Swimming Carnival
I would like to begin by acknowledging the efforts of all children who attended our recent swimming carnival. I was particularly impressed with the level of participation by the children. Not all competitors were able to finish their events however it was pleasing to see these students ‘having a go’. Congratulations to the Sharks as the winning house and to Riley Friend, Mia Taylor, Isaac Liebetanz, Ella McKnight, Jett Berryman and Amber Pffefer as the individual age champions. A big thank you to Mrs McEwan for conducting a well-organised carnival. Our school team will now go on to the district carnival at Banora Point tomorrow. Mrs McEwan and Tina will accompany the students to this carnival. Successful swimmers at the district carnival will then participate in the Far North Coast Carnival in Ballina on Tuesday 25th February. I wish our swimmers the best of luck at the next level of competition.

Recorder Ensemble
Ms Turrell travelled to Sydney recently to participate in professional learning to support this year’s recorder ensemble. She will be working with students in years 3 – 6 in preparation for their attendance at the Sydney Opera House where they will perform with many students from around the state. We look forward to hearing the recorder ensemble throughout the year.

Principal’s Position
The panel convening the placement of our new school principal met yesterday to write the advertisement for the position. This advertisement should be placed in the near future. On closure of the advertisement the panel will meet again to select appropriate applicants to interview. The successful candidate should be announced before the end of term.

First Assembly
Congratulations to our school captains for conducting their first school assembly last Thursday. I was impressed with their communication skills and ability to organise a well-structured event. I look forward to working with the captains throughout the year.

Japanese Program
Our Japanese program will begin again in week 5. The program will cater for all students in years 3 – 6. Ms Knowles, from Kingscliff High School, will conduct lessons every Wednesday.

Scripture
Scripture lessons will begin again this week. Once again we will be offering lessons for Catholic and combined denominations. These lessons will be every Tuesday for 30 minutes with K- 2 starting at 11.15am and 3 – 6 at 11.45am.

Men’s Night
I would like to extend an invitation to all the fathers, grandfathers and stepfathers in our school community to our upcoming Men’s Night. The event will be held on Friday 7th March in the school hall. The footy will be on the big screen with the Bulldogs v Broncos game. The cost is $25 per head with food and refreshments available during the night. Those attending will need to leave their details with the office by Friday 28th February.

Thank you very much to the Cudgen students, staff and families for the delightful gifts and especially the thoughtful words and best wishes they so generously gave me on my retirement. It was a pleasure to be able to reflect with so many of you on the journey we have been on with your children. I wish you all health and happiness and look forward to meeting again in the near future.

Sue Hardy
Fear In The Forest

Rain poured down onto the ground
Coming from the clouds is a ferocious sound
Thunder and pouring rain is all you can hear
This for all forest creatures is the moment of fear
The wind is howling like never before
Insects frantically running for shelter on the forest floor
Trees begin to crash and fall
Water flies everywhere from the waterfalls
Thunder begins to rumble
Rocks begin to crumble
Growing and growing is the fear
A profusion of leaves blow around in the breeze
There is a constant whisper in the trees
The luxuriant dense grass
Blows around the Sassafras
You’ll never forget this terrible time of the year
When the forest was filled with nothing but fear

By Jadzia Wolff

Terror in the Trees

One early morning there was a cloudy mist
Almost like a foggy twist
As I get closer
The luxuriant dirt smells even grouser
Spooky shadows are growing
All the trees are blowing
A nice cool breeze
A terror in the trees

A dark storm is near
This is one of my greatest fears
I think the danger must be growing
Strong North wind starts blowing
All the pollen makes me sneeze
Terror in the trees

Everything is quiet for a while
This actually makes me smile
Glancing like a hawk will make you freeze
In the end it is only a terror in the trees

By Emma

The Rainforest

Little millipedes hurrying across the rainforest floor
Dung beetles, carab beetles, termites and more
All the different animals on the floor and in the sky
Birds and more like to fly
All the trees are standing tall
But in the storm some trees fall
All birds lay eggs in nests but animals eat them but that’s the life cycle of an animal
Lots of the animals in the rainforest are mammals
I love all the beautiful waterfalls
I love the beautiful flowers they are all colourful
My favourite part of the rainforest is the beautiful trees
Some leaves are small and some are big but they are all leaves

By Ebony K
P&C News

Don’t forget our P & C Committee Meeting, this Wednesday night 19th February at 6.30pm. It will be a relaxed meeting in the staff room. Feel welcome to come along!

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be next month on Wednesday 19th March. All positions will be up for election. Please feel welcome to come along, even if you do not wish to take on a role as we really need more members to continue operating!

The Men’s Night is happening again on 7th March. It is a great night for all the men to get together, as they don’t always get the opportunity to meet the other Dad’s in the school. New faces would be very welcome! Hopefully details on a girls night out soon!

Thanks for everyone’s support at the swimming carnival!

Regards
Cudgen Primary P & C Committee

Uniform Shop
OPEN EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
8.30-9.00 am.
Please ensure you have the correct money when purchasing uniforms. Some 2nd hand uniforms are available. Thank you.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST TERM 1 2014
POLO SHIRTS $35.00
SHORTS $30.00
HATS $15.00
SKIRTS $40.00
SOCKS $ 6.00
JACKETS $35.00
TRACK PANTS $25.00

MEN’S NIGHT

Friday 7th March, in the Cudgen School Hall.
From 6.30 pm to 11pm
Cost $25

A great night out for all the Men in our School Community. A fantastic chance to meet other Dad’s especially for anyone new to our school.

Come along to a fun night of footy on the big screen, fresh prawns, drinks and a BBQ! Don’t be shy, come and join in and bring some other Dad’s with you!

Just leave your name at the office and $25, which covers the night, by Wednesday March 5th, for catering purposes!

For information please contact the school on 66 741 287.

Assembly Awards

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Environment— KJ
Uniform — KJ
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Helping the lunchbox keep its cool in Summer!

- Avoid packing warm food.
- Keep the packed lunch bag open in the fridge until your child needs to pack it in their bag, (but only if it won’t be left behind).
- Wrap a small frozen water bottle in a hanke (to minimise condensation)
- Freeze a small yoghurt or
- Wrap a whole frozen orange cut into eighths and reformed into a ball
- Remind your child to put their bag in the shade
- And eat the fresh things first while they’re still cool!

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