Principals Report

Welcome Back to Term 2 and here’s hoping everyone enjoyed their Easter break and time spent with family.

Two decisions which effect the schools staffing arrangements have occurred during the holidays which might impact slightly upon normal school operations. Di Lewis from the 3-6 class will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the 3-6 classroom and our Office Managers position will be advertised so that it can be permanently filled. This position will be advertised within the next four weeks. As well as these changes, we have a very busy term planned.

Activities for term 2 include:

• Touch football trials for stage 3 students
• ANZAC day ceremony
• An overnight excursion to the Zoo for our stage 2 students
• A Science day with teachers from the Bathurst university
• A whole school excursion to Bathurst to celebrate the bicentenary
• School reports, gardening and lots and lots of learning.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has been recently revamped and has updated photos, newsletters and information for parents and community check it out at www.cullenbull-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. We remind all parents and community to access our Facebook page. If we as a school are serious about our schools sustainability and growth, we have to utilise social communications to showcase all of the wonderful programs which we are involved in. Please LIKE our Facebook page www.facebook.com/home.php#!/CullenBullenPS to create and share it with friends so that we can start to create a buzz around how great our little school is.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attached to this newsletter is our calendar of events. As you will note, there are a few days scheduled where teachers will be attending professional learning activities. During these times, Mrs Amy Munro will teach the K-2 class and where possible either Paula Slattery or Rebecca Hilly will teach the 3-6 class. All three teachers are familiar with the behavioural expectations at Cullen Bullen PS and value the continuity of the regular classroom program.
School Organisation

NEW SCHOOL PLAN

The 2015-2017 school development plan has been posted on our school website and focuses on three strategic directions. These directions have been determined in consultation with our community and are:

- **Excellence in teaching and learning.**
- **Student engagement and inclusivity.**
- **Future focussed community partnerships.**

The first strategic direction in our new school plan is ‘excellence in teaching and learning.’ Our goal as a school is to inspire excellence in teaching and learning through quality educational practices and focused professional learning. This will promote high quality and personalised learning environments where all students are encouraged to become successful, confident, lifelong learners.

The second strategic direction is student engagement and inclusivity. Our goal is to create a culture of engagement, love for learning and eagerness to participate in school life through provision of engaging, inclusive and project based learning experiences. This will ensure that every student is actively engaged in purposeful learning.

The third strategic direction is future focussed community partnerships. Our goal is to encourage meaningful community partnerships which foster a culture that is trusting and supportive. This will enhance the schools strengths and effectiveness to ensure sustainability.

For further detail of our new school plan please take time to access the plan on our school website at www.cullenbull-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Every customer that has work done in the 2 weeks goes into the draw to win the following special from Stoo-de-ho 26 (drawn Friday 8 May, 4pm).

**Minifacial with neck and shoulder massage Plus a free eyebrow wax**

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P & C—NEWS

Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings

The school P&C enjoyed a great fundraising day at Lithgow Bunnings. Due to their hard work and efforts we raised $450 for the school.

Many thanks to all community members who supported this event.

The P&C need extra helpers to commit to spending an hour or two at Bunnings for another Sausage Sizzle.

If you can help out please contact the school to advise.

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C will be having a Mothers Day Stall on Friday 8 May.
**Project News**

Projects and goals update: Where are we up to?

**CUBBY HOUSE**—As you might know, the Lithgow Men’s shed volunteered to build us a cubby house, however, due to constraints we have decided to order a pre fabricated cubby house for the men’s shed to assemble. In the meantime, they have built us some lovely furniture, chess and draught tables until the cubby arrives. Cubby on its way..

**VEGETABLE GARDEN**—Our first harvest occurred last week with all students taking home a bounty of vegetables. Including carrots, snow peas and lettuce. We also harvested beetroot which we will boil and bake later this week. New vegies to be planted soon.

**TENNIS COURT**—I have submitted a proposal for shared funding with the Department of Education and Communities. I have to await the outcome of this proposal before moving forward with the project. We will be progressing either way, however, patience may save us some money, so at this point it’s a waiting game until the decision is made.

**MINI BUS INSURANCE AND LICENCE**—The bus is insured and ready to go. However, I still have to secure an LR drivers licence. As soon as time permits, I will take the test. I endeavor to achieve this before our visit to Capertee for the Life Education Van, of course that’s all dependent if I find the time and pass both the written and practical tests. Fingers Crossed!

**SCIENCE DAY**—Small schools—We have secured an opportunity to have student teachers from Charles Sturt university run a Science Day for us on June 28th. The day will be fully funded by the school and should be informative, engaging and fun. Please mark the day in your diary if you would like to attend.

**SIGNAGE FOR THE SCHOOL BUS**—Mrs Beth Bulkely has offered free signage for the school bus. As soon as I design the signage I’ll send it to her and we will have a professionally decorated school bus!

**IPADS FOR EVERY CHILD AT CBPS**—We are well on the way with this project. All students in the K-2 class now have an individual ipad to use to support their learning and orders have been placed for all students in grades 3-6. Hopefully, they’ll arrive soon.

Everything takes time and there is not enough hours in the day—but we will get there. Ill keep you posted!

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**LITHGOW THISTLE SOCCER CLUB**

Lithgow Thistle Soccer club desperately require players in u7, u8, u9 and u12. All previous players who are intending to play again this season, as well as any new players, please contact Lorraine Keay ASAP on 0419 621 426 or email thislesfc@gmail.com if you are interested in playing. Competition starts Saturday 2nd of May.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET

School attendance is vital for our students’ success at school. The class roll is marked daily in line with departmental guidelines. To support teachers to mark the roll correctly, if your child is unable to attend school, please provide the school with a note or verbal explanation of the absence so that it can be justified on the school roll.

100% ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 1

* Congratulations to Jac, William and James Hamilton who have all achieved PERFECT attendance for TERM 1. Well done boys! Congratulations also to Tom Hamilton who has made a concerted effort to ensure his boys attend school everyday during term 1. Well done Tom!

* Congratulations to Emily and April Lane who achieved PERFECT attendance during TERM 1. Well done girls! Congratulations also to Sandra Lane who has made a concerted effort to ensure the girls attend school everyday, regardless of medical appointments or other commitments. Well done Sandra, school attendance is the best way to support your child’s education.

* Congratulations to Ashley Cooper who has achieved PERFECT attendance for TERM 1. Well done Ashlee! Congratulations also to Amanda and Shane Gibson who have made a concerted effort to ensure Ashlee attends school everyday. Well done Amanda and Shane!

* Congratulations to Kane, Kye and Kurt Morris who have all achieved PERFECT attendance for TERM 1. Well done boys! Congratulations also to Laurel and Steven Harvey who have made a real effort to ensure the boys attend school everyday. Well done Laurel and Steven!

* Congratulations to Jayden Gonzalez who also achieved PERFECT attendance during TERM 1. Well done Jayden! Congratulations to Uma and Jorge Gonzalez who have made a concerted effort to ensure Jayden attends school everyday. Well done Uma and Jorge!

Well done to all and keep up the good work!

Attendance Reward: Any students who achieve 100% attendance this term will be rewarded with a special school excursion to the movies. Of course, students who are genuinely sick and provide a doctors certificate for explanation of their absence will be considered for the attendance reward excursion. If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact me to discuss.

Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 Fundraising activities will commence in Week 3; these will be a variety of treats costing $1.00 per student on a rotating basis.