On behalf of all the staff at Cullen Bullen PS, I am excited to welcome you back to the 2016 school year! We welcome 3 new families to our school and 5 new Kindergarten students; Kayla, Rogan, Lachlan, Peyton and AaEsha. We also welcome Charlee and Jacob in Year 1, Chelsea in Year 3, Lilly in Year 4 and Jessykah in Year 5. We have a total of 27 enrolments with 12 students in K-2 and 15 students in 3-6.

Welcome back to the Cullen Bullen staff; Tabitha Player K-2 classroom teacher; Liz Morgan, Office manager; Di Lewis, School Learning support officer (Mon-Wed); Jenny Fielden, Cleaner and Michael Quinn, General Assistant.

Welcome back also to our 2016 school leaders; Jac Hamilton and Kane Morris. I’m sure they will do a wonderful job as ambassadors for our school assisted by our year 5 students Harley, Jessykah and April.

**General information:**

**Assemblies:** School assemblies will be held each second Friday @2.15 on weeks 2,4,6,8 and 10. Parents are invited to attend all school assemblies to help celebrate student achievements.

**Newsletters:** School newsletters will be sent home at 3 weekly intervals on weeks 3, 6 and 9.

**Library:** Students will be encouraged to borrow library books from Week 4. The Library will be open from 2pm each second Friday before our assembly to encourage both students and parents to borrow books for home.

**Bikes and scooters:** As you would recall school bikes and scooters were purchased last year. Students K-2 can ride the scooters and students 2-6 can ride bikes daily during recess and lunch. Students must wear a correctly fitted helmet. Helmets can be hired at a cost of $5 per year or alternately, students can bring a helmet from home.

**Permission notes:** Media permission, parent contact details, computer access and scripture permission notes are attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return these notes as soon as possible. The Lithgow Mercury is coming out to photograph our students on Monday and permission will need to be granted before students can be photographed.

**P&C:** The first P&C meeting will be held on Monday 15th of February at 1.45 pm. The committee welcomes any new parents who would like to attend.

I feel privileged to be leading the school community of Cullen Bullen. The students are so respectful and enthusiastic and together with parents, I believe we can achieve wonderful things.

Parents can support teaching and learning programs in a few ways to ensure student motivation and growth. We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that he/she;

- attends school daily;
- reads daily to improve literacy skills; and
- knows and understands that you expect him/her to succeed in school to become a successful adult.

Finally, please consider joining our school volunteer program. Our students could greatly benefit from
your involvement and contributions towards the school’s reading program. Volunteering to hear students read aloud weekly would take less than an hour a week of your time, and could make an invaluable contribution towards your child’s reading confidence.

Our meet and greet afternoon tea will be held on the 18th of February, 3pm till 4.30 pm. Classrooms will be open, sausage sandwiches and cakes will be served and parents can gather and get to know each other during an informal setting. Please save the date!

I look forward to a productive and collaborative school year. Parents and teachers in partnership can achieve great things. For this reason, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any enquiries or concerns regarding your child’s school year.

Kind Regards,

Michelle gallop

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to all of our new students and families.

At this time of year I need to make sure that we have all of our information up to date and unfortunately this can mean that a lot of paper gets sent home.

Going home this week with the newsletter are forms asking for information about contact details, medical conditions and other information about activities at school. Could you please fill these in and return them as soon as possible so that I can check that all of the information that I have is correct. I am more than happy for parents/carers to ring the school and give me the information verbally.

I look forward to getting to know our new students and their families and helping in any way I can to make school a fantastic experience for our great kids!

Liz Morgan

FROM THE P&C

Welcome back everyone!

The Parents and Citizens Association are changing their focus this year and would like to start raising funds to subsidise quality educational programs such as Healthy Harold.

To kick start the Healthy Harold fundraiser we are holding a BBQ on Thursday 18th February from 3pm – 4pm. Sausage sandwiches will be $2.50, bottled water- $1.00, and poppers $1.50. Money raised will enable each student to attend Healthy Harold at no cost to parents/caregivers.

Unfortunately we are not insured for out of school hour’s child care, so if you are unable to attend, your child will need to be picked up at 3pm. Thank you for your understanding.

FREE P&C information kit will be available soon to all families. This will detail what we do and how you can be a part it all.

Have a great weekend!

Rebecca Abrahams

P&C Secretary
**FROM K-2 CLASSROOM**

Welcome back for the start of the 2016 school year. It was great to see everyone arrive back at school last week with an eagerness to get on with the business of learning.

I extend a special welcome to our Kindergarten students Kayla, AaEesha, Peyton, Lachlan and Rogan. As well as to Charlee and Jacob who have joined our Year 1 group.

**L3 – WHAT IS IT? HOW IS IT SUPPORTING MY CHILD’S DEVELOPMENT IN LITERACY**

L3 stands for “Literacy, Language and Learning” it is a rigorous and highly structured literacy program that is implemented daily in the K-2 classroom.

As part of the L3 program students are supported to work independently to practice and further develop a range of literacy skills appropriate to each individual child’s needs. Students are encouraged to become self-regulated learners who are responsible for their own learning and complete their work to the best of their ability. Whilst students are working independently I work with students individually, or in small groups of up to 3 students, developing their reading skills during guided reading lessons. Students at the start of Kindergarten are also supported through structured guided writing lessons.

L3 also provides the opportunity for your child to be regularly immersed in the language of books, through listening to and engaging in meaningful talk about the language used and the deeper meaning in a range of texts.

Last year our school saw some outstanding progress in reading and as a result of the L3 program. This year I am excited to be able to continue with L3 in the K-2 classroom and strive for all students to achieve their full potential in both reading and writing.

**WHAT THINGS DOES MY CHILD NEED FOR SCHOOL?**

We provide all the stationary items that are needed for your child to use at school each day. You may supply pencils or crayons for your child to use if you wish, however please ensure that all items that you send to school have your child’s name marked clearly on them.

**NEWS**

Commencing in Week 4 students will to have the opportunity to engage in news every morning. There are no set topics this term, with students encouraged to talk about an item or event of their choosing.

Please note that if your child chooses to bring a toy or other item from home, to share for their news, it will be kept in the classroom for the day and is not to be taken onto the playground.

**HOMEWORK**

In 2016 all students in K-2 will receive weekly homework. The homework provided focuses on the development of your child’s literacy and numeracy skills. It will be handed out every Monday and is due back each Friday.

Please note that students in Kindergarten will not receive homework until later in the term.

**HOME READING**

This year in K-2 students will be encouraged to read every night as part of our home reading program. Home readers are to be returned each day, and a new home reader will be provided when students are able to confidently and independently read their current home reader.

I encourage all parents to support our home reading program, as this can be the difference between your child being a good reader and being a great reader.

**STAR FOLDERS**

Next week you will notice that your child’s homework and home reader will arrive at home in a purple plastic wallet labeled “STAR Folder”. Students are asked to return their STAR Folder to school each day. The STAR Folder has been set up to allow for all correspondence to and from school to be placed in an easy to find location. Preventing notes, lunch orders and homework getting lost in your child’s school bag.

**WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT**

This term in science, students will be learning about the weather. Students will be provided with an opportunity to increase their knowledge of how the characteristics of weather affect their daily lives.

Also this term students will be learning about themselves and their relationships with other. This will include exploring their personal identity, the relationships they have with their peers and family members, as well as appropriate and effective communication.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year to provide the best possible educational experience for your child. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Gallop or myself.

Tabitha Player
K-2 Classroom Teacher
FROM 3-6 CLASSROOM

Welcome to the 2016 school year.

This year we have 15 students in our class.

Year 3- Ashlee, James, Cameron, Kye, Emily, Chelsea, Mathew, Rhyian
Year 4 - William, Lilly
Year 5 - April, Harley, Jessyakah
Year 6 - Jac, Kane (School leaders)

Classroom Equipment: Pencil cases, pens, pencils and books are all provided to students. This ensures that all children are ready to work each day without worry about resources.

Students will however require a hat, drink bottle, school bag and a bike helmet. Helmets are essential and can be hired for the year for $5. Please clearly label all helmets to be left at school and adjust the sizing to fit the head for safety.

Homework: I will not be distributing formal homework for home studies. We work very hard in 3-6 and achieve great things. I will at times ask students to collect data, resources or research, however, no formal homework will be sent home. Nightly reading is encouraged as well as practicing of times tables to encourage automatic recall of facts. Students can bring books home from school and will be given a reading folder to record this.

Library: Students will borrow books each second Friday before our school assembly. Plastic bags or special library bags will be required to protect books from damage.

Assemblies: School assemblies occur each week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, of each term on a Friday @2.15pm. Parents are encouraged to attend and can visit the library to borrow books from 2pm.

Units of Work – Term 1

- **Math** - Automatic recall of basic facts Addition, subtraction and multiplication; Place Value, and Problem solving
- **English** – Daily reading, comprehension, Information reports, Expositions and Narratives
- **HSIE** – First Fleet, Convicts and Australia
- **Science** - Machines
- **Woodwork** - making toys with Men’s shed.

Extracurricular activities for Term 1

- Swimming carnival – Friday 19th February
- Athletics carnival and cross country will occur this term with dates yet to be decided.
- Daily longer distance running will start in week 3 for fitness.
- Life education occurs on the 30th March. The P&C are fundraising to subsidise for Life Education so please support the **meet and greet afternoon tea** on the 18th of February from 3.00-4.30.

Meet and Greet afternoon 3.00-4.30 Thursday 18th February

All parents are invited to meet teachers, visit classrooms, meet other parents and enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea. The afternoon events will conclude with a teacher /student tug of war. Please save the date in your calendars.

Parent helpers required.

Parent helpers are required to assist in the classroom to listen to children read aloud. If you are at all interested in helping out in the classroom and can spare up to one hour per week in the morning please let me know. Reading aloud to an audience significantly improves student skills in reading and promotes students confidence.

Partnerships between parents and teachers, significantly improves students motivation, interest and participation in school activities. For this reason, please do not hesitate to visit the classrooms or make a time to discuss any questions or concerns which you may have so that I can ensure your child enjoys school and achieves great things.

Michelle Gallop
Classroom teacher
Important things to know at Cullen Bullen Public School

Who’s who at Cullen Bullen School

Mrs Michelle Gallop – Principal and 3-6 classroom teacher

Mrs Tabitha Player – K-2 teacher

Mrs Leanne Dransfield – Literacy teacher (Mondays)

Mrs Dianne Lewis – School Learning Support Officer (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Mr Michael Quinn – General Assistant (Mondays)

Mrs Liz Morgan – Administration (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays)

Bell Times

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Canteen

Canteen is Monday and Friday at lunchtime.

A canteen menu is attached.

Write your order on an envelope or paper bag with your money inside.

Place your order and money in the mail box on the wall in the kitchen.

School Lunches

If your child would like to bring leftovers to school to warm up for lunch there will be a microwave available to use in the area in front of the kitchen. We aim to help our students to continue to develop life skills and who knows we may have future chefs in our school.

Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from the office. A uniform list is attached.

We are happy to layby uniform purchases.

Please remember hats are required EVERYDAY.

How to contact the school

Telephone 02 6359 0543

Email cullenbull-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Changes to phone numbers, address etc can be made by sending in a note, sending an email or simply call and let Liz know. All information will be kept confidential.

Where to get information

School Website www.cullenbull-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Copies of notes, newsletters, uniform order forms, canteen menu can be found on the office door.

Please feel free to contact Liz in the office at any time. The office will be attended between 9.00-5.00 most days.

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Cullen Bullen Public School

Canteen Menu

PIES
Plain $2.50
Curry $2.60
Party Pie $2.00
Large sausage roll $2.20

NOODLES IN A CUP
Beef or Chicken $2.50

MEAL DEALS
Nuggets, chips & drink $4.50
Nuggets and chips $3.00
Hot chips $1.50
Hot chips with gravy $1.50

SANDWICHES
1 Filling $2.20
2 Fillings $2.60
3 Fillings $3.10
Extra filling 50¢
Ham, chicken, devon, cheese,
Tomato, lettuce, pineapple, vegemite

Salad Sandwich $5.00
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion
beetroot, cheese)
Salad Sandwich with meat $5.50

DRINKS
Juices: Apple, Tropical $1.50
Milk: Chocolate, Strawberry $1.50

Put me on your fridge!