Term 3  Week 4    5th August 2014

From The Principal’s Desk

Week 4 already! Where does the time go?

This week Tina Palmer returns from her travels around the place. It’s good to have her back and we look forward to hearing her tales of adventure. I’d like to thank Stephanie Banks who filled in for Tina and did a fantastic job.

Education Week

It was great to see so many parents turn up last week to our Education Week assembly and stay for lunch with the students afterwards.

I’m sure they enjoyed the Kindy dance (they did look cute) and listening to the skills of our talented recorder players. Lots of them took the time to join their children in their classrooms to catch up a bit on what goes on at school. One class, 2T, were even lucky enough to get a surprise visit from Koala Lou to help with all the work they’ve been doing around this Mem Fox classic.

Earlier in the week we had more parents watching as their children raised the bar on their spelling skills via our spelling bee finals. The words were tricky and it took great skill from our winners in each stage group.

Congratulations go to everyone who had a go with a special pat on the back to:
Nina and Zane from Stage 1;
Tom and Sasha - Stage 2; and
Mia & Jadzia – Stage 3

Later in the year the students from Stage 2 & 3 will represent our school at Regional finals in an attempt to make it all the way to the state final. I’m sure they’ll be busy studying the word lists in the meantime.

Good luck spellers.

After School Care

I have been approached by several parents about the possibility of running an after school facility for our students.

After speaking with members of the P & C we have established a group to investigate the possibilities. The first thing we need to do is establish the need for such a service – hence the survey on the next page. If you are interested in having an after school care service available at the school please fill out the form on the next page and return it ASAP.

If there is enough interest from our community we will seek expressions of interest from accredited providers both local and state-based. Every Principals’ Conference I attend has at least one organisation advertising their expertise in this area so we’ll have no trouble assembling a quality field to choose from.

Dream Big

On Wednesday our Stage 3 students have the opportunity to attend a careers market at Bogangar Public School. Students (and their families) will learn about career and education pathways for the future as TAFE, University, NORTec and a variety of local businesses present information sessions and hands on try-a-trade activities.

A great opportunity for our students to start to test the waters about what to do later in life.

Enrolments for 2015 …

…. are well and truly open. If you have a child you need to be enrolling for 2015 now is a good time to pop in and put his/her name down. We are planning our Kindy Orientation at the moment and it would be good to know just what sort of numbers we can expect next year.

Sports Report …

Athletics

Last week was a big one for athletics. We had students competing against the best athletes from the Tweed District.

It’s a terrific achievement to be one of the best athletes at your school but it is always a good thing to test yourself against the next level, to strive to do your best and if that’s good enough – to be the best of the best.

Our athletes that competed did so with much effort. Everyone that had a go is to be commended.

From these two days we have a small but talented group heading off to the Far North Coast Zone carnival on Friday next week (15th August).

Liam (shot put), Joanne (100m), Isaac & Ella (800m), Jeremy (discus) & Madeline (AWD) will all be doing their best to progress even further.

Touch Footy

Our boys and girls teams travelled to South Tweed on last Monday to compete in the Tweed Valley Gala Day. Both teams improved greatly during the day but fell short of progressing further in the competition.

Value of the Week: Sportsmanship:

We’ll be emphasising playing fair, including others in games and activities, recognising and valuing achievement – not necessarily winning, and generally having a go at anything and everything.

Have a great week.

Mick Channells

P.S. Those Dragons! We win one we loose one. The finals still beckon. Go boys!

Claim the Date

August
6  Careers Expo Stg 3 Bogangar
8  Men’s Night
12  ICAS Maths Competition
13  Public Speaking Finals 9am
14  Assembly
15  FNC Athletics
Dance
18  Oztag Clinic
21  Book Fair and Character Parade
22  Book Fair

Athletics Age Champions
The Forbidden Forest

The forest was black and silent. The leaves crunched beneath our feet. There were splashes of unicorn blood all around us. "Now we're going to split up into two groups," said Hagrid. "So it'll be Harry, Hermione and me and Neville, Draco and Fang." A few minutes later we reached a fork in the path. Harry, Hermione and Hagrid took the left and Neville, Draco and Fang took the right. A few minutes later Hermione said, "Hagrid look! Red sparks! The others are in trouble!" She pointed skywards.

"You two stay here," said Hagrid, and he ran off crashing through the undergrowth.

Harry and Hermione were left on the forest path hoping against hope that Neville wasn't harmed in any way. Suddenly a loud crunching announced Hagrid's return. He was fuming. It seemed that Malfoy had snuck up behind Neville and grabbed him for a joke. Neville had panicked and sent up red sparks.

"We'll be lucky to find anything with the racket you two are making," growled Hagrid. "Right, we're changing groups. Neville, you can come with me and Hermione. Harry you can go with Fang and this idiot." So they took opposite paths. Harry thought the blood was getting thicker.

Then he saw something gleaming white. It was the unicorn all right, and it was dead. Suddenly they heard something slithering across the dead dry leaves. It reached the unicorn and lowered its hood to the wound in its side. "Did you hear that?" I said to Hermione. But she wasn't there. I turned around and there standing before me was a hooded figure drinking the unicorn blood with Hermione standing beside him. Suddenly hundreds of thoughts entered my head, like is that Voldemort? Or is it Snape? I stood frozen on the spot. Hermione grabbed my arm. "LETS GO!" she screamed.

"Ok," shivered Hagrid, looking slightly scared.

"Nothing," I mumbled. I wanted to keep that to myself. Suddenly I heard that strange noise again.

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As we left I thought to myself, I'm glad that's over. As we walked back through the thick grass I heard unusual noises I don't usually hear, like the wind and the leaves crunching on the ground. When we got back we drank warm hot chocolate and went to my cosy bed and we never went back again.

By Zara E
P & C News

Student Injury Insurance
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Student Injury Insurance so far. Please return your notes and money as soon as possible. This insurance is fantastic as it covers our students for injuries when at school and also most injuries when out of school. If at any time you need to make a claim, contact the office or the P & C for details.

Book Fair Parade
The P & C will be selling morning tea for Parents at the Book Fair Parade on Thursday 21st August. Helpers on the day and donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated!

Fete
Fete plans are well underway and hopefully we will have another Fete meeting soon. The rides have been booked. Anyone interested in having a look can check it out on the Cudgen P & C Facebook page! We are still very short on volunteers, so please let us know if you can help even for a few hours.

We are getting together some great prizes for our Mega Fete raffle, if you can help at all with ideas or prizes it would be appreciated.

Don’t forget to start thinking of ideas for what you can do for the craft stall, or getting plants potted for the plant stall.

Pickles, jams and other preserves are greatly appreciated for the cake stall and filling jars or containers for the Bottle Stall is a great way to contribute to the fete. We will let you know when to start sending donations in!

The Bottle Stall is a very popular stall, especially with the kids! Glass Bottles (Dolmio Pasta sauce size) are filled with fun things such as pencils and rubbers, small toys, wrapped lollies, hair clips and ties ... anything fun. Nothing second hand or food not in a packet or wrapper please! All unwrapped food will have to be discarded. Remember this is a fun stall for the kids so remember to use something they would like to win! You could also use snap lock bags or small plastic take away containers as well to put prizes in. In using bottles PLEASE ensure they have the labels removed (eucalyptus oil helps) and are well washed and aired so they don’t smell!!!

If you need inspiration here are some examples, some more are also in the school foyer for you to look at!

Next P & C Meeting is Wednesday the 20th August.

Thanks for your support, follow us on the Facebook page or contact the P & C at cudgenpandc@hotmail.com. Cudgen Primary P & C Committee

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesday Mornings

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Canteen Roster

Friday 8/8          Kate Singh/Mandy Berryman
Monday 11/8         Elisa Prichard/Rachel Way
Friday 15/8         Christine Campbell/Liz McKnight/ Jacqui McCoy
Monday 18/8         Trish MacFarlane/ Liz McKnight/ Jacqui McCoy

Think about carrots for Crunch & Sip/ Fruit Break:

Carrots are
- rich in Vitamin A, potassium and fibre,
- they don’t bruise,
- kids love their crunchy texture and sweet flavour,
- something different!

Book Fair and Character Parade

Thursday 21st August at 11.15am

Book Fair
Friday 22nd August

Survey re After School Care

Name ____________________________

I would use after school care facilities at Cudgen Public School if they were available. YES / NO
I would likely use such a service for ________ days per week.
I would have ________ children accessing the service.

Please return to the front office ASAP