From The Principal’s Desk

**Planning for the Future**

Things are terrific at Cudgen Public School. From when you first walk into the school and: notice the well-cared for gardens; report in at the office where you are politely greeted and treated with respect; wander into the playground and see neatly presented children playing cooperatively with each other; and walk past classrooms where kids are obviously engaged in positive learning activities.

You can’t help but be impressed.

Still …

There is always room for improvement, things we can tweak to help the school be even better by achieving better outcomes for our students.

We have begun our planning phase for future directions. As a staff we are all putting forward ideas on areas where we do things really well and areas where we think we can do things better. Some marvellous ideas are surfacing and the years ahead are looking very exciting.

As professional educators we believe we can construct the best possible learning environment for each and every child at this school.

As our parent body you know your kids better than anyone. You should have a say in the things we do.

If you have a pet wish or even a pet hate, if you believe we could do some things better please drop me a line, give me a call at school, drop in, or send an email outlining your ideas.

Mick.channells@det.nsw.edu.au

If you’d like to come to the next P & C I will be outlining where we’re up to with this process and asking for parental input. A good opportunity to come along and have your say – or you can wait for the inevitable survey.

**Welfare Policy**

As part of this planning process we are looking closely at our welfare programs and even more closely at our welfare policy.

At Cudgen School we have three basic rules:

- Cudgen kids are respectful.
- Cudgen kids are safe
- Cudgen kids are active learners.

These were developed by the school community a while ago and will not change.

Around these rules we have a series of processes that look at:

- Recognising and rewarding student Achievement,
- Managing inappropriate behaviours,
- Bullying, and
- Specific strategies (SRC, Buddies, etc)

It is these processes we will be tinkering with.

Once again, if you have any constructive thoughts around these issues please contact me.

An updated draft of this policy will be sent out to you all for comment before final adaptation next term.

**Kindy Orientation**

It’s always an exciting time of the year when a school starts its kindy orientation program. Mrs Joulian and I have had a quick tour of the local preschools to catch up with some of our newbies. We got to have a chat with their current teachers to make sure we have everything in place to ensure a smooth transition. We are really looking forward to next week's meeting with all our new parents and some familiar faces enrolling their next child in this fabulous school. next week.

In what is shaping as a bumper year we look forward to meeting over 30 new students when the next phase of our KO program kicks into gear in term 4.

**Student Teachers**

Seen a few new faces around lately? We have 5 young people studying to be teachers currently enjoying time at our school. They are working with our gifted and dedicated staff as they hone their skills as developing teachers.

These young people bring an eagerness to the task that is great to see. Ours is a profession where whilst you can never know too much you acquire the skills by working with the experts and then having a go yourself. We owe it to future generations to make sure quality teachers are available to work in our public schools so we’ll keep doing our bit.

**Sports Report …**

All quiet on the sport front this week.

Have a great week.

Mick Channells

P.S. Hope for the red and whites has dimmed for another season. I will still cheer loudly against Newcastle this week then turn my attention to the Bunnies (my Dad’s favourite team) for the semis.

**Term 3 Week 8 2nd September 2014**

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**October**

| 6                | Public holiday                             |
| 7                | School resumes for students and staff      |

All the more reason to make sure we have a really good plan for moving into the future.

**Sorry, no K-2 Concert this term.**
From the Classroom 2T

**2T Workers in Our Community**

They have looked at roles and responsibilities of Community Workers and also been researching When I Grow Up I Want to ………….as you can see we have some great future Community Workers amongst us.

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**Pancakes!**

Next week on Thursday 11th September the SRC will be selling pancakes. They will cost $2 and students will have a choice of strawberries, banana, maple syrup or all of these. A gluten free pancake will also be available.

K–2 will be able to purchase these at recess. 3–6 can purchase at lunch time.

Anyone wanting extras can also buy at lunchtime.

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**Reading Awards**

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**Teachers Award**

160 1S Liliana

**Teachers Award**

180 1S Tahlia E, Amity L, Oska M

**Principals Award**

200 Jack C

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**Star Awards**


**Ruby**—Seth S, Sam B


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**Assembly Awards**

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**P & C News**

**Father’s Day Stall**
Don’t forget the Father’s Day Stall is this Friday the 5th September.
We would really appreciate if you can have your donations for the stall in ASAP so we can ensure we have enough for each child! Every child is welcome to purchase a gift from the stall for $4.00.
We would love your help, if you are free on Friday morning to assist the children in buying their gifts and wrapping them. We will be setting up in front of the hall first thing in the morning!

**Fete**
Hopefully everyone has the latest Fete note that was sent home last week. It has information of stall and events and lets you know how you can support this fantastic event at our school! Attached was the list of volunteers! There are still a few gaps and if you can spare an hour or two on the day it would really help us out!
There was also an order form for rides. To have a look at the rides, check them out on our Facebook page. It is really great value to buy a wristband for unlimited rides on the day. There will be lots to do for every age group! Wristbands are $25 each, $60 for 3 and $10 for each additional wristband per family.
Look out for Cent Auction baskets in your classroom today! Please have your items in by September 17th!

**CATEGORIES**

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More information about this and all our stalls are in the yellow Fete Newsletter.

**Student Injury Insurance**
Don’t forget your Students Injury Insurance contributions!

If your note has gone missing all the information is on the Cudgen Primary School Website.

Thanks for your support! Don’t forget your can contact us at cudgenpandc@hotmail.com

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**Community Information**

**Twin Towns & District Garden Club 2014 Flower and Garden Expo**—Saturday 6th September, Tweed Heads Civic Centre 8.30-2.30pm, entry $3

**Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club**—Nippers Sign on Sunday 7th and 14th September—9am-12pm at Kingscliff Pool. Season starts 5th October. For further details visit our website www.cudgensisc.org.au

**Tweed Valley Relay for Life (March 7&8, 2015)**
Call for volunteer committee members—General Meeting Wednesday 17th September at Cudgen Headland Surf Club at 6pm. For further information call 0438 742637 or 07 55992175

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**Canteen Roster**

Friday 5/9  Tracey McCarthy, Katie Grainger
Monday 8/9  Rachel Way, Natasha Wolff
Friday 12/9 Kate Singh, Trish MacFarlane
Monday 15/9 Shanelle Windley, and Partner
Friday 19/9 Linda Moy, Jan Pritchard

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**Uniform Shop**

Open Wednesday Mornings
Polo Shirts $35  Shorts $30  Skirts $40
Jacket $35  Track Pants $25  Hat $15  Socks $6

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**Book Fair 2014**

Congratulations Cudgen for another successful Book Fair. The varieties of costumes were terrific and it is great to see so many children and teachers participating. Congratulations to the winners of the parade and colouring competition.

With commission from sales, your school library will receive books to the value of $850. Thank you for your generous support and to those students who helped to choose these resources.

Many thanks go to all of those who helped with setting up, the music, photography, selling and packing up afterwards, both in the Library and the hall and the children who ran the parade.

Job well done everyone!!!  Mrs Caesar