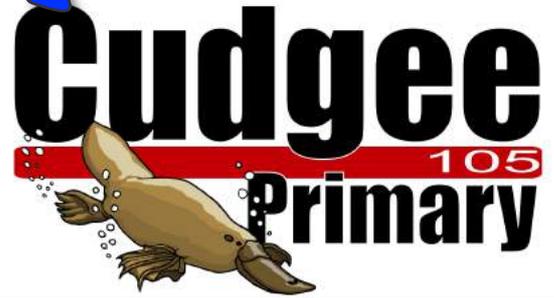


Cudgee Update

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Cudgee Primary School
Community Newsletter



Welcome to the 8th edition of Cudgee Update – Cudgee Primary School's community newsletter.

The last term of the year has really flown by! It has been good to reflect on the comings and goings at the school in Term 4 and share some of the highlights with you including Grade 2 camp, F/1 excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Part, The Night Market, Clubs and transition sessions, 3-6 triathlon day and much more.

We are all looking forward to 2017 and planning is already underway for another fabulous year. Next year the school is growing and have 27 enrolments, which we are all very excited about!

We wish you all a safe and restful break this Christmas!

Quick Survey – Please complete!

This community newsletter began back in Term 1 in 2015 and we would love your feedback. It only takes 3 minutes and you can opt to go into the draw to win a copy of the School's History: 105 at 150! Please type the link into your web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6VLP3LF> or search for Cudgee Primary School on Facebook and find the link there.

Clubs

During Term 4 we held our clubs sessions where new Foundation students for 2017 and other students worked on some fun projects run by parents and members of the community. The flower presses, santa card/lolly constructions, tea light lanterns and Christmas cooking didn't disappoint. Thanks to all our helpers.



Twilight Choir Night

In November Cudgee students participated in the annual choir night held on the Civic Green in Warrnambool. Students played and sang songs with Nullawarre and Panmure schools and then at the end with all the other schools. Thanks Mrs Moir!



3-6 Triathlon

In November, students from Grade 3-6 participated in the annual triathlon near Lake Pertobe. We're very proud of the way that the students conducted, pushed themselves and managed all the changes between swim, bike and run legs!



Melbourne Cup Day

One of our annual school traditions you may not be aware of is to have a snail race, first thing, on the morning of the Melbourne Cup. Snails are selected, marked to identify their trainer and placed in the centre of the circle. In this hotly contested race the first snail across the line is the winner!



Safety Reminders

We take student safety very seriously at Cudgee PS and have a range of documents on our website that outline our policies in this regard. We have a few things that we would like to draw to the communities' attention:

- When children are walking and riding to and from school we are encouraging them to wait for cars when crossing the Hallowell Road intersection. Please be aware of children and allow them to wait for cars and drive though when safe.
- If you have any concerns about students travelling to school by themselves who may be late to school or something seems not quite right please contact the school directly on 5567 6346.
- Fire Safety: Please be aware that on **Code Red** days the school will be closed. No teachers or students will be allowed to be on the school premises.





Thanks to everyone who came and contributed to the success of the annual Night Market. This year was the 6th time the market was held. It continues to be a great community event for the school and Cudgee that also helps raise money to support the educational outcomes and learning experiences of Cudgee students.



School Captains' Report on 2016

On behalf of Cudgee Primary School, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We would like to share some of the achievements that the captains and Junior School Council have worked together to organise.

Captains &/or Junior school council-

- Assemblies
- Leadership Congress (5-6s)
- Icy pole fundraising
- Dress up day
- Mount Noorat excursion (3-6s)
- Pay costs of end of year picnic
- Melbourne Cup Day- Snail races

Combined achievements: Captains, Junior School Council, Senior School Council, Parents Club, community volunteers-

- Fun Run
- Working Bees
- Night Market
- Soup Night



Some of the highlight of 2016 have been School Camps such as: Grade Prep-1 Big Day Out to the Ballarat Wildlife Park, Grade 2 Port Fairy Camp, Grade 3-4 Sovereign Hill Camp, Grade 5-6 Roses Gap Camp and the Grade 5-6 State Schools Spectacular performance.

-Molly Morrice, School Captain and Harry Dodson, Vice-Captain.

Awards 2016

This year's Lions Endeavour Award of \$75 was awarded to Kira Garth. The winners of the annual Mary McKinnon (Nee Meade) Endeavour Award. The annual award of \$250 per person is given to 2 students who have shown friendship, compassion and decency toward others and demonstrated a commitment to learning and our school community through:

- o their effort and perseverance
- o being active participants in their own learning
- o setting goals for their lives and striving to achieve them.

This year we would like to congratulate Molly Morrice and Patrick Hewson on winning this award.

Mary McKinnon was a former student of Cudgee PS and you can read about her on the adjacent page.

2016 School Concert

It was great to see so many people from the school and wider community at the end of year concert. It featured plays from the junior and senior class, some synchronised swimming (set to the Chariots of Fire'), 2 songs in Auslan, individual performances and many other musical items from the students.



We also gave a fitting send off for our Grade 6 students. We wish Iziah, Molly, Pat and Kira all the best in the next stage of their schooling at Warrnambool College.



Grade 6 students launching into next years' challenges!

Mary McKinnon (nee Meade)

Mary McKinnon (nee Meade) was born in August 1921. Mary attended the Cudgee school with her brothers and sisters from the 1920s. Mary spoke fondly of the Cudgee school and her time there. She often talked about the other families who attended with her such as the Brosnans, Brocks, Hunts, and Mahoneys. The family still has Mary's Merit Certificate, which she received from the school in 1935.

Mary married Bill McKinnon from Garvoc and they reared their 7 children at Purnim. On the centenary of the Cudgee school Mary took all the family to the celebrations. She always enjoyed catching up with the Cudgee community.

This award which is to honour Mary's memory and her love of Cudgee and the Cudgee creek where she learned to swim. It is fitting that this award is to be called an "endeavour" award because Mary recognised and rewarded those who tried hard and got the most out of themselves - not just academically.

Mary left us in her 94th year in November, 2014.

- Michael McKinnon

F-2 Highlights

During Term 4 the F-2 school camp program got underway.

The Grade 2s from Cudjee, Nullawarre and Panmure Primary Schools went to Port Fairy for their overnight camp.

On Grade 2 camp we went to Pea Soup Bay and found lots of crab and there were a lot of big rocks we climbed on. – Will

We went to Grade 2 camp. It was exciting when we went to the swimming pool. And we went to bed before 9.30pm. – Marli

At Grade 2 camp we were sleeping in extremely wet conditions and the beds were bunk beds. We scouted across some rocks and found and held some snapping crabs! – Luke



Splash! I jumped into over my head water, water splashing in my face. I vigorously swam as Audrey and Mairead jumped onto a floaty thing. It flipped over us and we quickly swam up and around to the surface. – Lucy



Grade 2 camp was one of the best excursions so far. We had an amazing time. – Audrey

My name is Mairead and all of the grade 2s went to school camp. IT WAS SO FUN! I was in a cabin called Port Fairy Life Boat with Lucy, Audrey, Marli, Clare and Sohie. We had 3 double bunks in our room. –Mairead



On Grade 2 camp I loved going swimming at the pool with all the other Grade 2s. - Shane

The F-1s went on an extra long excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park with Panmure and Nullawarre Primary Schools. We left school at 8am and got back at the late time of 5pm! We were all very tired...



On Friday the F-1 students went to Ballarat Wildlife Park. First we walked to the reptile house and we had recess. Mr D said, "You can look at the crocodile." When we finished our snack we got a tour around the park. -Issa

I went to a zoo and saw some animals and I saw a snake. - Nyk

We saw baby kangaroos and wombats. One wombat was called Harry and the other one was Patrick. -Eli

Last time I went to the wildlife park and I saw lost of animals. - Jack



At the wildlife park there are dingoes and emus. The wombats names were Pat and Harry. - Daphne

We saw animals at the wildlife park. - Leo

We saw Tasmanian devils, crocodiles, wombats, kangaroos, koalas and eagles. We fed the kangaroos. - Violet



I saw snakes but they didn't bite me. It was fun with my school friends. -Jesse

This year I was travelling around Australia. A Couple of months ago I went to the Australia Zoo. - Stella

Upcoming Dates 2017

Formal classes begin – 2 February 2017, 9am

Cudgee PS Community Fun Run – 2 March 2017, 7am.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate in this event.

Merri Hopkins School Athletics Sports Day – 17 March 2017

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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