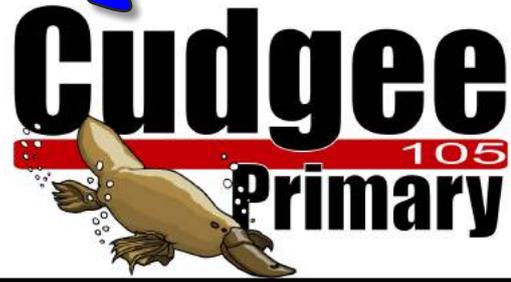


Cudgee Update

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Cudgee Primary School
Community Newsletter



Welcome to the 11th edition of the Cudgee Update – Cudgee Primary School's community newsletter.

We again invite you to share in some of the goings on and learning at Cudgee Primary School through this quarterly newsletter.

Term 3 has been a busy term with so much happening both in and out of the classroom for all involved in our school community.

We have organised, hosted and participated in many exciting activities including:

- An F-2 excursion to Bant's Quarry
- Allansford Kindergarten visiting Cudgee Primary School
- Student Leader's Congress
- National Science Week celebrations
- F-2 excursion to Mount Shadwell



Olivine samples from Mt Shadwell

- Marguk live performance and workshop



- Book Week celebrations
- Year 5/6 camp to Melbourne
- Music Performance with Zeeko: Land, Sea and Air
- Writers Workshop

We hope you enjoy reading on to finding out more about what has been happening at Cudgee Primary School. On the following pages, you will find reports and articles from different members of the school community.

If you are fortunate enough to have some time off during the Term 3 school holidays, we wish you a restful and safe break.

-Fiona Selway & Matt Dodson



Sandpit Fun!

Secretary of Education Visit

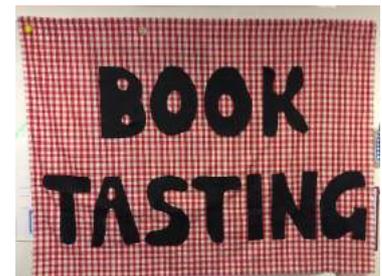
We had the Secretary (Gill Callister) and Deputy Secretary of Education for Victoria (Bruce Armstrong) visit us late in Term 3. The Secretary oversees all areas of State



Education in Victoria and reports directly to the Minister for Education. The visit was an opportunity for the Secretary and her deputy to spend some time in a small school in a rural setting. They observed teaching and learning, talked to our students about their own roles within the Education Department and asked questions of, and answered questions from, our students. They were most impressed with the quality of questioning and comments from Cudgee students. They then met with Miss Selway to discuss future educational directions and wanted to know more about all things specific to small rural schools.

MARC Library - Book Week Celebrations

There were two sittings of the MARC Library restaurant at Panmure P.S on Wednesday August 23rd. The head chef was there to greet all guests from Panmure P.S and Cudgee P.S. How stunning they looked! Upon arrival, the guests were served pre-book tasting drinks, with the choice of milo, orange juice or water. After enjoying the pre-book tasting drinks, candles



on the book cake were blown-out and the celebrations began! The guests were then treated to a delicious slice of the cake... 'Emo the Emu' by Tony Wilson was certainly a favourite! The guests were all excited as they took their seat in the restaurant for the amazing feast of books. The platters were laden with some book delicacies,

covering a wide range of genres and categories. A few food treats were also an added highlight of the restaurant. The guests also went on a book picnic and explored the book characters in a picnic hamper. Lots of fun was had by all...including the head chef! The guests not only looked fantastic but brought along their best manners to the restaurant and eagerly joined in with the spirit of the celebrations. This is what makes it all so worthwhile!

-Chris Howlett (MARC Teacher)



Allansford Kinder Visit

The kinder children from Allansford Kindergarten had a big day at Cudgee PS during the term. Cudgee P-6 students paired up with the Allansford children to help them find and tick off items from around the school ground. It was great to see all the Cudgee students demonstrating leadership in this activity and representing the school so well.



Zeeko

We joined Panmure and Nullawarre schools to enjoy the Arts performance of, 'Zeeko – Songs of the Land, Air and Sea' at the Panmure Hall. Zeeko perform 'songs of ocean, air and earth' and encourage students to 'explore a fundamental message: nature is calling to us, and it is time to listen.'



5-6 Camp to Melbourne



Central Station



Melbourne Zoo



Eureka Skydeck

F-2 Classroom Learning

Our science focus for the first half of this term was the earth's resources and we went on a couple of excursions to look at the different types of rocks and minerals that humans use in all sorts of ways.



Prospectors searching for different types of rocks



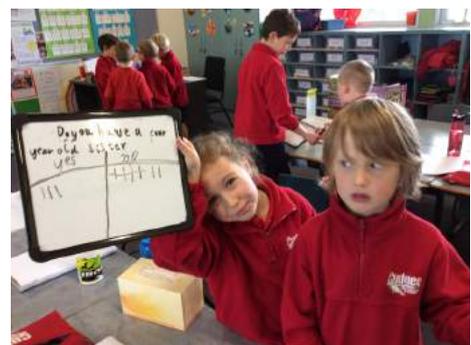
Olivine from Mount Shadwell



Machinery at Bant's Quarry

One of our foci in maths this term was data collection techniques, data displays and interpretations. We will look at and created displays, lists, tables as well as picture and people graphs.

In another science unit we explored forces. We started the unit investigating the push/pull process. Through investigations and observations students gathered evidence on how forces act in air, on water and on the ground.



Collecting data using the tally method

We would like to thank Gavin for taking the F-2 classroom for the past five weeks while Mr Dodson has been in the Acting Principal Role at Panmure Primary School.

Staff Profile – Gavin Arnott

My name is Gavin Arnott and I am a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) for selected school around the district of which Cudgee is my major employer. I am just completing a five-week appointment at Cudgee in Grade F-2 replacing Mr Dodson who is acting Principal at Panmure for this time.

I also work at Panmure, Nullawarre, Allansford and Terang schools. I choose to work in these schools, as I know the children want to learn and their teachers and parents have high expectations of them. I have been working as a CRT for the last 3 years after 33 years of full time employment with the Department of Education (23 years as a Principal). My full-time employment included schools around the western end of the state: Warrnambool, Allansford, Woolsthorpe, Gerang - Gerung (between Nhill and Dimboola), Kaniva, Branxholme and Ouyen. These schools have ranged in size from one teacher to large rural city schools.

I started life on a dairy farm at Boorcan with my parents and my older sister and brother and I attended Terang PS. After my father sold the farm and joined the Department of Agriculture, we moved to Port Fairy and eventually Warrnambool where I completed my late primary and all of my secondary school education. Sport has always been a huge part of my life both playing and coaching football and basketball and playing tennis and cricket. I am still coaching football to this day and I run and swim regularly. I am also an avid reader and enjoy outdoor life - camping, fishing and shooting.

I have worked in many part time jobs since I was 15. These positions have included working at a service station for 6 years, working on an Aboriginal settlement in the bush near Tennant Creek, builder's labourer, brickie's labourer, picking potatoes, selling soft furnishings and working as a barman. These jobs have been an important part of my life fostering in me the ability to relate to and to respect people from all lifestyles.

I love teaching at Cudgee PS. I judge a school on whether or not I would have sent my own four children there; and the answer is most definitely yes with Cudgee. The school boasts high quality staff, supportive and friendly parents, excellent facilities and respectful students who have every opportunity to work at their own level in well-planned and challenging programs.



Grade 3-6 News

Student Leaders Congress

The Student Leaders Congress Celebration night was held in August. It was interesting to hear about all of the exciting things that student leaders are doing across the schools. The main theme was GEM - Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Our presentation was on the 'Day Without'. All the videos that have been made over the past four years of the Leaders Congress are available on the following website:

<http://studentleaderscongress.com.au/>.



Presenting our project at the Lighthouse Theatre.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some writing by our grade 6 students:

Hunger

My beady eyes are ever searching,
Across a desolate white plain.
My famished fledglings are perching,
Wings folded in the pelting rain.
They are so ravenous - it's hard to think,
From loss of food they are so weak.
At least they have a bit to drink,
To summon up the words to speak.

Alas! I see something down below,
A hare, very fat and full of meat.
I swoop down like lightning into the snow,
And hook my talons on the treat.
I can't believe it! I've caught a hare.
I will carry it up to our warm nest,
For my kin and I to share.
Up to my feathery friends as my bequest.

By Harry

War

Laser fire streaked through the cold night air like star beams shooting across space.

Explosions thundered, starbursts of blue and white flames in the thin air.

The night air was clogged with smoke and ash from the ongoing war.

The steady tramp of approaching footsteps made the boy tense, then relax as the guard marched stiffly past his hiding spot like a little windup soldier. The boy flattened himself against the wall then crept deeper into the battlefield.

"Please, no. Don't let him be dead." The whisper cut through the cold night air like a knife slicing into butter. The boy silently slid deeper into no-mans-land, the barbed wire like coils of death and misery. Men slumped on the ground, in a sleep that would never end.

In the growing darkness the boy found that the only light was from the brief flashes of laser fire, like fluorescent lights flickering.

The boy started into a stumbling run, but the inky black cloud of smoke and death around him started to cloud his mind, creeping ever closer to his still-beating heart, trying to make him lose hope.

The boy tripped over a rotting corpse. He crashed into the stinking black mud, just another body in an army of dead men. The boy looked around at the corpses surrounding him.

A young man beside him raised his head and turned to look at the boy. There was a large cut across his forehead, and his shirt was stained an ominous red. The man spoke in a sickly, croaking voice.

"James?" "Yes, it's me," whispered James, tears welling up like morning dew in his eyes. "I'm so glad you're alive" he sniffled. James got up, his body screaming in protest. James stepped over to the man and pulled him to his feet. "Let's go." The man croaked.

"I want to get out of this dismal place." James shivered, partly from cold and partly from fear. He gave the man his shoulder to lean on.

"Take us home, son" said the man. The two of them stood and looked out over the bodies of all the men.

Every one of these men would be missed.

"Just like Uncle Albert and Grandpop," James thought.

The two of them limped back, towards home. They left the battlefield behind them.

The explosions and yelling faded into the distance.

Finally, they reached a dusty old homestead, the flyscreen door creaking in the soft breeze.

Bushes rustled.

An owl hooted, the long and mournful sound resonating across the desert plain.

A mouse scurried across the red dirt, kicking up a scattering of sand.

Birds twitted, serenading the new day.

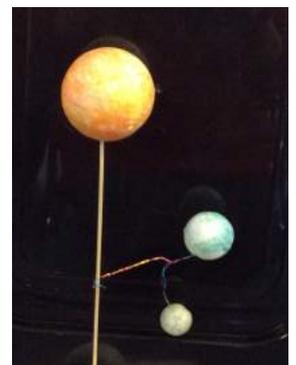
And a boy and his father sat under a veranda, watching the first rays of light spread over the barren plain and wishing the war was over.

And their wish was granted.

By Reuben

National Science Week

Students worked in groups to make **orrery's** (mechanical model of the solar system that illustrates or predicts the relative positions and motions of the planets and moons), that demonstrated their understanding of our place in space.



Upcoming Dates

October 9 – Start of Term 4

November 2 – Cudgee Fun Run 5.30pm followed by a barbecue.

Yes, this annual event has been moved to Term 4 to allow the Night Market to be run earlier in the year. Why not join us for a fun evening of running, eating and socialising! Flyer to come...

December 14 – School Concert, 6pm

March 2018 – Cudgee Night Market (date to be announced)

Transition Information for 2018 Foundation Students

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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