From The Principal’s Desk

**Book Week**
This week sees us celebrating all that is good about reading. Book week is an ideal time for highlighting just what makes a good book. Scintillating starts, the gradual build-up of drama and tension before a final (hopefully but not always happy) resolution.

There’s nothing like a good book. You can lose yourself in the telling of the tale. You don’t rely on a screen to give you the pictures you have to create them yourself in your own mind. This develops all sorts of things in especially young readers.

By using their imagination they develop all-important connections in their brains. Connections that are so essential for developing reasoning skills, problem solving and creativity abilities and other higher order skills.

To help celebrate we will be holding our annual Book Character parade on Thursday. You are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Stay a while and have a browse through our Book Fair in the library. You are likely to find some little gem or other that will perfectly suit someone you care for. (The students have already had a look and may have left the name of their favourite with Mrs Caesar.)

The Book fair will also run on Friday.

**Public Speaking**
Following hard on the heels of some great performances from our spellers in the spelling bee last week we were treated to some fantastic young orators as we held the public speaking finals for our school.

After much honing and practising both at home and at school we were treated to a series of clear, confidently delivered talks about a wide range of topics.

In what was a tightly contested event our judges had a very difficult job coming up with three winners.

Congratulations to Oscar, Kirra and Mia who will now go on to represent us at the district finals coming up later in the year.

**After School Care**
We have received a number of replies to our After School care Survey. It seems like the community would support such an initiative.

We have included the survey again this week to give you one more chance to let us know your thoughts.

I will be at the North Coast Principal’s Conference in Coffs Harbour later this week. The conference is sponsored by many businesses some of which are after school care providers. I will be talking to them to garner their keenness to run an operation out of the school. Discussions will also include before school and vacation care.

**Sports Report … Athletics**
Our team representing us at the Zone Carnival in Byron Bay last week brought home a swag of 4ths and 5ths. They certainly gave their all and we should be justly proud of them.

There’s always next year – that’s one of the great things about sport.

**OzTag**
All of our students had the opportunity earlier this week to have a go at OzTag. As a new sport for many of them they all seemed to have a lot of fun. As a sport that develops coordination, team work and stamina it certainly ticks some boxes.

John who ran the day for us has sent home brochures with details about a local competition that your child may wish to be involved in.

**Enrolments for 2015**
2015 is shaping as a bumper year for our next group of Kindys. To help the new families acquaint themselves with our wonderful school we will be holding an orientation and information for parents on Wednesday 10th September.

This will be followed by a series of 4 Friday mornings throughout November for our newest students to come and get the feel of Cudgen Public School.

I look forward to meeting many new faces.

Have a great week
Mick Channells

P.S. Same, same, same. Those Red and Whites suffer an ordinary defeat against the Panthers before putting in a much better performance against the Raiders – who they beat for the first time in 14 years!

Still – hope springs eternal
3PH have started a Class Blog that students can access at home and at school through the Department portal. It will include samples of work, photos of students and class updates. Students will be able to post onto the blog. The information on our blog is protected and can only be viewed by students and staff at Cudgen Primary School.

We have been working on improving the quality of our sentences by using a range of strategies. The sentence we started with was ‘The bird was in the tree’.

The bird, with his wings spread out, was ready in the tree. Olivia
The bird in the tree was as white as snow. Lincoln
The frightened bird was in the big, green tree. Sam
The biting bird was in the twisted tree. Lily
As the sun shone down, the bird was in the tree. Maverick
The blue, big, bouncy bird was in the tree. Jett

My Crazy Dream
Before I went to bed I made a wish. When I went to bed I had the most amazing dream. I went to a strange land that had a long and windy pathway. I decided to follow it. I got blown side to side.

Late on that day half of the land was black and the other half was blue. I found a giant spider and it was hairy as ‘Wolfman’ at ‘Ripley’s Believe it or Not’. Luckily I found a new friend. He said “You can wish for anything.” “What is your name?” I said. “My name is Macoop” he replied. I quickly wished up a diamond pick axe from Mincecraft. I defeated the hairy monster.

At Macoop’s tribe they had spears and everything that you could think of. We went to the movie room, and they had a magic rock wall that turned into a massive movie screen. The movie room was underground.

Very late in the day we went for a walk through the enormous tropical jungle. It had cocoa beans and watermelon. One of the cocoa beans fell on my bed. It cracked open and we ate it. Macoop said ”Cocoa beans are chocolate”. “I know” I groaned. “Do you think I’m dumb?” I said. I wished to go home. I got home without mum noticing.

By Callum

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**Book Fair and Character Parade**
Thursday 21st August at 11.15am

**Book Fair**
Friday 22nd August

**Star Awards**
- **Emerald**: Cooper R, Jai G, Penny P
- **Sapphire**: Leila J, Jessy T, Ella M

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**Assembly Awards**

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**Reading Awards**

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P & C News

Next P & C meeting is on this Wednesday 20th August, it would be great to see some new faces. Please feel welcome to come, just bring your drinks and nibbles! Join us in the staff room at 6.30pm.

Fete Meeting
Thanks to the enthusiastic people who were able to make it to the Fete meeting yesterday. Plans are well underway. Wristbands for rides will be on sale soon and Raffle tickets will be out in the next couple of weeks! We have some fantastic prizes! We are still short on helpers and are desperate for someone to do the Plant Stall, face paint, jumping castle, fairy floss machine and to help out other stalls. If you can help please let us know. Even if you can spare an hour or 2 it will give someone a break or help when it is busy!! Just contact us via Facebook, email or leave a message at the office.

Expect a Fete note out soon! It is week 6 already and we really need everything ready to go by the end of term! We really need your support, as this is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our school and we can do great things for our school with the money raised!

Student Injury Insurance
Contributions towards the Student Injury Insurance are due in now. It is only $5 per student and can be used for medical and dental expenses for children even when they are injured when not at school. Parents at our school have used this insurance in the past and it has been really helpful!

Book Fair Parade Morning Tea
The P & C Committee will be selling morning tea at the parade. Helpers on the day and donations of baked goodies would be appreciated.

Father's Day Stall
The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 5th September. Every child can purchase a gift from the stall and have it gift wrapped for $4. Donations of new items for the stall are greatly appreciated. Something fun that kids will enjoy giving is great! Helpers on the day are also very welcome. We will start setting up first thing in the morning and start selling after morning assembly.

Thanks for your support!
Please follow us on Facebook, put in a friend request for Cudgen P & C Association, you can email us at or just leave a message at the office to go in our mailbox.

BOOK FAIR PARADE MORNING TEA
We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair Parade this Thursday! The P & C Committee will be serving Morning tea for parents at the Book Fair Parade. Coffee, Tea, cakes and slices will be available! Come and join in the fun!

Canteen Roster

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Gold Coast & Northern Rivers NSW
Entertainment $55.00 per book

The new 2014/2015 Gold Coast and Northern NSW Entertainment Memberships are available now and packed with thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. This year you have the choice between the Entertainment Book Membership and the new Entertainment Digital Membership. To purchase your book you may come into the School Admin or go online to: http://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/144308y

Water

About two thirds of our body is water
- It carries food around our body
- It carries away waste
- It keeps our temperature steady
Drink plenty of clean, plain water: it is THE thirst quencher!

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.
Kirra SLSC Nippers 2014/15 Sign On
Free Rashie for all members!
Sunday 24th August & 14th September at Oasis Pool, Club Banora. 9am -11am
Open Day Kirra SLSC  Saturday 31st August, 9.00am-12.00
Nippers season start Kirra SLSC Sunday 21st September, 2014 8:45 am – 11am
Further information at www.kirrasurfclub.com.au