS (Runners-up – Jemima Russell, Isabelle Hauville & LaraStubbs)

Thank you
Jeff Williamson

**Merit Certificates**

**Red Certificates:** Makayla Roe, Lucy Campbell, Henry McNamara, Skye Simpson, Jayden Reid, Mirolla Gaballa, Kobie Close, William Turner.

**Canteen News**

**This Week:**
Tue 17 Jo Ninness
Wed 18 Simone Rawlinson
Thu 19 Renee Bridger
Fri 20 Jen Keyssecker, Natasha Roe, Clare Edenhofner

**Next Week:**
Mon 23 Bec Callaghan, Nicki Warren, Judy Hopson
Tue 24 Katrina Mills
Wed 25 Judy Hopson
Thu 26 Renee Bridger
Fri 27 Jen Keyssecker, Trish Harrison

**P&C News**

Hi everyone, let me thank all the fabulous local businesses who helped out with our welcome evening. They were Logan Wines, McDonalds Bakery, The Federal Hotel, Aquarius, Bunnings, Coles, The Reject Shop, Woolworths, Muffin Break, Bunnamagoo and Oatley wines.

We also have our first P&C meeting for the year this Thursday at 7pm in the school staff room. All those who wish to have voting rights throughout the year have to become financial members by paying a fee of $1 to our Treasurer on the night. Everybody is welcome to attend even if you don’t want to be a financial member.

Claim the date! Disco in Term 1 will be on March 12. YAY! Details to follow in future newsletters.

See you at the meeting.
Kayt Dickson

**Notes sent home last week:** Kindergarten Popcorn and Pyjama afternoon, Stage 3 PG movie permission, Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN information, Kindergarten Class letter, Stage 1 – Class letter, Child Protection, Home Reading Scheme, Home Reading Folder, PG movie permission, Parent/Teacher interview.
**Garden Club News**

Tuesday 10th saw the first Open Lunchtime Sessions with ten children joining us for the grottiest activity we could think of, building worm farms. It was a hot day but the children eagerly participated in cleaning out the Cudgee Crawlers Mothership - our big breeding farm, and found lots of fat and happy worms. Phillip, Liam, Jarred and Will are expert diggers and found us some gigantic crawlers. We also started three smaller worm farms with Mitch and Alexis doing a great job soaking coir and shredded paper for our wormies to live in. All of the children were very engaged and Gabrielle found the most novel use of worms that we have seen to date. The enthusiasm from both students and staff was fantastic to see and we look forward to working with the school to introduce a sustainable worm farming culture at CVPS.

A big and very special thank you to the P&C who have donated money to the Garden Club. Their donation will enable us to install a storage shed in the Kitchen Garden area enabling us to have a home for all of our tools, wheelbarrows, resources and student projects and saving our volunteers from bringing them to school for each lesson. Without the hard work of the small number of parents who make up the P&C, projects and resources such as the shed would take much longer to eventuate or would not happen at all. The Garden Club is very appreciative of their efforts and of the school community for participating in P&C fundraising events.

Our next Garden Club meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday 17, 3:30pm in the Kitchen Garden.

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**WORMS, WORMS, WORMS, we love'em**

Kids will get their hands dirty at the February Farmers Market making their very own 'starter' worm farm. Worm farms are a fantastic way to minimise food waste by turning organic kitchen waste (did you know they will eat your old jeans??) into nutrient rich fertiliser for your veggie plants and soil. Every kid will make their one farm to take home. They will each be supplied with a box, bedding material & worms and instructions for ongoing care. As they learn how to assemble them, they will learn how to feed and care for them, and how to use the worm juice in the garden. The cost is $15/child on Saturday 21 February from 9.30am at the kids garden and will run for approx. 1 ½ hours.

To book a place, email Liz on farmersmarket@mudgeefinefoods.com.au

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**Mudgee District Hockey Association Season 2015**

Registration day’s 21st March, and 28th March and then throughout the season.

Age 3–90; play Saturdays at West End complex.

Time 10:30am for juniors and 1pm for Adults.

1st child $50, 2nd $40, 3rd $20 and 4th free.

Teenagers playing Adults $65 and must be 12 years old.

Adults part time $65, and Fulltime $85.

7 a side carnival the 28th March from 8:30am cost $20 per player, 10 to a side, 3 females, 4 males format.

Contact Jenny 63726630, Kristel 0408742494, Ben 0408619696.

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**PCYC Mudgee**

The PCYC has after school futsal for children between the ages of 6-15 years. The cost is $3.50 plus membership on Tuesdays between 4-8pm.

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**Confirmation 2015 ( Yr 6 +)**

St Mary’s Catholic Church Mudgee will be commencing preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in March for students of Catholic faith who have received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The first of two parent meetings will be held on 17th March at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. The Commitment/Enrolment Mass will be the weekend of 21/22 March.

More information will be available for students in the coming weeks. Please contact St Mary’s Parish Office 63722122 for further information and to confirm your interest.

Jeanelle Wilkinson, Sacrament Co-ordinator
Absence Note

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: __________________

Absence Dates: ______________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: __________________________________________________

Name: ____________________________ Signed: __________________________ Date: __________

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