Principals Report

The newsletter is being sent home every third Monday of the term in weeks 3, 6 and 9. School assemblies are scheduled for weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 at 2.00pm. As of this week, school assemblies will be followed by visits to the school library for borrowing of books. If you would like to borrow some books for home, please feel welcome to attend the library each second Friday.

The Science day is progressing well. 15 teachers from the university will be conducting science experiments with the students from Cullen, Capertee and Hampton schools. This should be a fun day and I am particularly excited to be viewing the sun through a special telescope to be bought out on the day. Please see the attached flyer for information and organisation of lunches on the day. Also, many thanks to the P&C for volunteering to run the canteen. It should be a fantastic day for all our students.

The biggest morning tea is fast approaching. It will be held next Tuesday at the progress hall at 10am. All school and community are invited to attend. Students will be performing a song for our community. If any parents could assist by contributing a plate of food it would be very much appreciated and go far towards supporting this worthwhile charity. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day to contribute towards this fundraising event. Parents are also encouraged to attend as it is a great way to connect to our community.

I’m halfway through the process of attaining my bus licence. I passed the knowledge test on Saturday and am scheduled to do the practical test within the fortnight, I’ll keep you posted.

Please note that School photos are on the 10th of June. We have not received the envelopes as yet for payments but will send them home as soon as we do. Also, school reports will be sent home in week 9. Interviews with teachers will occur on the 22nd and 23rd of June. More information on this will be forwarded closer to the date.

Have a great week.

Michelle Gallop

Important Dates

Week 6
Thurs 28/5/15
CSU Science Day

Week 7
Tues 2/6/15
Biggest Morning Tea

Week 8
Mon 8/6/15
Public Holiday—Queens Birthday
Wed 10/6/15
School Photos

Week 9
Tues 16/6/15
Stage 2 Taronga Zoo (Western Plains) Excursion
Thurs 25/6/15
Attendance Excursion
Fri 26/6/15
Last day term 2
National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. In 2015 NSS takes place on Wednesday 27 May at 11am and the story is The Brothers Quibble written by Aaron Blabey. Our students will be joining so many others around the country reading this story on Wednesday at 11am.

School Photos

Practice your best smiles and your fancy hair-do’s it is school photo time again. This year our photos will be taken on Wednesday 10 June. The envelopes for ordering were sent from Sydney on Wednesday and we are expecting them to arrive tomorrow in our mail, they will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive at school.

Community News

Healthy bladder and bowel habits can help avoid bladder and bowel problems, a great resource is the Continence Foundation of Australia. Visit their website at www.continence.org.au for a range of information for all age groups.

Asthma Australia have recently launched the Asthma Kids site. The site aims to help children and their parents/carers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way. It has been designed for primary school aged children and takes them through an interactive asthma trail, with Chester as their ‘host’. Chester has asthma and explains; how it feels to have an asthma flare up, how taking medicine regularly helps him and how he keeps his asthma under control so that he can participate in the activities that he wants to. The Asthma Kids site can be found at www.asthmakids.org.au
Environmental Education News

Over the past few weeks, all students have been learning about the natural and built environment. The practical component for 3-6 of this study has been the creation of the scarecrow that is now watching over the vegetable garden here at school. The children have named our scarecrow ‘Bob’.

This week we also used some of the fresh produce that we have grown in our vegetable garden and made pumpkin soup. The soup turned out to be a big success, despite the fact the main ingredient was a vegetable!! We even had a number of requests for seconds!

The vegetable garden is providing some delicious vegetables for us at the moment, despite the cooler temperatures and we look forward to what we shall make next time.

Amy Munro

The last kitchen experience saw 3 to 6 make individual bacon, egg and spinach pies. The spinach, chives and parsley used were all fresh from our very own vegetable garden.

“I liked it because it had bacon and egg in it, it was good!” Jac

“I enjoyed cooking the pies because I got to help crack the eggs and do other things” Kaidyn

“Helping to cook the pie was fun but I didn’t like the pie” Jorja
**HEAD LICE ALERT**

There have been some cases of head lice reported at school recently.

To help prevent the spread of infestation, we ask that you thoroughly check your child’s hair today for any signs of lice or their eggs.

If head lice are present, it is important you treat the hair immediately. Conditioner with a fine tooth comb is one recommended method for removal. Other commercial treatments can be purchased at pharmacies and supermarkets. It is important that the directions are followed correctly, and retreatment is carried out within 5 -7 days to prevent reinfection.

If you require further information or assistance please contact your local pharmacy or your preferred medical practitioner.

For more information go to the “Nitbusters” website or visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

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Cullen Bullen Progress Association are hosting a Biggest Morning Tea

When: **Tuesday 2 June 2015**

Where: **Cullen Bullen Progress Hall**

Students from Cullen Bullen Public School will be performing an item on the day.

Gold coin donations made either on the day or at school.

Come and join in a fun morning raising funds for an important cause.

The Progress Association has asked that each family is asked to bring a plate to share at the morning tea.