Principal’s Message

**Education Week**

As you are aware this week is Education Week. The theme for this year is “Public Schools NSW – Lighting the Way to a Better World. Education Week is a time to celebrate everything that is great about Public Schools and is the perfect opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful school. It also allows us to celebrate the achievements of our school community. A reminder that our Open Day will be held on Thursday 31st August beginning with the art exhibition displaying K-1 students work, the life skills students ‘café extraordinaire’ for invited guests from 10:00am – 11:00am followed by our Education Week Assembly at 11:30am. The assembly will showcase the dance each class learnt during Term 2 with Hume Dance School. There will also be a class display. At 12:30pm a lunch will be provided for everyone by the P&C. From 1:15pm there will be an activity afternoon where parents and friends are invited to join with students to complete a series of activities on rotation.

**Welcome**

Welcome to Brody Howard who has joined our K-1 Class. We hope you enjoy your time at Culcairn Public School.

**Work Experience**

Welcome also to Rachel Hensel who is completing work experience at Culcairn Public School this week. Rachel will assist in a variety of classes throughout the week.

**Visiting Performance**

Our second whole school visiting performance for the year will take place on Monday 4th August at 2:30pm. “Utter Nonsense” is a seriously, silly storytelling about society’s obsession with fame and fortune – featuring puppets, pop-up illustrations, special effects and a magic wheelbarrow.

**Year 6 Transition**

The next Year 6 Transition for students attending Billabong High School next year will take place next Tuesday, 5th August. Students will come to school as normal and walk to Billabong High School with a teacher. Students will have lunch at the high school before returning to school with a teacher. Students will be required to wear their full school uniform, hat and bring their recess and a drink.

**Neil von Schill**

There was a fantastic article on the late Neil von Schill in the Sydney Morning Herald recently. Neil von Schill was a past Principal of Culcairn Public School who sadly passed away a short time ago. If you would like a copy of the article, please see the office, Mrs Leov or myself.

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 31st August at 4:30pm in the school library. It would be great to have many parents and friends join us.

**Strength Program**

Year 6 boys will be involved in a values based program aimed at improving resilience and self-esteem. The program will run fortnightly on Wednesday from July 30th – August 27th.

**Culcairn Lions Club Debating & Public Speaking**

Congratulations to Matisse Ravenna, Ruby Kane, Georgia Miller and Clinton Scott (Juniors) and Imogen McPherson, Aidan Kane, Robert Thomas and Ben Medley (Seniors) who were involved in a debate against Henty Public School last Friday. Well done to the Junior Team who were successful in winning on the day and also to the seniors who were narrowly defeated. Congratulations also to Isabelle Young (Senior) and Ellie Webster (Junior) who were the public speakers on the day.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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Dates to Remember

**Monday 28th July**
Education Week

**Tuesday 29th July**
UNSW English Competition

**Thursday 31st July**
Education Week – Open Day
K-1 Art Exhibition 10:00am
Whole School Assembly 11:30am
P&C Meeting – 4:30pm

**Monday 4th August**
RPSSA Athletics Carnival
“Utter Nonsense” Performance 2:30pm

**Tuesday 5th August**
Year 6 Transition at Billabong High School

SRC News

The Semester 2 SRC representative had their first SRC meeting last week. They will be having a Footy Colours Day this term (date to be advised); the Term 3 disco will be on Wednesday 13th August (get your celebrity costumes ready!); and the Father’s Day stall will be on Monday 1st September.

Don’t forget, if anyone has any ideas for the SRC, be sure to put them in the suggestion boxes in your classroom.

Good Raffle Winner - Fletcher Wright. Congratulations.

P&C Meeting

THURSDAY
4:30PM

EVERYONE2DAY

Term 3 can be a time for colds and illnesses. Make sure you send in a note, call the school or respond to the SMS message on your mobile phone to explain your child’s absence as soon as possible.

School is a place for learning and making friends.

Every day at school counts! Is your child at school today?

REMINDER

School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.
Class K-1
This week is Education Week and K-1 students are very excited to be displaying their art in an exhibition on Thursday 31st July beginning at 10:00am. School assembly begins at 11:30am with all classes performing their dance, followed by lunch at 12:30pm (provided by the P&C) and a games afternoon. We hope you can come along and join us for some of our activities during the day. A reminder: please return your child’s excursion note. Bronze Award: Annabell Barber, Sophie Dowell, Aidan Semmler, Lachlan Wotten, Lincoln Wright.

Class 1-2
Students are enjoying participating in the Author’s Chair, where they share their pieces of writing or discuss a book they have been reading. Students have been working on recounts/summaries and working hard to identify the: who, what, where, when and how within stories read together. Our school Open Day is this Thursday. Students will be showcasing their learnt dance routine and class work. A BBQ lunch will be provided and parents are invited to participate in the games afternoon alongside their children.

Class 3-4
This week in class students are doing lots of reading of their own novels and factual books. As a class we are reading an entertaining story called “The Twits” by Roald Dahl. We are also learning about the early explorers who searched for Australia before the First Fleet arrived. On Thursday our class will present their dance moves and talk about the early explorers. We hope parents will come along and enjoy the presentation. Students sketched some botanical drawings in Art pretending to be Joseph Banks who drew pictures of the plants and animals in Australia to show Europe.

Class 4-5
Congratulations to students in our class who participated in the debate against Henty Public School, and as public speaker, last week. The effort and preparation done by Georgia, Robert, Aidan, Imogen, Ben and Ellie was excellent. We look forward to seeing family and friends at school on Thursday to share our Education Week activities with us. Watch for the great dancing performance by Class 4-5! We are enjoying a variety of activities on Gold in preparation for the senior excursion later this year. In Maths we are learning about points of the compass when giving position. It’s another busy week of learning.

Class 6
Happy Education Week everyone! As per the slogan, I hope you are all “Lighting the way to a better world”. This week sees the Year 6 boys attend their first “Strength” workshop, working towards building the students’ significance, resilience and courage. Some boys will also be attending a creative arts workshop this Friday. As I am on long service leave at the end of term, the 4-5 class has kindly swapped assembly items this term. Year 6 will now be presenting their assembly item in Week 7 whilst the 4-5 class will be in Week 9. Looking forward to seeing you at school on Thursday for our Education Week celebrations!
On the Ball and On The Go

Congratulations
Well done to Lucy Way for her wonderful efforts at the State Netball Trials last week in Sydney. Although not successful in making it to the next level, she was a fine participant. The school is very proud of your achievements.

Riverina Athletics
Good luck to Kayleigh Cook, Lucy Way, Georgia Way, Georgia Miller, Owen Butterworth, Millah Ravenna and Matisse Ravenna who are attending the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on Monday 4th August.

Friday Sport
Practice for the Bernie O’Connor Football and Netball Carnival will continue this week. Thank you to those parents who have already indicted they are able to assist with managing teams on the day.

We still need at least one other parent to help with junior netball. If you are available to help out please speak to Miss Taylor or Mr Kent.

All other students will be doing weekly sport activities with Miss West and Mrs Leov.

Education Week
Celebrating the 60th Education Week
‘Lighting the Way to a Better World’
Open Day Thursday 31st July

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS

Please note the uniform shop operates on Friday mornings from 9:00am – 9:30am. The shop will not be open on Friday 23rd August due to the Bernie O’Connor Carnival.

Parents wishing to purchase uniforms outside normal operating times should contact the uniform shop coordinators to arrange an alternate time:
Mark & Cheryl Webster
0447 621 681

Thank you.