

Cudgee Update

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Cudgee Primary School
Community Newsletter



Welcome to the 14th edition of the Cudgee Update – Cudgee Primary School's community newsletter.

We hope you take a few minutes to have a flick through these pages and get a feel for this last term and the exciting things we have coming up!

Mid-year is a time for all to pause and think about how the year has been going. Students have been working hard at their academic and social learning goals. Parents and other school community members have been enhancing the educational opportunities for our students through parents club, school council and volunteering their time inside and outside the classroom. For us, as teachers, it has been rewarding to reflect and share with parents how the new Foundation students have settled into school and made such big changes in 6 months. For our older students it has been our pleasure to continue to see them grow and mature.

Over this term we have had a number of highlights:

- Students represented the school at the local ANZAC Day march.
- Our annual Soup Night.

- Spending a day with 2 Australian authors as part of the MARC library program.
- Students participated in sporting events including the Zones Athletic sports, Cross Country and Winter Sports Days.



- Music performances.
- Education week activities
- Japanese LOTE lessons

This term we have also been exploring our new school values: respect & equity, risk-taking, leadership, friendship and participation. Weekly assemblies are held at 3pm on Fridays and we have been recognising students who have demonstrated these during each week.

We wish everyone a warm, restful and safe break.

-Fiona Selway & Matt Dodson

Celebrating our Cudgee PS Vision and Values

Cudgee Primary School's vision: **A vibrant school community growing together in an engaging learning environment.** As we work towards this in everything we do we want to celebrate how our wonderful students have been embodying our school values.

Equity and Respect

Jack - going out of his way to look after others' things.
Lucy - allowing others to develop netball skills by modifying the rules.
Myla, Isabella & Zaylie - looking after our school by picking up rubbish.
Violet - for not interrupting, playing fairly and looking after equipment and personal belongings.



Friendship

Eli - being aware of others' feelings.
Nyk - helping others, honesty and respectful behaviour.
Charlotte - sharing her thoughts and feelings with others.
Marli - playing with others and helping.

Risk Taking

Kaiden - confidently working on new learning and working with different people.
Leo - taking opportunities to practice public speaking in class.
Brike - completing challenging tasks.
Jada - completing challenging tasks and working with others.



Leadership

Daphne - being a good role model for everyone.
Stella - helping younger students to resolve problems.
Florence - showing others how to think and share ideas.
Grace - for supporting others and leading by example.



Participation

Sam - thinking outside the box when engaging with his classroom work.
Jesse - showing enthusiasm for his school work.
Hudson - for contributing ideas and sharing skills and knowledge with others.



Japanese LOTE

We have been very fortunate to have So Ota deliver some engaging and exciting Japanese lessons this term. Students have been learning greetings, introductions, numbers, fruit, body parts, songs and actions in Japanese. They have been participating in cultural activities including origami, sudoku (in Japanese numbers), cooking, sumo wrestling and activities to celebrate Children's Day.



Parents club students and staff put on another enjoyable and social Soup Night in June. We had a huge range of tasty soups to sample and some lovely fresh bread made by the F-2 class. Grade 3-6 students worked in groups to cook some different soups with one group taking out equal first place.



The winning soups were:

Audrey, Jada, Luke, Riley's - Chicken and Sweet Corn
Tracey Goodland's - Just Pumpkin

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the art competition. Jeff did some wonderful judging on the night. Well done to those who placed in the different categories.



Soup Night



MARC Library Author Visit

During Term 2 the MARC library program held their joint author visit day. It was not only a valuable learning experience for all students, but a great opportunity to socialise with students from other schools.

We were extremely fortunate to have two wonderful presenters on the day: Harrison Craig and Matt Porter.



Harrison Craig shared his experience of his time on 'The Voice' in 2013...a singing competition that he won despite a speech impediment.

Harrison recently wrote a picture storybook called **Harrison's Song**, which depicted the challenges he faced living with a stutter and how he overcame these difficulties. He was such an inspirational speaker who I know would leave a lasting impression on all students. Harrison encouraged students to follow their dreams and never let anything get in their way. The students were very excited when he sang us a song!



Matt Porter shared his expertise of the writing process and motivated students to express their own ideas and thoughts in a fun way. It was great to observe his sessions and see all students thoroughly engaged and willing to participate. I know that all students would have come away with some useful tips to help improve their own writing.



EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES AT CUDGEE PS

EDUCATION WEEK 2018

Celebrating the arts

20-26 MAY
#EDWEEKVIC



Excursions to the Warrnambool Art Gallery & Flagstaff Hill



On Friday we finished off the week with a Harp concert.



Cudgee PS Open Day

Parents, grandparents and siblings came along to join in some dance, music, art and literacy activities.



Kinder Visits

During this term we also visited Merri and Allansford kindergartens and ran some literacy, art and music activities as part of our transition program.



Upcoming Dates

July 16 - Term 3 begins

Term 4 - Transition sessions for 2018 Foundation Students

December 13 – School Concert, 6pm

Transition Information for 2019 Foundation Students

We are currently enrolling foundation students for 2019. If you have not received an enrolment pack or would like to find out more information from the school please collect these from the office or contact Matt Dodson at the school. Any completed forms can be returned as well during Term 3.

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.

Friday 19 October: Transition – Focus on Literacy

Wednesday 31 October: Clubs Session 1

Friday 9 November: Transition – Focus on Numeracy

Wednesday 14 November: Clubs Session 2

Wednesday 21 November: Clubs Session 3

Friday 30 November: Transition – PE & Games

Wednesday 5 December: Clubs Session 4

Tuesday 11 December: Transition Day including – Music, Christmas art and craft, Buddies set up for 2019.



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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