

Cudgee Update

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Cudgee Primary School
Community Newsletter



Welcome to the 9th edition of the Cudgee Update – Cudgee Primary School's community newsletter.

This newsletter marks the beginning of the 2017 school year. It is the third year that this newsletter has been circulated and is delivered to all of Cudgee and surrounds via Australia Post. Throughout the year we will produce and send out the Cudgee Update at the conclusion of each term. Please let us know if you don't receive it during term holidays. The newsletter can also be found on our school website:

www.cudgeeps.vic.edu.au

The purpose of Cudgee Update is to help keep you informed of what has been happening during the term and to let you know of key dates that are coming up later in the year. Visit and like our Facebook page Cudgee Primary School if you would like to keep abreast of things as they happen. We thank you for your continued interest in the school.

The start of 2017

The year started smoothly for our returning students and we were excited to welcome our new Foundation students together with a further 3 students who have joined the older grades. This has raised our enrolments to 27 students this year. Our school student leaders have been elected and are introduced later in this newsletter.

Term 1 is the shortest term of the year but it has been a busy one for the students setting up their learning for the year as well as participating in a range of extra activities. We have run our weekly swimming program at Aquazone, held the early morning Cudgee Fun Run, ride to school day, a 'Future Thursday' Junior School Council fund raiser and participated in the annual School Athletics Sports Day which we won this year!

School Grounds

Earlier in the term we held a working bee where we were able to get a number of jobs and improvements to the school grounds completed. We have cleaned and finished the painting of the classroom deck and rail and trimmed the lower branches in the sheoak forest near the tennis court so that children can now safely play amongst the trees. Again, please feel free to use the school grounds for your own recreation outside of school hours or by arrangement during school hours. We also encourage early morning bus travellers to use the bike shed to store their bikes. If you notice a maintenance issue or have any suggestions for the grounds please forward them to the school.

We trust you and your family will have a great Easter break and look forward to working with you this year.

Meet our Student Leaders for 2017

School Captains

Hi, my name is Harry. I was recently elected school captain and I am 12 years old. I have been at Cudgee Primary School for 6 years and I have loved it. Reuben and I are working with the Junior School Council to organise fun activities for the school.



Hi! My name is Reuben and I have been elected vice-captain for Cudgee Primary School. My 6 years at Cudgee Primary have been fun and thoroughly enjoyable. I am currently working with Harry and Junior School Council. We recently organised a future Thursday and I hope to arrange more of these activities.

5-6 Student Leaders Congress 2017

Recently the 5-6 students (Harry, Reuben, Brike and Jada) went to the Student Leaders Congress at Deakin University. The theme was again on Health and Wellbeing and we had various people speak to us about that theme. The favourite by far was a man named Hugh. He talked to us about how happy people can be, despite how little money they have. He made us think about how much we have, and how happy we should be with all that we have. He said this kind of happiness is what we should strive for.

Junior School Council

Chairperson – Brike

I share ideas from the JSC with the school. I also listen to the JSC for ideas and then organise a vote.

Treasurer – Lucy

I count up the money. I come up with ideas to raise and spend the money.

Sports Captain – Grace

I lock the sports shed every night and help the JSC organise things.

Secretary – Luke

I write down the new student ideas.



FUTURE THURSDAY

Dress Up Day Fundraiser

The Junior School Council recently organised a dress up day where students dressed up as what they want to be in the future. The money raised is going toward setting up a chess club.



School Athletics Sports 2017 – Cudjee PS Champions!

The annual school sports held together with Panmure, Grassmere and Nullawarre Primary schools was held earlier in the term. All students participated in track and field events within their age groups and through their effort and participation accumulated enough points to win the day. Thanks to all the parents who supported the students and well done to all students who encouraged and spurred each other on throughout the day. We also had a number of age group champions: Grace, Riley and Reuben.



Upcoming Dates

April 18 - Start of Term 2

June - Cudgee Soup Night, 5-7pm (Date to be announced)

Term 4 - Transition sessions for 2017 Prep students

November 24 - Cudgee Night Market, 5-8pm

December 14 - School Concert, 6pm

Transition Information for 2018 Foundation Students

Early next term teachers from Cudgee and Panmure primary schools will be visiting Allansford and Merri Kindergarten 4 year old groups to run an activity for the children.

For any new families with children in 4 year old kindergarten this year, we invite you to make a time for a tour of the school to find out more about our education programs. For students wishing to enrol next year we have enrolment week at Cudgee PS early in Term 3. Please contact the school to organise a time during this week to enrol your child.

During Term 4 we have planned a number of sessions at Cudgee PS to make for a smooth transition from kindergarten to school.

There are 4 transition sessions with the Foundation-Grade 2 class and 4 extra 'Clubs' sessions where we will do some fun cooking and craft activities with children from Foundation to Grade 6.

Wednesday 25 October: Clubs Session 1

Friday 27 October: Transition – Focus on Literacy

Wednesday 1 November: Clubs Session 2

Friday 10 November: Transition – Focus on Numeracy

Wednesday 22 November: Clubs Session 3

Friday 1 December: Transition – PE & Games

Wednesday 6 December: Clubs Session 4

Tuesday 12 December: Transition – Music & Christmas Art



Please contact Matt Dodson at the school to let us know if your child will be attending for planning purposes and so we can put you on the mailing list.

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