GENERAL NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 WEEK 7 2015

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1
March
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

Term 2
April
20 Staff Development Day
21 Students return

From the Principal

Learning is Fun at CVPS

Sophie Johanson  Estelle Purkiss  Chloe McGilvray

I recently had the pleasure of watching an art/maths session and have included works from the lesson. Keira Hauville of Stage 2T explained the lesson’s purpose.

“We were doing maths/art with Mr Jennings because it was on symmetry and we had to get our name shape and cut it out and then we had to cut in the middle of it to make little holes and then we had to get the scissors and cut out all these little shapes in the names. We had to get black paper and make antennas and hands and feet for the aliens. We had to cut the shape while it was folded so that it made two sides exactly the same. This was symmetry.”

ANZAC Commemoration

Students have been invited to research a member of their family who has seen service in war (in any capacity) and write a short biography to acknowledge the family member’s contribution. Kinders might have a line of text, for example, while a Stage 2 student might write considerably more. All schools in the local area, both public and catholic, have been invited to participate.

Students’ work will be on show in the Mudgee Town Library in the week leading up to 25 April. This is a most wonderful opportunity for children to find out about their family history. It is important that we do not forget those who have served in war…

Students can also research a non-family member, if preferred.

The guidelines are:

* Work on one A4 laminated sheet of light cardboard, including photos and/or sketches.
* Proofread and edited so that work is of the highest standard.
* Work delivered to me by Thursday 2 April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.
ANZAC Day March
CVPS has been invited to select 25 students to jointly lead the ANZAC Day March on 25 April. These students will be carrying a poppy donated by the RSL Club. We invite you to fill in the form on the back page of this newsletter and return it to the office by Friday March 13. Students will be chosen through a ballot system. Students must be available for the practice on Sunday March 29. This is quite an honour…

Congratulations all Round
We have so many accomplished students doing their best in many areas of their lives. Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at Western last Friday, four of whom will swim at State level (see Mr Williamson’s report); our Cudgee Garden students who took out a number of prizes for their vegetables at the Show; the students whose artwork and creations with cakes, vegetables and other material received awards at the Show, those who were awarded ribbons for their craft work and of course, high praise for our writers who were awarded monetary prizes for their quality writing.

We are very, very proud of each and every one of our students - such diversity and talent…

A Thought
Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.
Dr. Seuss

Andrea Lester
Principal

From the Deputy Principal
This week at CVPS, we are going to be RESPECTFUL.
We will focus on:
• Using positive language - no swearing

Grandparents’ Day
As previously mentioned, CVPS will be holding our annual Grandparents’ Day on Wednesday 1 April and school fete on Thursday 2 April. Notes have been sent home to inform you about the organisation for these days. This year all fete and Grandparents’ Day notes are on yellow paper for easy identification. Order forms for food, show bags and fete tokens were sent home yesterday. Please complete and return orders, with the money, to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Tokens will be issued on the morning of the fete.

While we use the title Grandparents’ Day, this by no means locks you into inviting only grandparents. Many of our students don’t have grandparents nearby and we would like to assure you that you can invite any special person/friend to be a special guest on the day.

Life Education
This Wednesday and Thursday our Kindergarten students will enjoy a visit from The Life Education van and Healthy Harold. This highly successful program provides a fun way to learn about health education topics.

Wendy Hogben
Deputy Principal

Library News
Book Fair – It was terrific to see so many families joining us for the book fair on Friday night. It is always such a great community event. Thank you to the parents who provided our families with a lovely BBQ. We are so lucky at CVPS to have so many of our staff dedicated to the students and families. Without our wonderful staff volunteering their time, events such as these would not be as successful.

Tickets for the lucky door prize were drawn at yesterday’s assembly and congratulations to these lucky students who now have $10 to spend at the Book Fair – Gabby KD, Cade S1M, Thomas S3B, Maddison S1H, Bryn KT and Shauna S1B. Happy Reading. Mrs Russell
Western Region Swimming Championships
On Friday, a massive team of 23 CVPS students ventured to Dubbo to compete in the Western Region Swimming Championships. Competing against "the best of the west" was a daunting task, but all students gave it their very best! Attempt after attempt to gain selection to the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships was on offer to any who could capture one of the first three placings in their event. Despite having many of the swimmers finishing in the top 10 swimmers in many of the events, it was down to the talented team of Angus Fothergill, Liam Hollis, Kelly Constable and Freddy May (Junior Boys' Relay) to gain selection very late in the day. These boys chased home the very strong Dubbo South team and claimed second place and the opportunity to compete at the Sydney Olympic Complex in Homebush. Good luck to these boys, but also congratulations to all of the swimmers for their fantastic efforts. Also a great big thank you to the wonderful parent support for our students.
A very proud Jeff Williamson

Computer Corner
Tip of the week - saving time.
In the first few weeks in my new role as computer coordinator at CVPS, one aspect of student work habits that I noticed in the computer room was the large amount of time students wasted on selecting a font style and size when completing typing tasks.

When completing a typing activity in the computer room I have been instructing students to do their typing with the computer selected font style on their word document and when they have finished their work to go back and then make changes to their font style. This has enabled students to complete their set tasks more efficiently. I will continually encourage students to use this simple, but effective, work habit to help them complete their work in a shorter time period.
Thanks
Steve Armstrong
CVPS Computer Coordinator

Fete
White Elephant Stall
Is it time for a clean out? Would you like the CVPS White Elephant Stall to take care of your unwanted goods? Please donate for our upcoming Fete on 2 April. Please bring any donations to the office. Anyone who would like to help in the White Elephant Stall on the day, please put your name down at the office.
Thank you. Jo Cover and Sharon Rayner

Mr Greg Bray’s Retirement Book
Last year our Computer Teacher and Assistant Principal, Mr Greg Bray, retired from Cudgegong Valley Public School. Mr Bray was a teacher here for 30 years. I am currently compiling a book containing children’s reflections about Mr Bray and also staff and parent messages. In the office, there is a parents autograph page which we would like to invite anyone who may have been taught by Mr Bray or who would like to write a message to him, to come and sign it throughout this week and next. This book will be presented to Mr Bray at the Gold Assembly in Week 9.
Thank you
Rebecca Daniell

P&C Meeting
The next CVPS P&C AGM and 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.

Canteen News
This Week:
Tue 10 Berny Martin
Wed 11 Judy Hopson
Thu 12 Renee Bridger
Fri 13 Jen Keysecker, Annette Lewinski

Next Week:
Mon 16 Bec Callaghan, Jackie Riley, Kylie Lawrence
Tue 17 Judy Hopson
Wed 18 Simone Rawlinson
Thu 19 Renee Bridger
Fri 20 Jen Keysecker, Natasha Roe, Clare Edenhofner
Merit Certificates
Gold Certificates: Kelly Zhong, Jack Hawkins, Olivia Hopson, Emily Nott, Tahlia Cooke.

School Voluntary Contribution Reminder
Thank you to those who have paid the School Contribution fees. These have been set at $45 per student and $77 per family. Please send payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class. Don’t miss out on your entry into the draw for the $200 Big W voucher.

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

Garden Club News
Last Tuesday the kitchen garden children picked and entered some of their produce into the Mudgee Show Juniors section and won a swag of awards. The children have sown seeds, planted seedlings and tended to the garden all season and that hard work has paid off with 1st in Biggest Marrow/Squash, 1st in Collection of Veggies Grown By A Junior, 3rd in Other Vegetable (pumpkin), Best Exhibit Produce and Best Exhibit Produce Grown By Junior. A hearty congratulations to them on a great effort. From hard work comes big rewards.

Harvest time is here and with harvesting of our crops comes the very important task of saving seeds. Our Tuesday kitchen garden crew saved heirloom Anasazi corn and purple and green bean seeds. The children learned that the majority of heirloom seeds are open-pollinated, meaning that they reproduce themselves from seed. The plants from these seeds grow true to that variety. When they are grown they will be the same as the parent plant. We sent the children home with a stash of their own seeds to sow next season. It was great to see them make the connection of coming full circle in the veggie garden from sowing the seeds in spring, tending to the plants and watching them grow, harvesting and eating and now removing spent plants and seed saving. A very valuable experience for them.

Thank you to Peabody Energy and Wilpinjong Mine for their donation of a tank which we will be cutting down and using as garden beds. Also to Tamara and Andrew Bowman of Living Earth Supplies for their very generous donation of 6 large crepe myrtle trees. We will be using these as part of the upgrade of the front entrance garden near the COLA.

Don’t forget, we will be at the Health and Fitness Festival this Saturday at Lawson Park 10am-1pm. Come and say hello.
If you would like further info on school holiday working bees, help or plants you can offer for the Easter Markets or jobs around the gardens, please contact Kristie through the office or direct at cudgeeschoolgardenclub@gmail.com

CVPS Netball Team Nominations
If you are interested in playing for a CVPS Netball Team, come along and put your name down to be placed in a team.
When: Wednesday 11 March 2015
Where: CVPS COLA
Time: 3.30 – 4.15pm

ANZAC Service Nomination Form

Please return this form to the school by Friday March 13 2015

I would like to nominate my child ________________________ of class ________________________ to carry a poppy in the ANZAC service this year.
I understand there will be a rehearsal on Sunday March 29 at 10:00am and undertake to have my child attend the practice.
Absence Note

Child’s Name: _______________________________ Class: ____________________

Absence Dates: __________________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________

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