From The Principal’s Desk
Welcome back!
I hope you’ve all had a relaxing last couple of weeks and managed to do some fantastic things as a family.
We’re into our final term of the year and (I know I’ve said this before …) it’s looking like a busy one. Fete’s, excursions, reports, presentations, class parties, tidying up, building works, kindy transition … it’ll all be happening.

School Fete
Everyone is buzzing at the school this week as we prepare for our annual (and quite famous) school fete. As the week goes on the activity will increase as deadlines approach and the job list grows.
The members of the P & C have put in many hours already to make sure Saturday will be another huge success. They will be looking forward to seeing the culmination of their efforts as the fete unfolds. I’m pretty sure they’ll be looking forward to Sunday as well!!

Excursions
Excursions fit into that ‘extra-curricular’ bracket of things that schools do. They are not compulsory. BUT ….. they are fantastic! Excursions give us and the students an opportunity to take many of the skills we’ve been honing over the year and put them into practice. This applies to both academic skills and to the hugely important personal skills, whether it be for an afternoon, a day or even a whole week.
In a couple of weeks our Early Stage 1/Stage 1 students are off for an exciting day at Tropical Fruit World. An informative and exciting day laying ahead of them.
Stage 2 are heading into the hinterland hills to Camp Goodenough for three days in week 6. They will enjoy learning about problem solving and cooperation as they tackle a series of activities designed to challenge them.
Stage 3 are off to Lake Ainsworth for a whole week in week 7. They will also experience a range of activities that challenge and develop their personal skill levels. Cooperation with people they’ve never met before will be an added experience.

I realise excursions cost money. I would hate for any child to miss out on these well-organised and highly important experiences due to financial concerns. The school has a little money available to help families out with the costs involved. If you need some assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Aboriginal Snapshot
Coming up on Tuesday (28th) and Wednesday (29th) in week 4 we will have a couple of other Principals – one local one not – visiting our school. They will be here conducting an Aboriginal Snapshot of our school. This will involve them talking to Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff, students and parents about all aspects of our school.
It will provide us with some very valuable insights into what we are doing well and also into what we could do better when it comes to Aboriginal Education.
Every member of our community that would like to be part of this process is more than welcome. The interviews are anonymous and confidential.
It is only with your help we can improve what we do at Cudgen School. Please contact the school if you’d like to be involved. Just give us a ring or fill out the short form below.

After School Care
It is looking very promising that we’ll be able to work out an arrangement with Carol from Little Grommets to start an after school care option running out of Cudgen School. Unfortunately Government requirements mean the official granting of the OK is still several forms (and most likely a couple of months) away.
Look forward to everything being in place to start next year.

Sports Report …
Rugby League
On the last day of last term our junior and senior rugby league teams travelled to Mulumbimby (thanks to those parents who helped out with Mr C, Mr Kilby and Tina) to compete in the annual Preston Campbell Cup. This interschool competition involves teams from much bigger schools.
As usual our kids had a great day out and were tremendous ambassadors for our school.

Our junior team battled all day against more experienced sides to have some wins and some losses and finish in the middle of the pack.
Our seniors put it all together in a great display of teamwork to defeat all comers and win the day.
Well done boys.
Milo, the NRL Development Officer, who organised the day will be in the school on Thursday (just before 2) to present the Cup. A good photo opportunity!

Value of the Week: Courtesy:
Doing the little things right. Using our pleases and thankyou’s, making sure everyone has a fair share, waiting patiently in lines, etc, etc.
Have a great week.
Mick Channells

P.S. Just when you thought footy was over and it was safe to go back into the lounge room …. The Four Nations kicks off in a couple of weeks and I see the Mighty Dragons have been picked to compete at the World Club Challenge early next year. Go team!
I’d best mention that inspirational win for the Bunnies for all you South’s supporters out there. Too big, too fast, too strong and – most importantly – too committed.

I would like to be part of the Aboriginal Snapshot at Cudgen School.
Name: ____________________________________________
I can be best contacted on: ___________________________
1S has been using descriptive language. Here are some of our funny poems.

Large awesome superheroes flying quickly
  Long black capes blowing quietly
  Big fast cars zooming fast
Shiny electric ropes dangling carefully
  Fast rocket boosters blasting loudly
  Jack. P

Big oval balls rolling quietly
  Spiking blue boots running quickly
  Large white goals standing silently
Excited energetic teams kicking firmly
  Super fast players running furiously
  Brody

Big old wolves spying silently
  Dark scary forests swaying softly
  Big tall mountains standing quietly
  Tall skinny trees creaking loudly
  Sharp old rocks poking sharply
  Zoe

Tiny black cats sitting lonely
  Shiny silver bowls waiting silently
  Cold white milk sparkling beautifully
  Neat purple collars holding tightly
  Sloppy smelly food smelling horribly
  Anarlia

LIBRARY BORROWING

Overdue notices are automatically generated from the Library system when a resource has not been returned after two weeks. This is a reminder not a request for payment at this stage and your child is still able to borrow. Sometimes the resource has been: placed back on the shelf without being recorded on the system, mixed in with other books in classrooms, returned to another library by mistake or misplaced at home or elsewhere e.g. on the bus or at Grandma’s house.

After a thorough search at home, if you believe your child has returned the book, please advise the teacher so that we can conduct another search throughout the school. Parents are not expected to reimburse for lost library books, the notices assist us all to continue looking. After the stocktake which accounts for every book in the school parents may then be asked to cover the loss of the resources especially the new books. If children unduly damage books these will also need to be replaced.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Caesar - Librarian

Reading Awards

| 1 S | 3rd  | Brody T |
|     | Silver | Seth M |
|     | Gold  | Zoe G, Seth M |
| Teacher’s Award 160 Nights | Josie P |
| Teacher’s Award 190 Nights | Liliana P |
| Principal’s Award 220 Nights | Tahlia E, Jack C |
| Principal’s Award 240 Nights | Jack C |

Annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser at Chinderah.
Saturday October 25th 3pm.
Afternoon tea, wine and bubbly included in $10 entry donation.
Lucky door raffle and great prizes.
Lots and lots of fun!
Please RSVP Jan Prichard on 0421 348330.
Thank you to all the wonderful Cudgen families who are working so hard to make our fete happen! It is a huge effort to organise such an event and we are very lucky to have such a supportive school community. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fete this Saturday to help make it a success. We still would love a few more people to help out, so please let us know if you can spare some time on the day. If you have volunteered already but have any questions, please let us know.

The stall convenors have been working really hard but they need your donations in now so they can get organised! We are extremely short on filled bottles for the Bottle Stall, so donations would be appreciated! We have jars but need fun stuff to put in them, so please support this great stall.

Please remember to sell your raffle tickets, there are great prizes to be won, including a fantastic voucher for the ticket sellers draw. We need to cover our costs on this raffle so please help us out.

Cent Auction baskets will be packed on Thursday afternoon from 1pm, help would be greatly appreciated!

As this will be a crazy week we have cancelled the monthly P&C Meeting for October, with plans for a celebratory post Fete November meeting, more details soon.

If you have any queries the P&C can be contacted at cudgenpandc@hotmail.com or leave a message at the office and someone will get back to you.

Please support our Fete so we can continue to help make the school the best it can be!