Dear Parents

Term 1 is progressing very quickly with two new faces on staff. Miss Sarah Thorncraft and Mr Nick Ruddell have joined the Cullen Bullen staff for 2016, to support our teaching and learning programs. Please introduce yourself to make them feel welcomed into the Cullen Bullen school community.

**Upcoming events:** Three upcoming events during the remainder of the term include: the Athletics Carnival @ Zig Zag PS on Thursday the 17th of March; Easter Hat making with parents on Tuesday 22nd of March; and the Easter Hat Parade to be held on Thursday the 24th of March at 11.30 pm. Please keep your eye out for notes to detail these events.

**Transport:** In the past, teachers have assisted with transport of students, to and from events. Due to the high risks associated with using private car transport, this is no longer an option for teachers unless under exceptional circumstances. Parents will be required to transport their children to and from events using private car. The school bus can seat 11 students and these seats will be strictly reserved for students who have no other alternate means of transport to and from events.

Bus transport can be negotiated with the Principal and will require written consent from parents before transport is provided. If you have any concerns or suggestions in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss transport options to ensure that every student at our school is able to participate in out of school events.

**Library:** Borrowing from the school library has started for 2016. School books can be borrowed each second Friday before our school assembly. Please ensure students have their library bags to borrow each second fortnight.

**Helmets:** Bike helmets have been purchased and can be borrowed by students for a fee of $2 per year. These helmets will remain school property but will remain student property for the year. Please send in $2 if your child is considering borrowing a bike helmet.

**Community event:** This Saturday, a community information display will be presented to the Cullen Bullen community to inform residents of the upcoming Invincible Mine extension project. The display will be held between 10am and 12pm on Saturday March 10th to provide community with more information regarding the project. Watch this space for our “Cullen Bullen Bake Off”. Manildra flour which is affiliated with the new mine proposal is donating flour, cupcakes and muffin mixes to involve us in their new upcoming project. We will be having the bake-off next term on Friday 6th May.

**Leave:** I will be on long service leave from the 16th of March, as I am travelling to China with my daughter. Tabitha Player will relieve as Principal during this time and Amy Munro will continue teaching my class for the short time that I am away. Mr Ruddell and Miss Thorncraft will continue their roles as learning support teachers in Numeracy and Literacy during this time.
Learning and Support Meetings

Parent meetings to develop K-2 students’ learning and support needs were held during the past weeks in the K-2 classroom. These meetings are designed as an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss programming needs for students identified as requiring these plans. Meetings for identified students in years 3-6 will occur early in Term 2. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you would like to discuss your child’s progress at school as parent and teacher partnerships are a major contributor to student success and something which I strongly value.

Have a great weekend

Kind Regards,

Michelle gallop

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminder

If you haven’t returned the General Information and Permissions notes please fill them out and send them in as soon as possible.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, Head Lice are a part of school life. We do ask our parents and carers to regularly check their child/children's hair for signs of lice and their eggs. With regular checking and treatment we can work together to manage the problem.

FROM THE P&C

Easter Hat Parade

There will be a donut & Easter egg and drink deal for the Easter Hat Parade for $3.00

Order forms will be sent home shortly.

Have a great weekend!

Rebecca Abrahams
P&C Secretary

What’s on at Cullen Bullen Public School

Week 8

Wed 16.3.16  Mrs Gallop LSL
Thurs 17.3.16  Athletics Carnival @ Zig Zag PS

Week 9

Tues 22.3.16  Easter Hat Making
Thurs 24.3.16  Easter Hat Parade
Fri 25.3.16  Good Friday

Week 10

Mon 28.3.16  Easter Monday
Wed 30.3.16  Life Education Van visit
Thurs 31.3.16  Year 6 Transition @ Portland Central

Week 11

Mon 4.4.16  Mrs Gallop back
Thurs 7.4.16  Harmony Day (wear orange to school)
Fri 8.4.16  Last Day of Term 1