This will be the final newsletter for Term One. Hasn’t the term flown by? I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, staff and community members who have made my start as Principal at Cullen Bullen Public School extremely enjoyable and rewarding. A special thanks to Mrs Player, Mrs Clarke, Ms Eddie and Mrs Healey who work tirelessly to ensure excellent educational outcomes for your children and an environment where individual needs and talents are addressed, recognised and celebrated. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children this term. I wish you a happy holiday and will see you and your children back at school Wednesday 1st May.

District Rugby League / David Peachey Trophy
Over the past few weeks, several of our boys have been involved in trials for the district rugby league team. Congratulations to Kurt Whalan and Benjamin Pasztor who have been selected to attend the next round of trials in Dubbo. We wish the boys the best of luck.

Also, several boys have been training hard over the last few weeks at Portland in preparation for the David Peachey Trophy. This competition is occurring today and I will advice you of the outcome in the next newsletter. I know the boys will do Cullen Bullen Public School proud.

Staff Development Days
Next term will begin for students on Wednesday 1st May. On Monday 29th April, all staff will be at Wallerawang Public School for professional learning and on Tuesday 30th April, Mrs Player and myself will be at Meadow Flat Public School for professional learning based on the new English syllabus that will be implemented next year.

ANZAC Day March
The annual ANZAC Day march will occur on Thursday 25th April. We will meet at the school at 10.45am and march at 11.00am. It would be great to see as many students as possible attending and marching with us to support all servicemen who have served in combat during current and past conflicts. If you know that your child is able to attend, could you please let Mr Davies know?
Mothers Day Raffle
The P&C will be holding a Mothers Day Raffle. Mrs Joan Bennett has kindly donated a hand made crochet rug for the prize. Tickets will go on sale next week and will be $5.00 per book.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Camps
Stage 2 Camp to Dubbo will occur on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June. (Cost will be approximately $240)
Stage 3 Camp will occur between Monday 14th and Friday 18th October and will cost $352.

Although these camps still appear to be in the distance, they will come upon us quickly - especially the Stage 2 Camp. It might be a good idea to begin making payments for these camps if you wish your child to attend. Mrs Clarke can take part payments and issue receipts at the school office to assist you in not having to make lump sums as the camps draw closer.

Easter Celebrations at Cullen Bullen PS
Easter celebrations at Cullen Bullen Public School began on Thursday 28th March with the Annual Easter Hat Parade. Students worked on their hat creations the day before and parents, grandparents, carers and community members watched as students paraded around the playground wearing their works of art with pride.
Students were awarded a certificate and each received a plate of decorated biscuits that they had made earlier in the day.
P&C members Karen Rochester, Barry Rochester and Stephanie Rochester kept the crowd happy with a BBQ lunch organised by the P&C.
The P&C also drew their Easter Raffle and congratulations go to Mr Brian Emmott who won the basket of goodies.
Thank you to Sandra Lane, P&C Secretary, for her kind donation of the large basket of eggs. Thanks also to all those who supported the fundraiser and attended the celebrations.
I would also like to apologise for the quality of the photos on the school web site taken at the Easter Hat Parade. I will endeavour to improve my photography skills before the next major school event.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
We will be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. Just collect points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013.
For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive one point. Pop them onto an Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at Lithgow Woolies. Products that we can earn include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

School Photos
A reminder that school photos will be held on Thursday 2nd May. This is the second day back at school next term. All students have received envelopes to order these photos. Thanks to those who have already returned these. It would be great to have all of these back by the end of term as this makes it easier at beginning of term when things are quite busy and will guard against families missing out on receiving their children’s school photos for this year.