Congratulations to our school swimming team who competed at the recent Tweed District Championships. Our school finished in a credible fourth place which is a tremendous effort considering we are the smallest of the eight Tweed schools. Ten swimmers qualified for the Far North Coast Championships held in Ballina today. We look forward to hearing of their performance.

Our girls' softball team played a game against Kingscliff PS yesterday, as part of the state knockout competition. Whilst the girls displayed some competitive skills we were unfortunately beaten. I would like to congratulate all the players on displaying great values in the area of sportsmanship and for representing their school with pride. Thank you to Ms McEwan for coordinating the game and coaching the team and also to Mrs Goyen for umpiring.

The 2013 Annual School Report is now available. A copy has been uploaded to the school website. Hard copies are available from the school administration on request.

The school has recently received information on this years’ NAPLAN. Students in years 3 & 5 are required to participate. Testing dates are as follows:
- May 13 – Language Conventions/Writing
- May 14 – Reading
- May 15 – Numeracy
- May 16 – Catch up testing

As part of our transition program years 6 – 7, Kingscliff HS teachers will visit the school during the next week to meet with our year 5 and 6 students. The aim of the visit is to raise awareness of programs and opportunities on offer at the high school and assist students in planning their future education.

High school 2015 Expression of Interests will be sent home to all parents of students in year 6 next Monday 10th March. Parents are required to complete these forms and return to school by Friday 21st March.

Under the eT4L program, ten new computers have been recently installed throughout the school. These computers have been predominantly placed in classrooms to be used with interactive whiteboards. As a result it will free up additional laptops for student use in classrooms by means of our mobile lab.

I have included in this week’s newsletter an article on the value of children participating in team sports. I urge all parents to take the time to read through the article. It also provides alternatives for children who do not have a strong interest in sport. The school continues to have a strong focus in this area as part of our implementation of Live Life Well @ School initiatives.

Finally, don’t forget the Men’s Night this Friday. Final numbers are required by tomorrow. Those attending are required to provide their name to the administration office along with $25.

Rod Cornelius
Relieving Principal

Text book levy and school contribution due now.
$70 per student. Can be paid off in instalments.

Claim the Date
March
4 Cooking Stg 3
5 FNC Swimming-Ballina
6 Hall of Frames
7 Cricket
8 Cricket Clinic Yr 3-6
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21 High School Winter Trials
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25 Assembly
26 Cricket
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Cudgen Stars
This year we have started a new positive reward system called Cudgen Stars. In the classroom teachers are awarding 2 Cudgen Stars each day. These will accrue points towards gaining their ruby, emerald, sapphire, opal and diamond awards. In the playgroup students can also receive Cudgen Stars for positive behaviour. Students receiving a Cudgen Star post them into the yellow Win Bin box. Each Friday morning on Assembly 6 awards will be drawn. Winners receive a $2 gift voucher to spend at the canteen.

Cudgen Well Being Program
This year we have developed and implemented the Cudgen Wellbeing Program. It promotes the development of respect for self, others, property and our environment. It links in with the Cudgen School Welfare and Discipline Policy and actively teaches all the positive social skills and values we expect the students at our school to display/possess.

This program is based on the 3 school rules: Cudgen kids are: Respectful, Safe and Active Learners
Year 3/4 Adjective – Noun Riddles

See if you can solve these riddles. The first one has been done for you!

What do you call a crimson cot?
Answer: A red bed. (Hint – every answer consists of two words that rhyme)

What do you call:

1. a sneaky pastry? (Isis)
2. a glowing bulb? (Kira)
3. a sick boy? (Jett)
4. an overgrown meany? (Jack S)
5. a happy bird? (James)
6. a washed out mammal? (Max)
7. a fashionable primate? (Harris)
8. a bad chef? (Jack L)
9. a depressed boy? (Cloe)
10. huge hair? (Piper)
11. alarmed clothing? (Cloe)
12. a scary storm? (Quinn)
13. an old letter? (Jake)
14. a flying pastry? (Reuben)
15. a mean man? (Robbie)
16. a rough pony? (Isabelle)
17. a false reptile? (Blake)
18. a hilarious rabbit? (Layna)
19. a small bear? (Sasha)
20. a shining bulb? (Zara)
21. a squashed rodent? (Latiesha)
22. an unskilled boy? (Rory)
23. a tired flower? (Leilani)
24. a dizzy ass? (Byron)
25. an evil Tinkerbell? (Sophie)
26. a beautiful kitten? (Rhiannon)
27. a confused teacher? (Ms Turrell)

27. Dizzy Lizzie
26. A pretty Lilly
25. A scary Harry
24. A wonky Donkey
23. A Lazy Daisy
22. A feeble mule
21. A flat tire
20. A bright light
19. A Mini Whinnie
18. A funny bunny
17. A fake snake
16. A coarse horse
15. A rude dude
14. A high pie
13. Short mail
12. Frightening fish
11. An stern sirr
10. A big wig
9. A sad kid
8. A cocky cock
7. A wavy monkey
6. A stale snare
5. A lucky duck
4. A flat tire
3. A fake snake
2. A bright light
1. A shy pie

Answers:

Tweed District Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 19th Cudgen Public School went to Banora Point Oasis pool to enter the Tweed District Swimming Carnival. All 30 kids did very well and tried their hardest. Some kids made it to zone, such as Amber P., Mia T., Isaac L., Callum P., Jett B., Byron N. and Maverick M. as well as the Senior Boys relay team. They will all be going to Ballina in March to compete in the Far North Coast Carnival. Everyone had fun and the behaviour was great all day. Cudgen came 4th overall out of 8 schools. Well done Cudgen!

by Mia and Ella
P & C News

Just a reminder that the P & C Committee Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 19th March. We really need new members this year, to enable the P & C Committee to be able to continue. So come along, take on a role if you can, that would be great, but if not we would really appreciate just your membership. It is only $2 to become a member. It is a great way to be involved in what is going on in your school. The meetings are relaxed and everyone’s input is valued! We look forward to seeing you come if you can.

The P & C Committee has started a new Facebook page; previously we had a Cudgen Fete Facebook page. It is called Cudgen P & C Association and it is a closed group but we love for everyone at Cudgen PS to be on it! Please just let a P & C member know or leave a note at the office or email us at cudgenpandc@hotmail.com and you can be added to the group. It is a great way to keep up to date with P & C activities, school events or just to ask questions to other parents and carers.

At the moment on our Facebook page we are discussing how we are reviewing our canteen menu to meet guidelines and regulations issued by the NSW Department of Education. All canteens must follow the Nutrition in Schools Policy. This has resulted in our canteen having to stop the sale of iced cupcakes, donuts and similar items on regular canteen days. These items will be restricted to special events and fundraising days. More information can be found on the following websites:


Finally, don’t forget the Men’s Night this Friday the 7th March. While it is a great night out for Dad’s and other men in our school community, it’s main purpose is to get provide an environment for the males who don’t have a chat at the school gate like Mum’s do, to get a chance to get to know each other! It is great for our school and our children to have a strong school community! It only costs $25 for a BBQ, fresh local prawns and drinks. Payment is due at the office by Wednesday.

Thanks for your support
Cudgen Primary School P & C Committee

Canteen Roster
Friday 7/3 Clair Maiden, Liz McKnight/
Jaci McCoy
Monday 10/3 Sam Turner, Sam’s Mum
Friday 14/3 Rachel Way, Linda Moy
Monday 17/3 Tracey McCarthy, Gemma Martin
Friday 21/3 Mark Lever, Trish McFarlane
Monday 24/3 Lisa Cavan, Josie Browne

‘Relay for Life’ at Cudgen Public School

On Wednesday the 12th of March our school will be holding its very own ‘Relay for Life’. The relay will be run from 9am to 3pm, with each class having an opportunity to take part throughout the day.

Relay for Life is an initiative run by the Cancer Council. Our school is taking part in an informal relay to support this cause. All money raised makes a difference in helping fund Cancer Council’s critical research, prevention, education and support services, as well as support carers and people affected by cancer.

Relay for life is also a time to remember those who have battled cancer. Our school community has been touched by such loss and we will be running our school relay to support those who have lost loved ones, as well as help raise funds to make a difference in cancer research, prevention and education.

To support this cause, please send a gold coin donation with your child on Wednesday the 12th of March. The staff at Cudgen Public School will also be making a further donation.

Thank you for your support.

Get Out and Play

A free Community Event for kids 2-8
Saturday 8th March 2014
9.00am to 12.00pm
At Salt village Parklands

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop
Date: Wednesday 19th March
Time: 9:15 until 10:45
Venue: Cudgen Public School
Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer?
This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don’t miss out – We appreciate registrations via:
emailing aimee@nswcc.org.au
visiting www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register
or phoning (02) 6639 1306

Eat It To Beat It
**Student of the Week**

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