Principal’s Message

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Thank you to those parents who attended Parent/Teacher interviews last week. Communication between parents/carers and teachers is essential to building a strong working relationship. As I have said many times if we work together, amazing results can be achieved! If you were unable to make interviews last week, please see your child’s class teacher to make a mutually suitable time.

**Term 2 Staff Development Days**
The beginning of Term 2 this year will see staff involved in 2 Staff Development Days. The first Monday of Term 2 is always a Staff Development Day however this year the NSW Government has allocated another Staff Development Day on the Tuesday in preparation for the introduction of the New Australian Curriculum, beginning with English in 2014. This will mean students will not attend school on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. Students will begin Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

**SRC Disco**
An SRC Disco will be held on Tuesday 19th March in the school hall. The theme of the disco is Harmony. Harmony Day is to celebrate our cultural diversity. The message is “Everyone belongs”. Students can wear something orange – the colour of Harmony Day. The canteen will be open for snacks and entry is by gold coin donation. Money raised will be donated to Dunnalley Primary School, which was destroyed in the

The K-3 Disco will be held from 5:00pm – 6:30pm and the Years 4-6 Disco from 6:30-8:00pm. Parents are reminded that an adult is required to pick children up from the hall door at the end of the disco.

**Visiting Performance**
Our first visiting performance for the year ‘To Federation and Beyond’ will be held at the school on Wednesday 13th March. The performance showcases a number of tales of Australia from pre-colonisation to current issues. It combines music, participation and stories all presented with an array of costumes, sets and props. The cost of this performance has been included in your child/ren’s Resource and Program Fee. Thank you to those families that have already paid or made arrangements to pay by instalments. Your support with this contribution is very much appreciated as it allows us to bring cultural and educational performances to our school, which enhances our students’ learning experience. Don’t forget the school now has Eftpos facilities available and payment can be made at the school office.

**Tennis Trials**
Congratulations to Sophie Schulz who was selected in the Albury Tennis squad. Sophie will now travel to Griffith for the Riverina Tennis Trial. Well done, Sophie.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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Dates to Remember

Thursday 7th March
Whole School Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 8th March
RPSSA Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 13th March
SRPSSA AFL Trials
To Federation & Beyond 2:30pm

Tuesday 19th March
SRC Harmony Disco

Wednesday 27th March
ERPSSA AFL Trials

Notes sent home recently

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If you did not received your note please come to the office.

SRC NEWS

Easter Egg Raffle: Please start bringing in those egg donations and receive your free tickets in our monster raffle. An SRC rep will be on duty in the 5-6 classroom every morning before school to receive donations and give tickets. Tickets to buy will go home with the newsletter next week.

World’s Greatest Shave: will be held next Thursday 14th March. You can help by sponsoring George Leov or Mrs Quilter who will have their heads shaved at 3:00pm or bring a gold coin donation for the Leukemia Foundation.

Harmony Disco: Tuesday 19th March. Student in Kinder to Year 3 attend from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, while students in Years 4 to 6 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Please dress in orange (Harmony colour) if possible. A Gold coin will be needed for entry. Delicious food will be available to purchase from the canteen.

Dunnalley School Donation: All money collected at the disco will be donated to the Dunnalley Primary School, which was destroyed in the January bushfires.

SRC Funds: Last year we spent most of our money on games for the Quiet Room as well as donations to various charities. As our ‘coffers’ are so low, on Wednesday 20th March we are going to hold a cake/slice stall. Everything will be 50¢.

All SRC Class Representatives are asked to bring a plate of Cup cakes, honey joys, toffees, slices, pikelets, etc. to sell. All money raised will go into SRC funds. Thank you.

Mother’s Day Stall: Gifts ranging from $2.00 to $6.00 will be on sale on Thursday 9th May.
Class K-1

With the cooler mornings approaching, please check that school jumpers have been labelled for easy identification. K-1 students have been working well during our L3 sessions. Thank you to our parent helpers, your help is much appreciated.

Class 1-2

This week we commence daily number work practice in TEN (Towards Early Numeracy) games. We plan to become more speedy and accurate in our numeracy calculations. Thank you to all those parents who came along to interviews last week. If any families still wish to have an interview, please contact the front office so a time can be arrange. Student of the Week: Lincoln McPherson

Class 3-4

Students are busily preparing and practicing their class item for assembly on Thursday at 2:45pm. The news topic for this week is 'Something that has made me laugh'. Students are encouraged to write down their story to help present their item to the class. Over the last week, students have been reminded not to bring in items in which they do not need. Items such as pens, highlighters and post-it notes have all been sent home. These items prove to be a big distraction on desks and are therefore to remain at home. Thank you to students for their cooperation. It was great to see and meet many new parents over the past week for Parent/Teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend, I am happy to arrange another time this term. Please see me before school.

Class 4-5

4-5 has had another proactive, fun week of learning. I can't believe its already half way through the term. This week our homework schedule will be back to normal with spelling sentences on Monday and on Wednesday Maths Mentals and Grammar work will be sent home. It was lovely to meet everyone during the Parent/Teacher interviews last week. If I didn't get to meet with you, please pop in and say hello.

Class 5-6

Already half way through the term and only 3 weeks until Easter! Students have received a research task on the states of Australia. Time will be allocated in school but students may have to complete some of the work at home. Unfortunately some unsatisfactory behaviour occurred last week. Please talk to your children as this will not be tolerated and there will be severe consequences for any continued incidents. On the whole, I'm pleased with the attitude of most 5-6 students to their schoolwork and in their peer relationships. Thank you to all those parents who attended last week's Parent/Teacher interviews. Congratulations to Sophie Schulz on gaining selection to the Riverina tennis team. Mrs Quilter's Art group are hard at work planning their entry for the Reconciliation competition. No Tables Champs last week.
On the Ball and On The Go

School Sport
Students are continuing to enjoy athletic rotations on a Friday mornings. In weeks 7 and 8, students who are interested, will be trying out in: discuss, shot put, high jump and long jump events. The top six students in each competency will compete in these events at the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 26th March (week 9).

School Sport
On Friday 1st March, Sophie Schulz travelled to Albury to try out for the Riverina pre-selection tennis team. Out of 13 competitors, Sophie was selected with 4 other students to travel to Griffith for the next round of selections being held on Monday 18th March. Congratulations Sophie, best wishes for the next stage of competition.

Culcairn Swimming Club Presentation Night
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The Culcairn Swimming Club will hold their annual presentation night on Friday 15th March at 5:00pm at the Culcairn pool. A barbecue tea will be provided. Would all families please bring a salad or dessert to share with everyone.

Culcairn Public School P&C Uniform Shop Pre Winter Sale
Straight Leg Track Pants (unisex)
Were $18.50
Now $10.00
Available in sizes 4 to 16 (child).
for a limited time while stocks last.
(Cuffed leg track pants still $18.50 in sizes 4 to 16 (child).

News from the Vegie Patch
There will be a Market Stall this Thursday after Assembly. Last Tuesday the children tasted Stuffed Zucchini. By their comments, they really enjoyed the taste. The recipe will be available at the stall if you would like to try it. We will have zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans and eggplant for sale. Also our new enormous Trombone Zucchini.

Hope to see you there.

Cheryl Gater
School Learning Support Officer
Culcairn Public School P&C Uniform Shop

Winter Pants Order Form

Due to interest from a number of Mums we are offering in a trial, two new styles of girl pants and one new style of boy pants. **For the girls we are offering:** Stretch Boot Leg Pants made from 250gm, combed cotton with spandex. Available in child sizes 4 to 16, dark navy in colour. Features include: Zip Pocket; Elastic Waist; all Seams Safety Stitched; Double Stitched Hems; Name Tag. **Leisure Pants with Elastic Waist** made from 350gm polyester and cotton. Available in child sizes 4 to 16, dark navy in colour. Features include: Boot Leg Opening; One Front Pocket with Invisible Zip; Name Tag; Double Stitched Hems. **For the boys we are offering:** Gaberdine Long Pants made from polyester and viscose with teflon treatment. Available in child sizes 4 to 16, dark navy in colour. Features include: Zip Fob Pocket; Elastic Waist; Two Side Pockets; Back Patch Pocket; Draw Cord on the Inside; Crease Resistant Soft Finish.

We are trialling these new uniform items to gauge community support (basically Mum test them), and popularity of the new pants with a view to carrying them in stock. So for the next two weeks we are offering both the Leisure pants and Boot Leg pants for a special introductory price of $17.00 a pair, a saving of $3.00 off normal retail price. We will also offer the boys pants for $15.00 a pair, again a saving of $3.00 off retail price. These prices are for orders placed and paid for in advance by 22nd of March 2013.

A sample of each pant style is available in the school office for you to view prior to ordering. Sizing of the garments are in line with our current stock, so if your son or daughter is in a size 10 then a size 10 in the new pants should fit. If you find your sizing is not right we can organise an exchange with the supplier, provided the pants are in new, clean, unused condition with tags, packaging and labels still attached. Expected turn around is 10 to 14 days.

**How do I order?**

Complete order form below and return it to the school office with your money and we will handle the rest. Delivery will be via your child when the pants arrive or you can collect from the office if that is your wish. As these items are a trial your feedback is most welcome.

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**2013 Winter Pants Order Form**

Parents Name: ___________________________ Contact Phone Number: ___________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

Please complete order form below and return to school office with payment by 22nd March 2013. Delivery is expected to be 7 to 10 days.

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Totals | Thank you for your business.
# Fortnightly Calendar Updates
## Your Friend on the Fridge!

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### Week 6
- **Monday**  
  4\(^{th}\) March
- **Tuesday**  
  5\(^{th}\) March
- **Wednesday**  
  6\(^{th}\) March
- **Thursday**  
  7\(^{th}\) March
- **Friday**  
  8\(^{th}\) March  
  Riverina Swimming Carnival @ Albury

### Week 7
- **Monday**  
  11\(^{th}\) March
- **Tuesday**  
  12\(^{th}\) March
- **Wednesday**  
  13\(^{th}\) March  
  SRPSSA AFL Trials @ Holbrook  
  Visiting Performance – To Federation & Beyond 2:30pm
- **Thursday**  
  14\(^{th}\) March
- **Friday**  
  15\(^{th}\) March
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is at Culcairn Public School.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5.00 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

Don’t forget that Monday is School Banking day and students who are current Dollarmite bankers should bring in their weekly deposits.
Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: **Monday 11th March 2013**

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

**PERMISSION SLIP**

Please return THIS section to the school office.

I give permission for my child

[ ] _________________

Child’s name

[ ] _________________

Class

to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

[ ] Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

[ ] Science – 5 June 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

[ ] Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 ($18.70 GST inclusive)

[ ] Spelling – 18 June 2013 ($12.10 GST inclusive)

[ ] English – 31 July 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

[ ] Mathematics – 13 August 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

[ ] All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed __________________ entry fee.

Amount

Parent Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________