Prinicipal’s Message

Welcome
Welcome to Chaz Holden (1-2), Talen Holden (4-5), Zali Holden (6), Matisse Ravenna (3-4), Millah Ravenna (1-2) and their families to Culcairn Public School. We know you will enjoy your time at our school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
The first day of Parent/Teacher Interviews were held yesterday afternoon. These interviews are very important to share information with your child’s class teacher. If you have not returned your note requesting an interview, please see your child’s teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time.

Creative Catchment Kids Workshop
Next Friday, 14th March, a series of Creative Catchment Kids workshops will be held in the school library for schools in the surrounding area. This year students will identify a group, person or people, business or industry within the local area that has made a difference to their community by contributing to productive agriculture as well as looking after the environment – ‘Local Land Hero’. Seth Dunning, Clayton Scott, Alex Carter and Breanna Webster will be our representatives at these workshops.

Year 6 Billabong High School Transition
A reminder: that the first Year 6 Transition Day will take place on Thursday, 13th March from 9:30am – 11:30am. Parents are most welcome to attend. Students who are not going with their parents will need to be at school by 9:10am so they can walk to the high school with Miss Phillips. All students will walk back to school with Miss Phillips at the completion of the session at 11:30am.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 18th March from 7:00pm in the school library. The election of our President and Vice Presidents will need to be ratified during this meeting. Just a reminder: P&C meetings are held in Week 2 and Week 8 each term.

SRC Disco
An SRC Disco will be held on Tuesday 25th March in the school hall. The theme of the disco is “The 80’s”. The Kinder to Year 3 disco will be held from 5:00pm – 6:30pm and Years 4 to 6 disco from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Parents are reminded that an adult is required to pick children up from the hall door at the end of the disco. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Work Health & Safety (WHS)
There have been some recent changes to WH&S (previously OH&S), which require policy updates and changes to proformas etc. This is part of the reason that volunteers and people on site are required to sign in at the office when in attendance. Just a reminder: that WH&S is everyone’s responsibility. If you see something that is unsafe or could cause an injury to a child or adult, please let Miss Fage or myself know. Alternatively, Hazard Report Forms are available from the office or the staffroom.

Water Bottles
It is great to see most students bringing water bottles to school each day. Can you please ensure these are plastic and not glass. Glass water bottles are obviously quite dangerous and are not to be brought to school.

School Crossing
Please be aware that all traffic must stop for pedestrians on the school crossing when the flags are out. Traffic should remain stopped until the pedestrians are completely off the crossing, and not just halfway across the road on the traffic island. There is often some confusion over this because of the traffic island and we find that pedestrians have almost been hit by a car as they have exited the traffic island. So please take care at the crossing.

Yours in Education
Craig Allibon
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Dates to Remember

Thursday 13th March
Year 6 Transition Day @ Billabong
High School 9:30am – 11:30am

Tuesday 18th March
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 25th March
“The 80’s” SRC Disco

Thursday 3rd April
Athletics Carnival

Monday 7th April
Paul Kelly Cup

Friday 11th April
Cross Country
Last Day Term 1

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

SRC News

The SRC had a meeting last week, preparing for our 80’s theme disco, “Bullying. No Way!” day and our Easter raffle. Our Life Skills students will be helping with the catering for the disco after their successful Pancake Day last week.

The SRC will be purchasing wrist bands for students for our “Bullying. No Way!” day on Friday 21st March, which is also Harmony Day.

Look out for your Easter raffle tickets coming home soon. Donations for eggs can come in as soon as you like!

Good Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Jake Hamson.

P&C News

We were lucky, thanks to Joanne Cock, to have gone into the ballot to cook a barbeque outside Bunnings in Albury on Sunday 2nd March. This year P&C members are taking turns to organise fundraising events and we would like to thank Mark and Cheryl Webster for coordinating this great event and Pam Leov for the roster. We raised over $500.00. Thanks to Joanne Cock, Meralyn Fage, Kathryn Kane, Helen Hayes, Sharon Shearer and Peter, Susan and Melanie Wright, Leticia Sheetz, Julie and Kris Bowen, Rebecca Thomas, Veronica Phillips, Kathy Dunning, Pam and Mark Leov, Mark and Cheryl Webster and Alison Crilly for manning the barbeque. We look forward to seeing many more volunteers for future events.

P&C will be operating a canteen at the Disco on the 25th March. Parents are asked to donate:
- cupcakes
- fairy bread
- muffins or slices

Helpers will also be needed on the night. This is not a difficult task, but without your support there will be no canteen for the children. Please let Miss Fage in the school office know what you will be donating (goods or time). Your help will be appreciated by all the children. All food donations can be left at the school office on the day or dropped at the canteen when you bring your children.

Thank you to the ‘Senior Life Skills’ students, who are assisting with the catering - making the Pizza Bread and Pikelets.
Class K-1

Last week we said goodbye to Merewalesi Ligairi and welcomed Chaz Holden to the K-1 Class. K-1 are settling into a great routine in their L3 morning Literacy sessions. Keep up the great work K-1!

Class 1-2

Welcome to our new student Millah Ravenna in Year 2. Parent/Teacher interviews began yesterday. A reminder: if these days and times do not suit you, please see Miss Taylor for an alternate day and time. Students are reminded that homework needs to be completed and returned by Friday if they wish to receive a marble and Hume award. Students not completing homework tasks will be asked to work during their morning play time. If you have any concerns about the amount of homework allocated or the type of activities assigned, please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Taylor to make adjustments. Nightly reading is a MUST!

Class 3-4

We welcome Matisse Ravenna to our class this week we hope you enjoy being in the 3-4 class. 3-4 class has been doing Creative Story writing today. We start with an idea, visualise it using images in our mind or on paper, then we begin writing our story. In Maths we are learning more strategies for addition of large numbers and we are learning about what is chance? We have been busy practising our assembly item for Thursday. Parent/Teacher interviews are this week after school and I look forward to meeting with you. Please see Miss Fage in the office if you would still like to make an appointment.

Class 4-5

This week will see another busy week as we will be working very hard in English reading and writing about our novel study, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. I look forward to seeing and talking with parents this week to discuss your child’s progress in class so far in 2014. Home learning has been fantastic as almost all students are completing it during the week and talking to me about any difficulties that they are having, which is fantastic. There will be a whole school assembly this week on Thursday, please join us if you can. Welcome to Talen Holden who joined the class last week. Hope you all have a great week.

Class 6

Welcome to Zali Holden. Zali joined our class last week and has settled in very well. We have our first transition day at Billabong High School this Thursday. Students are to meet at school and we will walk down together. Children are only allowed to go directly to the high school if accompanied by a parent. If you are taking your child, please write a note for Miss Phillips. In regards to home reading in Year 6, this does not have to be done out aloud to a parent. Year 6 students should be reading short novels for sustained periods of 20-30 minutes. Anyone with any resources for our design and make an energy efficient home, please feel free to bring to them to the Year 6 room.
On the Ball and On The Go

PSSA Tennis Trials
Good luck to Sophie Schulz as she travels to Griffith for the Riverina Tennis Trials this Friday 14th March.

Congratulations
Well done to Rory Jenkins on his fantastic week in Wyong, playing in the Riverina Cricket side. Rory has also been fortunate enough to make it through to the Eastern Riverina AFL trials on Friday 21st March in Coolamon Good luck Rory.

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival is coming up in Week 10 on Thursday, 3rd April. Try outs for the discus, shot put, high jump and long jump will take place during Sport rotations in the upcoming weeks.

Auskick Registration
Auskick Registrations will be done on Thursday 13th March from 4:30pm at the Culcairn Football Ground. Registration is open to all children between 5 and 10 years of age and costs $60.00 per person.

Culcairn Public School Says No to Bullying and Violence
Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Culcairn Public School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years. Download these free apps now from the Student's section of the website www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

We will keep you informed about our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.