Our Vision

At Cudgegong Valley Public School we do our best by being responsible learners, who are safe and respectful.

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From the Principal

Feedback about the Parent Information Session and Welcome BBQ.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to those parents who participated in our survey regarding our Parent Information Session and Welcome Barbecue earlier this term. Feedback was extremely positive with over 97% of respondents stating that they found out what they needed to know at the sessions they attended. 75% of respondents said that having the event on one night was much better than having it across 4 nights and 25% said it made no difference. No parents said they didn't like it. 49% of parents who responded said that having two sessions met their family’s needs, 38% said that it was great to have it completed on one night and over 27% said that having the 2 sessions meant that they could come once they'd finished work. Most parents felt that this event was really good and didn't think we could make the event any better.

A number of parents suggested that having drinks for sale would have made the BBQ better. (Especially given it was such a hot night.) although a number of parents commented on how great it was to be in the classroom and for the presentations to be so personal, others felt that the presentation could be more personal, with more specific detail on how the class runs. Some parents commented on the fact that it became very challenging when they were running late and they felt the sessions could go a little shorter, about 30 minutes. Over 97% of the parents who responded said they would come again. Once again thank you for your extremely positive feedback and ideas, it is very much appreciated.

Western Swimming

I want to take this opportunity to wish all students competing in this week's Western Swimming Carnival all the very best. It's a huge achievement to make it to this carnival and I'm sure you will all put in 100% to each event you compete in. I'm looking forward to hearing about all of the PBs achieved when you return to school at the end of the week.

Being prepared for school

To give your child the best opportunity to start school each day, prepared and ready for learning, it's important that your mornings are organised. This could include establishing a morning routine where everybody in the family knows what job is theirs. When children arrive for school having had a good breakfast, on time and with everything they need for learning, they have a far greater chance of success. In recent weeks we have had more and more children arriving late to school and needing to sign in at the office for a late note. Not only does this put added pressure on our office staff but it also means that these students are not getting the best start to their learning day. School starts each day at 9:10am with teachers on duty from 8:45am each morning.

Working with Children Check

It is a New South Wales Government requirement that any adult who is either working or volunteering at school must have a Working With Children Check. For volunteers, this can include completing a 100 point process check that the ladies in the office can do. Over the past two weeks we have been checking our system to ensure that we are compliant with this requirement. Parental engagement and involvement in our classrooms is encouraged but I do ask that you ensure you have completed this process if you are volunteering at the school.

Say No to Bullying Day

The recently formed SRC has taken on the challenge of leading the school in our work against bullying. This team have been planning our launch for our anti-bullying strategy on Friday as part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Please see the SRC snippets section of the newsletter for information on what the students have planned. Friday will be a mufti day with students invited to wear blue.
Students of the Week
Cohen Bartrim, Pippa Howarth, Monique Nagy, Riley Wilson, Adonis Karavas, Zoey Mylan, Elise Dolanski, Liam Van Reason, Alora Barnett, Harry Steven, Maddison Domingo, Samuel Wojciechowski, Adam Battersby, Oliver Roe, Toby Gudgeon, Oliver Steven, Jessica Orren, Millie Tattersall, Georgia Gudgeon, Callum Wiseman.

Kinder, Years 1&2 - Presented 2:35pm Mon 18/3
Jaiden Berrell, Mikayla Hogan, Henry Kirkhope, Evelyn -Margaret Smith, Taylor Cade, Harmony Mills, Tahlia McGowan, Mikaela Morton, Mackenzie Morton, Lexie Woodhouse

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Gold / Red Gold / Green Gold Certificates
Gold Assembly - 12:00pm Tues 2nd April
Tyler Tomlinson, Charlie Johanson

SRC Snippets
Easter Raffle
The SRC are running an Easter raffle this year. We are asking each student to donate an Easter Egg for this raffle. These can be taken to the Front Office. Thanks to those children who have already donated an Easter Egg. If you have any baskets to donate that would be good too.
From Brianna, James, Lila and Logan (Easter Raffle Action Team)

WE TAKE A STAND TOGETHER – BULLYING NO WAY
On Friday 15th of March, say NO to Bullying Day will take place, with students taking part in learning about an anti-bullying world. Students are invited to dress up in blue mufti including; clothing and accessories (no expensive jewellery).
Our goal is to encourage students to have a kind and friendly attitude towards others, their teachers and learning. Throughout the day, our SRC and teachers will be watching closely for students to earn their Bullying No Way wrist band. Classes will be making posters and we will all say a pledge at a special assembly.
Thanks, Chloe and Maddy (Take Action Team)

Myuna Bay Excursion
Last week, Year 4 enjoyed three fun filled days at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. Accompanied by Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Channon and Mrs McNamara the students participated in a range of activities designed to encourage teamwork and co-operation. Students canoed in Myuna Bay and Lake Macquarie, went for a bush walk and cooked damper, climbed the high ropes, tried to hit the bullseye at archery and perhaps the most difficult activity was completing the challenge course in a team while attached by ropes and harnesses. Night-time activities included a range of games on Tuesday night and Wednesday night saw students in teams open a ‘shop’ and then encourage other students to spend tokens at their activity.
The students have to be commended on their behaviour and efforts during the excursion.
A special thank you to Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Channon and Mrs McNamara for their outstanding supervision of the students during the excursion.
Thanking you
Steve Armstrong

Parent Online Payments
Parent Online Payments can be made via the school website.

Notes sent home last week:
Stage 1 & K/1D Science Unit, Stage 3 Mid-Western Regional Council Visit, Year 2 Recorder Group.
Ahoy There!

Everything was shipshape on our Pirates and Princesses day. Kindergarten had an incredible adventure searching for Captain Blackbeard’s Treasure. They had to follow a series of clues to uncover the loot. They found clues in the library, on the play equipment, canteen, Hall and COLA. Each clue invited us to think about the types of expectations there are for each area. Our little Pirates and Princesses were so clever following the clues and remembering our PBL values. Secretly hidden in the Kindergarten Sandpit… was Blackbeard’s treasure!!! Kindergarten certainly enjoyed learning all about the letter ‘P’ finishing the day with a bag of perfectly popped popcorn, kindly made by Mrs Tina Barnes.

P&C News

School Fun Run – Friday 10th May
This year for our major fundraiser the P&C are joining forces with the school and a fundraising company called School Fun Run and together we are turning the school Cross Country into a huge Fun Run event!

The Cross Country event shall stay the same, with the children having to run the required cross country distance for their age. The first 6 children across the line progress on to zone level of Cross Country. However we are planning to make the run fun and colourful as well as raising a huge amount of money for our school. Children will be encouraged to dress up and help create a super fun event for everyone.

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Interschool Sports Update

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MPAS’ much awaited 2019 pantomime production of “Cinderella” opens March 29 at Mudgee’s iconic Town Hall Theatre!

Cheer the sweet heroine! Boo the Evil Baroness! Join in the wonderful songs! Gasp at the amazing magical effects!

Terrific panto fun for all ages!

Dates: 29th, 30th and 31st March, 5th, 6th and 7th April. Matinees available.

Cost: Adults $25, Conc $15 (High School student, senior), Child $10 (primary and preschool) Family $60 (2 adults and 2 primary aged children).

Tickets: Online at mpas.org.au, or drop in to our pop up box office every Saturday morning at Mudgee Library. Please book early – it’s assigned seating and our pantos usually sell out.

Info: 0458 017 527 or visit mpas.org.au!

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Insert for school Newsletter:

St Mary’s Catholic Church invites families of children who are eligible for the sacraments in 2019 to register at the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (YR 3 STUDENTS)
Date of Celebration 1st/2nd June 2019.
PLEASE REGISTER NOW. First Parent Information Session 4th April.

CONFIRMATION: (YR 6 STUDENTS) FIRST RECONCILIATION: (In YR 2 and older).
Date of Celebration 2ND/3RD August
Date of Celebration 18th/19th September
Yr 6 Students. First Parent Session 6th June.
Please contact the Parish Office 63722122 or email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au