Dear Parents/Guardians

Term 1 is just about done and dusted and hopefully everyone has some exciting R and R planned for the next two weeks. Just be careful how much chocolate you eat!

Treat Day
It’s great that over 95% of our students have qualified for this term’s treat day. This shows just how good our kids are on the whole.

We are aware that there has been some wild dogs causing concerns along the Casuarina Beach area. We are in contact with council re the safety of walking a group of kids in this area. Rest assured we will not be taking your children into any area where we think there will be danger. We have an alternate venue at Kingscliff Beach which we can easily switch to.

Child Protection
Our staff have just completed a refresher course around child protection. Given that up to one third of children will suffer some form of abuse whilst growing up this is a serious matter. One procedure we have been a bit slack on has been visitor entry to school. Every visitor to our school – parent or other – should always go through the office and sign the visitors book. This doesn’t apply to dropping your child off or picking him/her up at the normal bell times but does for all other visits. We’d appreciate your help in following this DEC procedure.

Parental Involvement for Term 2
For next term we have once again plenty of things planned – including getting a calendar published for you very early in the piece.

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1. **Boys and Education**
   At Cudgen School we have over 55% of our student enrolment made up of boys. These boys account for over 95% of our Behaviour Referrals (pink slips).
   To help us work at this we have invited Greg Griffiths, an expert in Boys issues, to work with our staff on the Staff Development Day next term.
   Greg has offered to run a Parent Information Session once he has finished with us. If this is something you are interested in please fill out the form on the next page of this newsletter. If there’s enough interest we’ll organise a baby sitter.

2. **Student Wellbeing**
   Following closely on from the Boys Ed there is also an identified need for us to look more closely at our school’s current policies around Student Wellbeing. To do this we will be forming a working group to review what we are currently doing with a view to seeing what we could do better. If you have a particular interest in this area and would like to be part of a school team redrafting what we do in this area please fill out the note overleaf.

3. **Aboriginal Education**
   Our other big area for review is what we currently do around Aboriginal Education. We had a snapshot taken last year which led to a host of recommendations. We need to get cracking on some of these. Once again we have a school working party that needs a parent or three to join us as we sift through these recommendations and set some directions for the next 2 or 3 years. Once again – see the note later in this newsletter.

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**Claim the Date**

| April 2 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| April 20 | Staff Development Day |
| April 21 | First Day for Students |

**School Sport**
Our boys’ softball team travelled to Brunswick Heads for their first rounds of the state knockout. They lost their first game against Mullumbimby and then had a draw in their second game against Brunswick Heads. They all played up to the best of their abilities and displayed fine sportsmanship.

Great to see an ex-student – James Julius – take 5 wickets in helping Cudgen A Grade team win the local cricket competition. Well done James. Those early games in the centre of the Rec Ground must have helped.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we’ll see you all back here on Tuesday 21st of April.

Mick Channells

P.S. The Mighty Dragons have had a pretty good time of it over the last two weeks. Two wins based on determination and resilience. Makes my red and white blood pump a little stronger!
I would like to attend the Greg Griffiths workshop for parents on Boys’ Education.

Date:  Tuesday 21st April
Venue:  School Library
Time:  7:00

I would/would not like to use the school-supplied baby sitter.

Name: ___________________________  Contact Number: ___________________________

I would like to be considered to work as a parent representative on the School Wellbeing review.

Name: ___________________________  Contact Number: ___________________________

I would like to be considered to work as a parent representative on the Aboriginal Education committee.

Name: ___________________________  Contact Number: ___________________________
P & C News

Our AGM was held on 18th March 2015 and we would like to thank the following people for taking on positions in the Cudgen Primary P & C Committee.

President  Liz McKnight
Vice President Sharyn Logan
Vice President Sandy Bridge
Treasurer Katrina Newell
Secretary Selena Evison
Canteen Sharyn Logan
Canteen Treasurer Mandy Berryman
Uniform Convenor Clair Maiden
Uniform Treasurer Christie Campbell

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our next P & C Meeting will be held on the 20th May.

Easter Raffle
Thank you to everyone for their fantastic support of our Easter Raffle. We would like to sincerely thank the businesses below for our generous donations. We appreciated the donations of Easter goodies for our hampers also. Thank you!
The lucky winners were;
1. One nights accom for 2 adults at Mantra at Salt Donated by Mantra Salt Village—K Donaldson.
2. Two nights accom at Islander Resort for 2 adults and 2 children-Donated by Advanced Signworks—Sandra
3. One Kick Push Skateboard valued at $150 donated by Kick Push—S Kennedy
4. Portable BBQ donated by JH Williams—V Kirk
5. Pass for 2 people for Stand Up Paddle board from Water sports Guru—S Harding
6. Breakfast at Hard Rock Café Surfers Paradise Voucher valued at $50—S Smurthwaite
7. Ice Skating Voucher—C Tough
8. Abode Homeware Voucher Valued at $40—T MacFarlane
9. Abode Homeware Voucher Valued at $40—T Prichard
10. Kellies Beauty Voucher worth $40—L Holt
11. Consultation voucher at Balance Osteopathy valued at $100—L Davies

Easter Hampers winners—B Markwell, J Berryman, L Paddon, A Quirke, L Grant.

Mother’s Day Stall
We will be holding our Mother’s Day Stall next term, on Friday 8th May in the morning. Each child is welcome to buy a gift. Helpers will be very welcome and donations appreciated. More about this next Term.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Safe Easter! Thank you for your support this term.

Cudgen Primary School P & C Committee

Canteen Roster
Thank you to all the hard working canteen volunteers for Term 1. If you are available any Monday or Friday next term please contact Mandy on 0429 000748. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop
Open Wednesday Mornings 8.45am-9.00am
Polo Shirts $35  Shorts $30  Socks $6  Track Pants $25
Skirts $40  Jacket $35  Hat $15
Order forms can be filled out any time at the office and will be completed on Wednesday mornings.