A great sporting start to the year
Congratulations to all our competitors at our swimming carnival. Everyone displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination. Thank you to Ms McEwan for her organisation and to our P&C in providing snacks and a sausage sizzle. Tomorrow we have 25 students representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival to be held at Banora Point. They will be accompanied by Ms McEwan and Donna Needham. Best of luck to all competitors!

Our sports program is being supported this term by a four week structured Royal Life Saver Australia swimming program. The program includes coaching, water safety and water rescue. Transport for the program is being heavily subsidised by the school.

Cudgen Kids back for playgroup
Our first playgroup for the year was held today, organised by Michelle Miethke. It was lovely to see some new faces and welcome everyone else back. Please pass the word on about our playgroup - held every Tuesday 9-10.30am. There is no cost involved, it is very informal and it is a great opportunity to get to know some members of the community and become familiar with our school.

Support services at Cudgen PS
Our Occupational Therapist, Jenny Hoskings and our Speech Therapist, Jane McFie have begun to work with previous and new students again this year. If you are concerned about your child’s motor or speech development, referrals are available from the office or through your child’s teacher. While Jenny and Jane’s time available is limited, they have proved to be a very valuable resource to our school.

This term we welcome Ms Diane Butler to Cudgen PS as our school counsellor. Diane is very experienced having worked at several primary and high schools in our district. Diane will be available each Friday.

Congratulations to the SRC representatives
This week each class had the opportunity to elect a representative to the Student Representative Council, along with our school leaders. Mrs Stanley will be working with the SRC and their first activity will be to support Boardies Day on Friday 22nd February by holding a mufti day with gold coin donation. Proceeds will go directly to the Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club, as it is this club that supports the safety of our students at the local beach and through Nippers.

Our representative on the council are: Ranisha V, Jessica W, Sanden M, Juan E (school leaders), Mia T, Grace D, Blair S, Ella M, Kirra M, Sasha M and Taylor W.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday night, 20th February, at 6.30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome. These meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Value for the fortnight:
HELPFULNESS: helping staff, students and visitors, keeping our school tidy and volunteering willingly.

Sue Hardy
Principal

Text book levy and school contribution due now.
$70 per student
This year all classes have been working on improving their writing skills. Every morning they focus on one area of writing. This week they have been concentrating on complex sentences. Class 5/6C took some simple sentences and used their skills to rewrite them as complex sentences.

**The boy laughed.**

The boy, who had brown hair, laughed happily because he was watching a comedian.
The very young boy laughed because he dropped his ice-cream.
The young boy, who lived next door, laughed extremely loudly because he was watching a comedy show.
The boy, who had dark brown hair, laughed very loudly after his friend said a funny joke.
Aaron, the 11 year old boy, laughed excitedly in a high pitched voice after he got the present.
The boy, with the shaggy hair, laughed loudly at the funny dog.
The boy named Sam, who was wearing a green T-shirt, laughed at his neighbour when he fell down the stairs.
The little boy laughed so much at the very funny clown that he wet himself.

**We are having a holiday.**

My weird family are having a holiday in Fiji because they won the money for it in the lotto.
The Hourihan Family are having a holiday in Sydney because they won it in the school raffle.
The family of five boys and one girl are going on a holiday to Tasmania because they needed a week out of their house while the renovations took place.
Billy’s family are having a holiday at the Paradiso Resort.

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**Cudgen Swimming Carnival**

On Friday 8th February we had our school swimming carnival. It was great to see everyone swimming and being active. Lots of house points were awarded. Congratulations to our school champions. Senior boys—Jack D, Senior girls—Aimee P, 11 yr boys—Kirk M, 11 yr girls—Mia T, Junior boys—Byron S and Jett B, Junior girls Amber P. Also congratulations to all our district swimmers. After a big carnival full of lots of house points the places were—3rd Dolphins, 2nd Sharks and 1st Stingrays.

Thank you to the P&C for a lovely BBQ and a huge thank you to Mrs McEwan, also thank you to all teacher and parents for helping us out.

By Lilli H and Elle R.

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**Awards**

**Student of the Week**

- KJ: Ebony
- K/1S: Taylor W
- 1/2S: Joshue M
- 1/2P: Tyra M
- 3/4T: Kirra B
- 3/4PH: Sophie M
- 5/6m: Mia T
**P & C News**

Don’t forget our first P & C Meeting for 2013, is Wednesday night 20th February at 6.30pm in the staff room. The meetings are a great way to catch up and be a part of what is happening at your school. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see some new faces.

We would like to give notice that our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held next month on Wednesday, 20th March.

Hopefully everyone is aware of the Development Application for the Sub division of land behind the school for 44 lots and the use of Collier Street as an access road. Anyone is able to make a submission or objection about this planned development. You have until this Thursday.

The P & C Committee will be submitting a letter of objection to the development on the grounds that increased traffic and the poor state of Collier Street, lack of footpath and pedestrian crossings would be a major safety issue for our school community.


Thanks for your support
Cudgen Primary P & C Committee
cudgenpandc@hotmail.com

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**Uniform Shop**

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 8.30-9.00 am.

Please ensure you have the correct money when purchasing uniforms. Some 2nd hand uniforms are available. Thank you.

**UNIFORM PRICE LIST TERM 1 2013**

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**Kingscliff Hockey Club Sign on**

Sat 16th Feb 2.00-4.00pm
Sun 17th Feb 10.00am-2.00pm
Merv Edwards oval, Wommin Bay Rd, Kingscliff

Players for all grades required from 5 yrs to 16 yrs
Ph: Robert 0755999525, Terri 0266740920

**ART CLASSES**

Bring out the creativity in your child…
Painting, Drawing, Craft!
Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Arts n Craft for 5-9yr olds
Mondays 4.45-6pm Art Skills for 9-13yr olds
Thursdays 4.45-6.15pm Manga drawing for 12-17yr olds

Stunning air-conditioned commercial Art School in Kingscliff. $14 per class.
Call or text Gillian on 0411 317 606
www.kingscliffarts.com.au

**PCYC Activities**

Basketball comps, dance classes, after school care, martial arts, boxing & more
Ph: 07 5599 1714.

**Cudgen School Uniforms For Sale**

Size 14—5 pairs of shorts, 6 shirts, 2 hats—$50.00
Size 8—Cudgen jacket—$15.00
Phone: Philip 0412 625259

**Lost**

Size 10 new shorts at swimming carnival. Please return to school office if you find them.

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**Story Dogs Needed!**

Our school would love to have this local unique reading support program helping our kids to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the kids can’t wait to read to the dogs and the program works!
- Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
- Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Give Story Dogs an email or call so you can start helping children find the joy of reading.

Phone: Serena 0417 664 033
Email: info@storydogs.org.au
Web Site: www.storydogs.org.au

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**
FREE TENNIS LESSON! COME & TRY TENNIS!

Come and try 1 FREE TENNIS LESSON at the Kingscliff Tennis Club or Casuarina Rec Club! First lesson FREE + FREE T-SHIRT for new players joining the program. Lessons start from age 4 + Adult supervised pick up (walk to Kingscliff tennis courts) is available straight after school by arrangement! This is a fantastic option for those working parents!

Contact Head Coach Rhys McDougall on 0401873440 or email rhys@playtennis.com.au to enrol now! 10 x 1hr session passes $160 or $170 with a new jnr tennis racquet!

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!