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SCHOOL CALENDAR
School Calendar also available on the website

Term 1
March
6-10 Book Fair
6 Book Fair launch and BBQ – 5.30-7pm
12 P&C Disco
13 Gold Assembly cut-off date
19 P&C Meeting – 7pm
20 Fete Mufti Day
24 Gold Assembly – 11.35am

April
1 Grandparents’ Day
2 Fete Day
Last Day of Term

From the Principal

School Plan 2015-2017
The teams leading the planning for Strategic Directions Two and Three spent an extremely productive day together yesterday. The planning, as always, centred on improving student learning outcomes. We were fortunate to have Mrs Louise Manwaring (former Principal of Mudgee High School and now in a part-time position of Principal Leadership) inform and guide the process.

Good Number Sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help students to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more:


Reading With Your Child At Home
When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your children with reading.

Find out more:

The Book Fair this Friday will provide an opportunity to purchase a range of texts to engage your children.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our swimmers – a fistful of ribbons was brought back to school by Mr and Mrs Williamson. Even a ferocious storm did not deter our champions - they simply waited it out and went back into the water. Wonderful to see so many parents and friends urging them on to do their absolute best. (See also Mr Williamson’s report).

A Thought
If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.
Unknown

Andrea Lester
Principal
From the Deputy Principal
At CVPS, we are SAFE at school.
We:
- make good choices
- think before we act
- show self-control
- wear the correct uniform
- walk quietly and sensibly around the school

Medical Updates
Thank you to the families who have returned the recently distributed Anaphylaxis and Asthma update paperwork. If you haven’t returned the updates yet, please do so as soon as you can so that we can update our care procedures and distribute accurate information regarding symptoms and responses to all staff who come into contact with your child.

Library Bags
Mrs Russell tells me that she has many unclaimed library bags in the library at the moment. Some of these bags have been there for quite a while. Please go and get your library bag soon, as unclaimed bags may be sold at the school fete.

CVPS Merit Award System
At CVPS we have an award system to acknowledge the positive achievements of our students. It is a system that builds up throughout their time at CVPS. It is important that any awards received are kept safe and handed in when each level of achievement is reached. I have included a copy of the School Merit Award System with this newsletter for your information.

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal

Zone Swimming Carnival
WOW ... WOW ... WOW ...
What a wonderful effort by all the students who gave it their best at the Zone Swimming Carnival!

Despite the rain and lightning and thunder which delayed the events for a short while, the CVPS team was magnificent. Every swimmer performed supremely well with many, many "Personal Bests" achieved. You can ALL be so proud of yourselves. The highlight was the joy on everyone's faces as they stepped from the pool having tried so hard, especially all four of our relay teams who dominated the final events!

I look forward to handing out all of the placegetters' ribbons in the next few weeks. There are 23 CVPS students who will represent the Zone in Dubbo on Friday 6 March at the Western Swimming.

A big thank you to the parents and teachers who were able to attend and support students and assist with the carnival.

Jeff Williamson
Assistant Principal

Computer Corner – Searching on the Internet
When searching for a topic or theme on the internet, a really useful tip is to put the word 'interactive' before your search topic. For example instead of typing in 'Australian goldrush', type in 'interactive Australian goldrush'. This will result in a range of interactive websites becoming available. As the name suggests, these interactive sites provide more entertaining and educational experiences for children (and adults) to learn about a particular topic.

Thanks
Steve Armstrong
CVPS Computer Coordinator
Hello From Your P&C
We had more than 15 people attend the first meeting of the Year! Well done Cudgy parents and carers.

On March 12 we are having a disco. The Kindergarten and Stage 1 disco will run from 5:00 to 6:30pm. The Stages 2 and 3 disco will run from 7:00 to 8:30pm. We are having a song request box in the foyer at the office from Wednesday this week. Please write your favourite song on the slip provided and place it in the box. We will have glow products for sale on the night and the canteen will be open to hand out disco bags and sell drinks.

Don’t forget we will be having a BBQ during the Book Fair launch so come down and grab some dinner.

The next CVPS P&C general meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March at 7.00pm in the school staffroom.

All interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Thank you
Kayt Dickson

Garden Club News
Our second open garden session was held in the Reconciliation Garden at the rear of the school. A group of 10 children discussed indigenous plants and had a good grasp on the concept of using native plants as food and as materials for building, fishing, weaving, etc. The children split into teams to plant Dianella, Pigface, Waratah and non-native blue fescue. Dianellas have an edible tuber and berries and the leaves were used to make ropes and for weaving. Pigface is an edible succulent high in vitamin C and is a coastal plant that grows on sand dunes but also survives quite well inland. It was reiterated to the children that they must ask an adult first before picking and eating anything from the gardens. We were very impressed by the teamwork within these groups as they planted, watered and mulched the garden. We even ended up with lots of extra children who wanted to help. At the end of the session, we took the children for a walk around the garden to survey their handiwork. We hope they are very proud of the end result, a tidy and well planted native garden.

A working bee was held on Sunday to create tidy pathways around the veggie patch. A huge effort was put in and by midday we had completed our job. A massive thank you to our team of volunteers. Sincere thanks must also be extended to Furney's Building and Plumbing Supplies and to Luke and Nerida Morris for their donations towards this project.

We are still very short on clean glass jars that we can use to preserve our veggies. If you have any smaller than 300ml, send them in to the office.

Our next meeting will be held March 3rd, 3:15pm in the veggie patch behind the staffroom.

Canteen News
This Week:
Tue 3  Judy Hopson
Wed 4  Verrell Barnes
Thu 5  Renee Bridger, Christie Holt
Fri 6  Natasha Roe, Clare Edenhofner
                     Lauren Honeysett

Next Week:
Mon 9  Bec Callaghan, Judy Hopson, Nicki Warren
Tue 10  Berny Martin
Wed 11  Judy Hopson
Thu 12  Renee Bridger
Fri 13  Jen Keyssecker, Annette Lewinski

Canteen Volunteers Needed
Do you have a few spare hours to come and volunteer in our canteen? Just one day or one hour a month, a fortnight or a week, whichever suits you. Come for a full day or part of a day, anything helps. There is always a fully trained
supervisor here to work with you. Toddlers and pre-schoolers are more than welcome to come along, there is a toy room provided for them to use. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please call the school on 6372 3466 or call in at the canteen to discuss what suits you. Please note that all volunteers need to ensure that they have provided the school with their Working With Children Check number.
Thank you
Tina Barnes

Merit Certificates


Gold Certificates: Bailee Davis.

Notes sent home last week: Stage 3D Art Diaries, Kindergarten Life Education Van, Grandparents’ Day and Fete Flyer, Book Fair BBQ, P&C Disco Flyer

Cudgegong Valley Public School Merit Award System

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<td>Principal’s Medallion</td>
<td>One (1) Green Gold Certificate plus a further three (3) Red Certificates allows a student to apply for a Principal’s medallion. These are only available to Year 6 students. An interview takes place with the candidate and the principal.</td>
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<td>Welcome Certificates</td>
<td>Students who enrol at CVPS from another school will be given a ‘Welcome Certificate’. This will give them the equivalent number of certificates that they would have earned if they had been at CVPS from Kindergarten. Students are encouraged to show Mrs Single any certificates that they may have been awarded at their previous school. All ‘Welcome Certificate’ recipients are discussed at a stage meeting to see whether the student is worthy of receiving the certificate or whether more time is needed to see if his/her behaviour improves.</td>
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Absence Note

Child’s Name: _______________________________ Class: ________________

Absence Dates: ______________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: _________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________
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