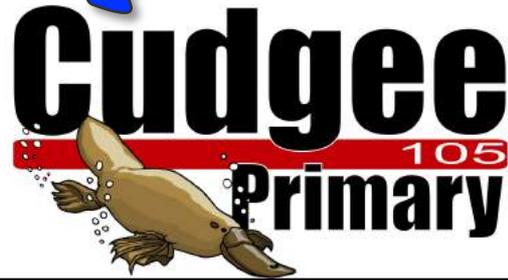


Cudgee Update

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Cudgee Primary School
Community Newsletter



We hope you enjoy reading the 7th edition of the Cudgee Update – Cudgee Primary School's community newsletter.

The purpose of this newsletter is to tell a few stories about what has been happening at the school and share these with our local community.

We really value your support and encouragement you have given to the students and staff over the years. This occurs in numerous ways – just this term we were delighted to have won first prize in the Gateway Plaza Rio Olympics Competition. Shoppers were encouraged to put their receipts in different school boxes and the school with the highest value of receipts per school child was Cudgee PS. We actually had the 2nd highest amount of receipt value overall which demonstrated some great community support. So we would like to give a big thank you to all those who contributed and supported us in this way. We won \$1650 worth of sports equipment which is on its way!



Cudgee PS School Council plays an important role in setting the direction of the school and providing guidance

in a range of areas. We value the participation of parents and this year have also welcomed community member Graeme Schultz to the council. He has helped generate some momentum for thinking about our buildings and grounds and ways to make some improvements in the near future. As part of this process we are keen to hear from members of the community about how they use the grounds and any ideas they have for their improvement. At this stage we are compiling a wish list – so don't hold back on your ideas!



Term 3 Happenings

This term has been a busy term for the older students. The 3/4 students enjoyed their Sovereign Hill Camp and the 5/6 students have been on their Roses Gap Camp in the Grampians. Just last week the senior students performed in the State School Spectacular at Hisense Arena in Melbourne. It has been a big build up

to this event with multiple rehearsals in Melbourne. It has been a great learning opportunity and we thank Ms Moir for her passion for music and organisation of experiences like these.

The younger students have recently been investigating and learning about the historic school building which turns 100 years old this year. The building has many stories to tell and students have been busy looking over the building and old photos to learn about some of the things that have changed over the century. We are beginning to draft questions to ask past students and staff about their stories and memories of their time in the building and would love to speak with anyone who has some thing to share about there time at Cudgee PS. Please make contact with Matt Dodson as we are planning to do this early next term.

All students have been involved in Book Week celebrations and we are so thankful for the hard work that Chris Howlett, our MARC library teacher, puts into Book Week activities and her regular program. Students have also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn Australian Sign Language, attended a performance titled 'Fairest of them all" about cyber safety and competed in the regional hockey tournament in Dimboola with other students from Grassmere PS.

Looking forward to Term 4

The final term of the year is always an exciting time for students. We will be holding our clubs sessions run by parents, transition programs for new Foundation students and for the exiting Grade 6 students will occur, the

planning for our big annual fundraiser and community event – The Cudgee Night Market – is well underway and student are beginning to talk about their highlight of the year – The School Concert!

Cudgee Night Market

Please promote this event to potential stall holders and attendees.



**Cudgee
Night
Market**

**Friday
25 November
5-8pm**

Fresh local produce, plants, handmade goods, jewellery, Melting Pot curries, Twistto, Le Crepe Man, Timboon Ice-cream, a raffle, baby & children's wear, pony rides, entertainment and much more!

Get all your Christmas shopping done early!

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We wish you all a safe and restful start to Spring!

LOTE – Auslan

This term we wrapped up our Auslan lessons with Mark Gravolin. Over 10 weeks he has put together a fantastic program that has engaged children across the year levels and also helped open our eyes to the ways that deaf people have been able to overcome different hurdles in their lives.

During the last lesson Mark presented students with their own certificate. He also held a 'raffle' where students took turns to draw a ticket and were then asked to sign the colour, letter and number of the ticket. The rest of the students had to work out whether their ticket had been drawn.

To demonstrate some of their learning students performed Baa Baa Black sheep in sign at one of our recent assemblies. The parents were asked to guess the song (which they couldn't) and so the students performed the song again in sign and speech. They have also prepared other songs to perform later in the year at the School Concert.

We would like to thank Mark for his thoughtfulness and care he took in developing and delivering this program. The interest and learning that occurred are a testament to his teaching. He has said throughout his time with us that he has been very impressed with the students at the school – their willingness to learn and their insightful questions, thinking and comments. So well done to the students as well – this feedback is a credit to you!



Students from Cudgee and Grassmere PS at the Dimboola Hockey tournament.

"It was a fun experience and both Cudgee and Grassmere students enjoyed it, even if we didn't win a game. It was worth the long drive." Reuben & Harry



Fairest of them all performance

This was a fun play which catered for all age groups. For the younger audience it was a funny action packed play and for older students it had a strong cyber bullying message as well as suggesting we can communicate and get out and be involved in activities with other people rather than always being glued to electronic technological devices. The three person show centred around Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs but with a 21st century twist. It was a high quality production.

MARC Library Book Week Celebrations

Australia: Story Country

A fantastic celebration of reading was held during book week for the students of Cudgee PS and Panmure PS! It was incredible to hear the many and varied stories that our country has to tell. Australia is certainly a 'Story Country' as the theme for Book Week 2016 suggests. The Book Week parade was amazing and I was overwhelmed by the creativity and thought that went into the costumes. Thank you to parents, grandparents or anyone who helped in any way to prepare the students for the parade. Thanks very much to Jenny Antonio for cooking the 'AUSSIE' lunch.



It was great to see many Australian animals arrive on the day...Koala Lou, Edward the Emu, Nutsy and even the wombat from 'Diary of a Wombat' by Jackie French. There was a fly buzzing around near one of Australia's greatest inventions... the Hill's Hoist. The clothesline was just laden with clothes! I just loved the delicious lamington covered in coconut. Famous Australian poet, Banjo Paterson was there, as well as the legendary 'Man from Snowy River'.



The Book Olympics were lots of fun and it was great to see the students get into the spirit of the games! Leading borrowers from Cudgee and Panmure, Lucy Dodson and Nikayla Wiffrie, were the torchbearers on the day and officially opened the games. Congratulations to **Team Bland** who was the winning team on the day.



-Chris Howlett MARC library teacher



Grade 3 Camp 2016



Sovereign Hill

On the 28/7/2016 the grade 3s went for an excursion to Sovereign Hill for the experience of 1855 in the Ragged School. We dressed up as the people of 1855 and so did our teachers, Mr A, Miss Paulin and Miss Moo. We watched Blood on the Southern Cross. It was a lot of fun going to Ballarat.

By Jaya



Sovereign Hill Camp

On the 28\8\16 and 29\8\16 the grade 3s went to Sovereign Hill Ballarat for camp. Sovereign Hill is a little town set in 1855. Here are some of the things that I enjoyed; getting old-fashioned boiled lollies from the confectionary shop (and eating them), watching Sir make some boiled lollies, the mine tour and sewing.

I enjoyed camp so much and I want to take my family one day.

By Grace





State Spectacu

The 5-6 students went to state school spectacular, a big concert where lots of people come to see thousands of kids including the teachers.

The first day we came straight from the train to Hisense arena to rehearse for five hours (with regular breaks). After that we went to Richmond hill hotel and unpacked then had dinner and went to bed. We were all exhausted and fell asleep at a decent time (except for the teachers).

Second day after a filling breakfast of toast or cereal (or both) we went to Hisense arena for some practice and then a full dress rehearsal.

Next day was the big day. We had to get to the concerts at 10:30am even though it started at 1:30pm. so we walked from our hotel to Hisense arena with a leap in our steps. The first show was excellent even though it was not packed. At the start of the show we managed to get a Mexican wave that did eight laps around the arena.

Second show was just as enthusiastic as the first. It was more packed than the first, even if the Mexican wave didn't work!

We all went home after that either that night or the next day.

By Harry

It was the morning of Thursday the 8th of September and everybody met at either Warrnambool or Terang train station. Finally, when the train arrived, we boarded it, heading for Melbourne. We arrived at about 9 AM and walked to Hisense Arena.

We rehearsed until 4 O'clock. Eventually we walked to Richmond hill hotel, had dinner before settling down to bed. In the morning, we rose at seven-thirty, had breakfast then walked the 1km back to Hisense. After arriving we rehearsed for approximately 7 hours and walked back to Richmond. We had spaghetti bolognaise for dinner then crashed on our beds, excited about the day to come.

The next morning, we had a sleep in and had brekky. We went to the Arena and performed for the first show. We then had an early tea (pizza) before we performed again. The lights of the show were amazing and the singers and dancers were spectacular (as the name suggests). After the second show we were picked up by our parents, to come back to Cudjee in our own time.

It was a fun and resourceful experience and I recommend the performance for others in the years to come.

By Reuben

Schools lar 2016



On the 7th of September the grade 5-6s of Cudgee, Nullawarre, and Panmure primary school went on the train to Melbourne for a choir rehearsal for a show called State School Spectacular. There were two, 6 hour practices before the lead up to an afternoon show and a night time show. After the two rehearsals it all came together and it got easier. We all had a great time and it was a great experience to perform in front of a round about... 5,0000 people.



We stayed in Melbourne for two nights in a hotel, and it was a very exhausting trip but once we went to bed, got up and had breakfast we were once again full of energy.

I really enjoyed the experience I had a lot of fun and some parts were a challenge. (But I like a challenge.) I would love to do something like it again.

By Kira

The States School Spectacular is a HUGE concert that thousands of children, teens and adults are involved in. The Cudgee students combined with the Panmure and Nullawarre students. Formed a group to Travel with, Practice with Do the show with. We had gone to two practices beforehand but we were not ready for the surprises that they unleashed.

What was your favourite part? The actual performance was the best I think because the crowd was there and the performers were doing their best show.

What was your favourite acts/songs? I liked Have you ever seen the rain because it sounded amazing with the choir and the lead singers were great. The other one was Is there life on mars because everyone sang their hearts out and it sounded fantastic.

What advice would you give to a future SSS student? Pack lightly because you have to carry all your stuff around for 3 days in a backpack. It's a great experience but you end up very tired, so probably take a day off the next day.

But over all, it was great being involved in the show and we all had loads of fun. If I got the chance I would do it again but probably try something else like dancing or being a backing singer.

By Molly

Upcoming Dates

3 October - Term 4 begins

12 October Transition activities begin for 2017

Foundation Students

November 25 - Cudgee Night Market, 5-8pm

December 6 - School Concert, 6pm

Transition Information for 2017 Foundation Students

It is great to see so many local families choosing Cudgee PS for their children as they begin their schooling journey. So far we have a number of siblings of older students and new families enrolled for 2017.

The Foundation transition program helps to prepare the way for new students to have a successful and enjoyable first experience of school. It provides opportunities to get to know the teachers and other students before the first day of school in 2017.

During Term 4 we have planned a number of activities. 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 12 October: Clubs Session 1

Friday 21 October: Transition – Focus on Literacy

Wednesday 26 October: Clubs Session 2

Friday 4 November: Transition – Focus on Numeracy

Wednesday 9 November: Clubs Session 3

Thursday 17 November: Transition – PE & Games
(Note change of date)

Wednesday 23 November: Clubs Session 4

Tuesday 6 December: Transition – Music & Christmas

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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