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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15/08

K-2 Gymnastics

Friday 16/08

PSSA

Friday 16/08

K-6 Assembly - 11:30am

Wednesday 21/08

Book Character Parade & Cake Stall

Wednesday 21/08

P&C Meeting - 7pm / Staffroom

Friday 23/08

Stage 1 Field of Mars Excursion

Wednesday 28/08

Father's Day Stall

Thurs 29/08

Our Spectacular Performance

Tuesday 03/09

K-6 Colour Run

Thursday 05/09

Uniform Shop open - Try-ons and 2nd hand purchases only

From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an outstanding week we had together last week as we celebrated Education Week under the theme of 'Every Student, Every Voice'.

Our activities included:

- Open Day – our classrooms were a hive of fabulous thinking as you joined with us in class based activities. We were able to see classes coding, running Project Based Learning information booths centred on Sustainable Farms including their construction in the Minecraft World, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) activities including building towers with marshmallows, and other engaging activities. It was wonderful to see so many of you in our Kindergarten to Senior School classrooms! We hope you were able to see our colourful rooms and get a glimpse of what our learning looks like.
- Our Education Week Assembly followed and what a magnificent showcase of our student's talents it was! Special mention to the outstanding way our School Captains and Vice Captains, Vasili, Taylah, Bella and Ryan so capably led the assembly. Congratulations to our whole student body on your performances.
- Thank you to our Senior School students who then ran the Morning Tea Cake Stall. We had plenty of cakes and this was expertly coordinated by our Senior School



Teachers. There were even some sold the next day at our K-2 Sports Day. Monies raised goes back to funding their Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

- Our K-2 Sports Carnival was fantastic and all students greatly enjoyed their day. A host of activities kept our students thoroughly entertained and there were even some races like 'Egg and Spoon' and 'Sack Races' and the parachute which delighted them! What a great turn out by our parents, carers and families too! Thank you Mrs Aret and your team for your expert coordination.
- On Wednesday evening, we held a Parent Information session for our new 2020 Kindergarten families. Thank you to Miss Putanac, Miss Byfield and Miss Twarloh for your wonderful organisation and information presented. **If you are still to enrol your child or have family and friends enrolling students here next year, can you please complete the enrolment forms and return to our office ASAP.**



From the Principal's Desk (Cont'd)

This week we have also sent our school Athletics Field Events Team to the Zone Carnival. We were thoroughly delighted to see the sportsmanship and effort all students displayed. Special mention to Madison who was 2nd in the 1500m! Next Monday, we wish our Athletics Track Events Team all the very best as they compete at the Zone Track Carnival.

Next Week is National Book Week and we are celebrating with activities as follows:

- Book Fair – Mrs Kranenburg will be selling new books and stationery goods all week in the library. There is a wide variety of new books available that will cater for all tastes!
- The Book Character Parade – this year, our Book Character Parade will take place in book week on Wednesday 21 August. We're eagerly looking forward to seeing students and teachers dress up in their favourite character costume! This is one of our highlights of the school year and not to be missed!
- In line with the Book Week theme of 'Reading is my Secret Power' we have organised a special Design your own Superhero Mask Competition. Masks entered will be displayed prominently in the Library and ten lucky winners will be awarded a prize for the creativity of their masks. Don't forget, all masks are **due back tomorrow** so we have time to both judge and hang them up for display. This is a new activity this year and we're looking forward to seeing the creativity of our students.

Next Friday 23 August, our Stage 1 students (Years 1 and 2) will be travelling to the Field of Mars Centre for their yearly excursion. A jam packed day has been planned and we know our students will have a great day and return home with awesome stories!

Finally, did you know that many of our teachers are participating in an online training course centred on the theme of 'Innovative Learning Environments'? We meet together every 2 weeks to both unpack and discuss pertinent points relating to the module readings, planning and recording of key points and then implementation of these ideas into classroom practice. The course very much compliments our pedagogy approach across the school which is directly aligned to the department's focus in this area. Please feel free to chat with me further about any key aspects of the course.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead

School Development Days—Term 4, 2019

All Department of Education schools participate in school development days. School development days are used by schools to improve the skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff.

They improve the learning outcomes of students by:

- providing targeted professional learning activities aligned to school strategic directions and Department of Education priorities
- enabling whole school planning and enhancing teacher quality, school leadership and management practices
- implementing legislative and policy requirements.

This year our staff have participated in twilight sessions throughout the year in lieu of the two last days of Term 4, Thursday 19 December, Friday 20 December 2019. As a result, the school will be closed on these dates.

Term 4 ends on Wednesday 18 December for all students.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the school.

- Mrs Zugna (Stage 2 Assistant Principal)

Gold Awards

Taim	1S
Jake	1S
Sebastian	4M
Michael	4M

Silver Awards

Elaina	KT
Arian	KT
Faaee	KT
Dimitra	KT
Puneesh	KT
Erik	KT
Cassius	1A
Katherine	1A
Tyson	1A
Maroun	1S
Indyana	1S
Nawal	1S
Samet	1S
Aadya	1S
Anthony	1S
Liani	1S
Zara	1S
Miral	1S
Sarah	1S
Arash	1S
Sharvi	1S
Maanav	1S
Baran	2E
Natalia	2E
Ilyas	2E
Hussain	2E
Matthew	2/3A
Mehmet	2/3A
Elena	2/3A
Joshua	2/3A
Izzy	2/3A
Cheyse	2/3A
Yannah	2/3A

Roy Ringrose has visited 4M this week!

Students in 4M are very passionate about art. In fact, when asked to write a letter to their teacher at the end of Semester 2, one of the things they mentioned having enjoyed in class was the creation of artworks. It was on their wishlist that we continue exploring art in Term 3.

The artist whose style we studied early this term was George Rodrigue. He was well renowned for his paintings of *The Blue Dog*. His subject was always the same, however his background varied.

Students in 4M were asked to recreate the blue dog in a setting of their own choice. The setting was to represent them and their creativity. It linked well to our Education Day theme of every student having their own voice and using it to express themselves.

We hope you enjoy our unique artwork as much as we enjoyed the opportunity to create it.



Office Foyer Display - Week 4 Term 3

* 4M -Mrs Marone *



Silver Awards

Japinder	3G
Aiden	3G
Aarnav	3G
Gabriela	3G
Filip	3G
Taylor	3G
Keeley	3G
Rzan	3G
Riley	3G
Michael	3G
Carissa	3G
Krishna	3G
Jawad	3/4O
Jahnavi	3/4O
Mikail	3/4O
Daniel	4M
Oliver	4M
David	4M
Dritha	4R
Nicole	4R
Alisa	4R
Zac	5/6C
Talon	5/6C
Taylor	5/6C
Ahmad	5/6C
George	5/6M
Chloe	5/6M
Amelia	5/6S

Online Payments (POP) Reminder

If you are making online payments, please remember to send in your child's permission note with the payment receipt number.

Library News

Below I have an updated timetable of when classes come to the Library. Please review it as some classes have changed days. Please encourage your children to borrow and return each week. New library bags can be purchased through the Uniform shop using forms from the School Office.

Monday classes - 2O, 2/3A, KB, 4M

Tuesday classes - 3G, 5/6S, 2E, KT

Wednesday classes - 1S, 3/4O, 5/6W, 1B

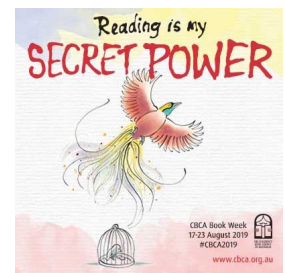
Thursday classes - 5/6M, 5/6C, 1A, 4R, K/1P

Scholastic Book Club- Order 5 has arrived and should have been given to your child. Please see me for any concerns.

Book Week!!!

Our Book Week celebrations are next week. Here is a quick rundown of what is on:

- **Superhero Masks (optional)** - your masks are due back tomorrow! The Book Week Committee is looking forward to judging the winners tomorrow afternoon. Six lucky winners will get \$10 vouchers to use at the Book Fair. Everyone will enjoy seeing the masks when they are displayed next week.
- **Cumberland Council Library Competition (optional)** - these are due back to me tomorrow and I will hand them into Greystanes Library in the afternoon. Please make sure you put your name and our school on the back so they know who has done the entry. If you wish to hand them in yourself, entries close on Friday, 16th August. There is a chance to win one of thirty-two book prize packs.
- **Book Fair** - Open 19th, 20th and 21st August from 8:30am - 3:30pm.
- **Open Library** - Wednesday 21st August, 2019, 9:00 - 9:30am. Tea and coffee provided, Book Fair open for purchases.
- **Book Character Parade** - Wednesday 21st August, 2019, 9:30 - 11am. All welcome.
- **Cake Stall** - see separate article regarding this in this newsletter.



Premier's Reading Challenge

We have 32 students who have completed the challenge already! Students in Year 3-6 can access their account via Student Portal (they have been learning how to do this during Library lessons).

The weblink is <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> Make sure your children are updating their record. The deadline for PRC is the **30th August, 2019**.

Mrs Kranenburg
Teacher Librarian

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments now open

Enrolment forms for next year's Kindergarten students can be collected from the School Office.

Please complete the form and return it with your child's:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residential Address (Rates notice, lease agreement etc)
- Visa or Permanent Resident Documentation (if applicable)
- Immunisation records (Blue Book)
- Passport (*Parents must also provide proof of citizenship if born overseas*)
- Health / Medical Needs / Medication Documentation (If applicable)

All original documents can be photocopied in the School Office.



Cake Donations for Book Parade Cake Stall Wednesday 21st August, 2019.

We will be holding a cake stall at this year's Book Parade between 11.00 - 11.20. We would love donations of cakes, slices, muffins or cookies to sell. All donations can be left at the staff room from 8.30am that morning. **Please ensure all foods have no nut ingredients.** Proceeds from the Cake Stall will be used to purchase more resources for the School Library.

- Mrs Munari (Organising Teacher)



Parent Online Payments (POP)

From this term onwards, parents and carers will be able to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page can be accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, book fees and excursions.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name
- class
- date of birth

Please note: The student's SRN **does not** need to be entered.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

Please contact the School Office if you have any enquiries about the POP system.

Pssst... It's a P & C Update!

Father's Day is fast approaching, and we will be holding our stall on Wednesday 28th August. Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$5 and we will be asking the children to bring in their own bag to carry their gift/s home in. This cuts down on waste and allows us to maximise the fundraising effort of the stall. Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help on the day via our FB page. If you would like to help, please come along on the day. We will be located under OOSH and there from 9:30 am.



More from our Canteen Survey:

One of the suggested additions to the menu was soup in winter. The canteen will look at doing some soup meal deals in the future – possibly one per month. This does rely heavily on volunteer support, so if you think you would like to be involved in this, please contact the canteen manager with any ideas on 0432 904 086.

Another suggestion for our canteen menu was sushi. We know lots of our students enjoy sushi and we love to offer it - however we have had difficulty sourcing a supplier. We continue to look for an appropriate supplier of sushi who is able to deliver and also to supply at an affordable price. If you know someone who would be interested in supporting our canteen to offer sushi, please contact the canteen manager on 0432 904 086. More next newsletter!

We would like to ask anyone who is willing to volunteer to help at a disco this term to get in touch with us – please provide your contact details in our P&C box in the office. If we are unable to get enough volunteers, we will be unable to run the disco this term. Our group is very short on numbers, including a Vice President.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for a P&C VICE PRESIDENT

We still have a vacancy on our committee for a Vice President and encourage anyone who interested in getting involved at school to apply. This position is a great introduction to the P&C as the only official duty is chairing meetings in the President's absence. You will learn all about how we work and what we do. We are a friendly group who are focused on making improvements that benefit all the kids at our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Uniform Shop Open Days – The first Thursday of each month, open for try-ons only

Next P&C Meeting – Wednesday 21st August

Father's Day Stall – Wednesday 28th August

Timbertown Pie Drive Canteen Fundraiser – Pie Orders due back 23rd August

Canteen News

If you are in PSSA, please write "PSSA" at the top of your lunch bag when ordering lunch on Fridays.

McCain Ham & Pineapple Pizzas are no longer available at Canteen. Our new supplier, Allied Chef, will be supplying new pizzas that are bigger at 150g, **for the price of \$4.00.**

We are still in need of helpers during the term, so if you can spare a day to help please contact me on 0411 143 609. Remember, if you help out in canteen your children will receive a free lunch order for the day! - Mrs Brett (Canteen Coordinator)

Canteen Roster - Term 3 2019

<u>Week 5</u>		<u>Week 6</u>	
Mon	19/08 Tarsha Anderson	Mon	26/08 Atheer Alrabadi
Tues	20/08 Sam Harvey & Kayla Ryan	Tues	27/08 Fatma Yucel
Wed	21/08 Fiza Ijaz	Wed	28/08 Priscilla Lazanas
Thurs	22/08 Priscilla Lazanas	Thurs	29/08 Gay Demech
Fri	23/08 Sam Harvey	Fri	30/08 Heather Nicholas

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October 2019 School Holiday Care Program

Centre	Monday 30 September	Tuesday 1 October	Wednesday 2 October	Thursday 3 October	Friday 4 October
RROOSH 5 – 12 years	Wacky Science Day	Planetarium of Stars	Movies	Team Trials and Trivia Day	Robotics
SGOOSH 5 – 12 years	Team Trials and Trivia Day	Robotics	Wacky Science Day	Movies	Fitness for Kids
GWOOSH 5 – 9 years	Fitness for Kids	Planetarium of Stars	Robotics	Trash Percussion	Wacky Science Day
GWOOSH 10 – 13 years	Fitness for Teens	Planetarium of Stars	Robotics	Colour Run	Young Einsteins
Centre	Monday 7 October	Tuesday 8 October	Wednesday 9 October	Thursday 10 October	Friday 11 October
RROOSH 5 – 12 years	Public Holiday	Carpentry For Kids	Fitness for Kids	Trash Percussion	Fly High
SGOOSH 5 – 12 years	Public Holiday	Fly High	Carpentry For Kids	Planetarium of Stars	Trash Percussion
GWOOSH 5 – 9 years	Public Holiday	Team Trials and Trivia Day	Movies	Fly High	Carpentry For Kids
GWOOSH 10 – 13 years	Public Holiday	Magic and Wizardry	Movies	Carpentry For Teens	Double Digits' Got Talent

Centre-based Workshop Excursion

Cumberland Council Children's Services fees are charged per day. **Bookings close Friday 13 September 2019.** Register and book online via the SmartCentral website.

- RROOSH, SGOOSH, GWOOSH - 5 - 12 years program - \$55.00 per day
- GWOOSH 10 -13 years program - \$60.00 per day

Please note: A late fee of \$37.00 per child, per centre applies after the close date. Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available for all eligible families. Contact Centrelink to register.

For more information please contact Cumberland Council's Children's Services Team

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