

# Cudgee Update

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**Cudgee Primary School  
Community Newsletter**



**Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cudgee Update – Cudgee Primary School's community newsletter.**

This newsletter marks the beginning of the 2019 school year. It is one way we can share what has been happening this term at Cudgee school. It is the fifth 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. The newsletter can also be found on our school website: [www.cudgeeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.cudgeeps.vic.edu.au)

## **The start of 2019**

The year started smoothly for our returning students and we were excited to welcome 6 new Foundation students to the F-2 classroom. This has raised our enrolments to 36 students this year. With extra students and a Maths Specialist grant we have been fortunate to be able to employ another teacher – Kath Bird who is teaching the F-2 classroom. This year Matt Dodson takes a few classes across the school and is also leading the maths specialist project across a number of local schools. Our school student leaders have been elected and are introduced later in this newsletter.



With Easter being later this year Term 1 has been longer but just as busy as previous years. Students have been 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, had a Pet Education visit, participated in the National Ride to School day and the annual School Athletics Sports Day.



## **School Grounds**

Once again it has been great to see people making use of the school facilities outside of school hours for sporting activities and family fun. Over the term we have made some improvements: we held a working be to spread mulch in the garden beds (Thanks for the donation Sam), the stairs to the classrooms were replaced and new lights were installed in the undercover area. Next term our new red slide will be arriving for everyone to enjoy!



**We trust you and your family will have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to working with you this year.**

# Introducing our Student Leaders for 2019

## **School Captains**

Hi my name is Lucy and I am School Captain for 2019. Some of my favourite things to do are horse-riding, gymnastics, piano and reading. This term some of the 5/6 students went to the student leaders congress at Deakin University. We learnt a lot about leadership. I have a couple of ideas and one of them is Earth Day, where you try and help native animals. JSC held a movie day this week and we all enjoyed the movie! Our school has done swimming lessons at Aquazone this term. Everyone had a lot of fun. This year we won the school sports so, well done to everyone. I am looking forward to the remainder of 2019.



Hi my name is Mairead and I am Vice Captain for 2019. I'm looking forward to running assemblies and being part

of the school leadership team. Some of my favourite things are horse riding, gymnastics, swimming, tin whistle and piano. Cudgee is a friendly, fun school with nice teachers and students so I can't wait for the rest of the year.

## **Junior School Council**

This year Junior School Council would like to introduce themselves as Jaya (treasurer), Stella (chairperson) and Grace (secretary). This term we have achieved a movie day and Green Team day (to raise money for Warrnambool Special Development School). We plan to do a crazy hair day and a PJ day to raise money for repairs on fences and gates around the school.

Thank you,  
Junior School Council 🤘



## Staff Profile: Kath Bird

It has been lovely to get to know the students and parents at Cudgee Primary School throughout Term 1.

As a new teacher at the school, it has been great to see how well all the students get along. Every recess and lunchtime the students play imaginative and cooperative games that span all age groups. There is a real sense of inclusion in the school.

I am enjoying teaching students from grades Prep through to Grade 2. We have focused on building strong classroom values and developing positive language that we can use inside and outside the classroom. We have enjoyed many engaging stories and books with a focus on kindness, friendship and bravery. I hope to continue to build on these strong foundations of cooperation to foster a happy and engaged learning community.

I have previously taught at Grasmere Primary School after graduating from Deakin University with a Masters of Teaching in 2017. My study focus was on leadership in schools and understanding how the capacity to lead is developed in both students and teachers.

I am looking forward to the rest of the teaching year here at Cudgee PS!

-Katherine Bird

**We would like to  
welcome our new  
Foundation -  
Grade 2 Teacher!**



**Congratulations Cudgee School Students**  
*Athletics Sports Champions 2019*

## Upcoming Dates

April 23 - Start of Term 2

June 25 - Cudgee Soup Night, 5-7pm

Term 4 - Transition sessions for 2020 Prep students

December 12 - School Concert, 6pm

### Transition Information for 2020 Foundation Students

For new families with children in kindergarten this year we invite you to make a time for a tour of the school to find out more about our education programs.

During Term 2 we will be visiting the local kindergartens to run some music, reading and craft activities with some Cudgee PS students – we look forward to meeting some of the kinder kids!

We are encouraging families to enrol their child by Term 3 to help with planning for 2020.

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 23 October:** Clubs Session 1

**Monday 28 October:** Transition – Focus on Literacy

**Wednesday 6 November:** Clubs Session 2

**Monday 11 November:** Transition – Focus on Numeracy

**Wednesday 20 November:** Clubs Session 3

**Monday 25 November:** Transition – PE & Games

**Wednesday 4 December:** Clubs Session 4

**Tuesday 10 December:** Transition – Music & Christmas Craft



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