Principal’s Message

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. You all competed to the best of your ability. The new format of having everyone involved in all activities, rather than having trials at school and the best six going through, worked extremely well. We had numerous comments about how much better it was for everyone.

Congratulations to our age champions:

- Junior Boys - Mitchell Way
- Junior Girls - Ruby Kane
- 11 Years Boys - Jaidyn Foye
- 11 Years Girls - Kayleigh Cook
- Senior Boys - Jaspar Butterworth
- Senior Girls - Shania Towns

Congratulations also to Hovell on defeating Hume to win the carnival. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising such a great day, Billabong High School students for their help with the events and the P&C for assisting with the canteen.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit their NAPLAN assessments next Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. Parents will receive results of these tests in early September.

School Plan 2015 - 2017

After a thorough consultation period with the whole school community, our school plan for 2015 – 2017 has been completed and is now on our school website –

http://www.culcairn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

This plan is a major focus for our teaching staff and outlines the roles of all stakeholders – staff, students, parents and community. It focuses on 3 strategic directions 1 – Learning, 2 – Teaching, 3 – Growing Together. Our school is committed to improving outcomes for all students particularly in Literacy and Numeracy.

Annual School Report – 2014

Our 2014 Annual School Report (ASR) is now available on the school website –

http://www.culcairn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The ASR is a report based on the 2014 school year at Culcairn Public School. If you are unable to access our website and would like a hard copy, please contact the office or Mr Allibon.

SRPSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all 24 students who competed in the Southern Riverina Primary School Sports Association (SRPSSA) Cross Country at Burrumbuttock yesterday. All students did extremely well and are to be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour. Well done to Kayleigh Cook, Aidan Kane, Jaspar Butterworth, Mitchell Way and Ruby Kane who will now represent SRPSSA at the Riverina Cross Country Carnival at Gundagai on Thursday 11th June.

Mother’s Day Stall

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) will again this year be running a stall for Mother’s Day on Thursday 7th May. Students will be able to purchase from a variety of gifts ranging in price from $1.00 to $5.00. Senior SRC members will take a display of the available gifts to each class on Wednesday so that children get an idea of what is available for purchase.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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**Dates to Remember**

*Friday 8th May*
Bandits Basketball Training

*Tuesday 12th May*
NAPLAN

*Wednesday 13th May*
NAPLAN

*Thursday 13th May*
NAPLAN
Whole School Assembly 2:45pm
1-2 Students Presenting Speeches

*Monday 25th May*
Cyberwise Performance

*Wednesday 27th May*
GRIP Leadership – School Captain & Vice Captains

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**SRC NEWS**

There will be a Mother’s Day Stall this Thursday 7th May. Students will be able to purchase a gift for their mum at the stall, if they wish to. Prices range from $1.00 to $5.00.

On Wednesday the senior SRC representatives will show each class the gifts that will be available.

Good Raffle Winner:
Claire Scott

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**P&C This n That**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Canteen at the Athletics Carnival, your help was very much appreciated.

Are you a keen gardener? The P&C will be running a plant stall at the Twilight Markets in November. So please start potting up those cuttings of your favourite plants.

Regards

Jena Kent
P&C President

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**Notes sent home recently**

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

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**REMEMINDER**

School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Bank is done on Monday.
Class K-1
Well done to K-1 for your awesome behaviour at the Athletics Carnival last week. Congratulations to the students who presented their speeches at assembly last Friday. This week gymnastics continues on Thursday and we are excited to be doing some activities with the Albury Wodonga Bandits basketball team on Friday. Kindergarten homework for Term 2 went home yesterday. If you have any questions please see Mrs Leov.

Class 1-2
It was great to see students having fun at the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Well done to Thomas Hamson who competed in his very first Southern Riverina Cross Country Carnival yesterday. Students are continuing to choose three spelling activities to complete for homework for the week. They need to choose three activities in a row on the grid. This week students will complete writing their speeches and will begin to present them to the class later in the week and early next week. Four students from both year 1 and year 2 will then present their speech at assembly in week 4.

Class 3
This week our class will be preparing for our public speaking competition. All students are to participate in the class competition by preparing and presenting a speech on their specific topic. I will then choose the best speakers from our class to present at our assembly in week 6. Our athletics carnival was a great success. All students should be applauded for their efforts and good behaviour throughout the day. This term, our class is studying how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and how they can be distinguished from non-living things. A note will go home asking students to explore their home, garden and/or surrounds and choose something that is non-living and something that is living to observe.

Class 4-5
Well done to all the students for their great participation and effort at the athletics carnival. Thank you to all the parents and Billabong High students for helping with events. Last week we had fun making rockets as part of our Space unit for Science. The students are excited about the Albury/Wodonga Bandits visit on Friday and have been practicing their skills with Mr Shoard at lunch time. Year 5 will sit NAPLAN assessments next week. They will be doing some revision and practice tests this week. Jaidyn Foye was our class dojo winner for week 2.

Class 5-6
A reminder: Parents, please don’t forget to keep making payments for our Canberra excursion. 5-6 students are reminded again: in their homework they should be writing at least a page for their writing tasks. Also, their Maths homework needs to show how the students have worked it out; correct or incorrect. Last week students had huge improvements in their sight words spelling test! In preparation for the Premier’s Debating Challenge, Robbie, Ben, Aidan and Imogen went to Lavington East Public School last Friday and participated in workshops. The class award this week goes to Matisse for showing all her Maths working out in her homework book and explaining how she came to the answer.
Athletics Carnival
Thank you to parents, school staff and students from Billabong High School who assisted at the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Your assistance throughout the day is much appreciated.

Age Champions:
Junior Boys - Mitchell Way
Junior Girls - Ruby Kane
11 Years Boys - Jaidyn Foye
11 Years Girls - Kayleigh Cook
Senior Boys - Jaspar Butterworth
Senior Girls - Shania Towns
Winning House: Hovell – 474 points/Hume - 406 points

SRPSSA Cross Country
Well done to all students who competed in the Southern Riverina Cross Country yesterday. It was a warm day and a new course for everyone. Congratulations to the following students for placing in the top 4 of their age division. They will compete in the Riverina Cross Country Carnival in Gundagai later in the year.
Ruby Kane - 3rd 10 years girls
Mitchell Way - 4th 10 years boys
Kayleigh Cook - 2nd 11 years girls
Jaspar Butterworth - 2nd 12/13 years boys
Aidan Kane - 3rd 12/13 years boys

Gymnastics
Students have been enjoying their weekly 45 minute Gymnastics lesson with staff from Fly Away Gymnastics. It is great to see students having a go at something they may not have tried before.
Thank you to Mrs Butterworth, Mr Foye and Mrs Jenkins for our great photographs.
The Gruffalo’s Child

A poem by K/1

Last week K/1 read the story The Gruffalo’s Child. We have written a poem as a recount of the story.

The Gruffalo’s child went out of the cave,
She thought that she was very brave.
She met a snake in a pile of wood
She thought that he would taste really good.
Onto the owl in a big, big tree
She didn’t eat him and went on to see
The sneaky fox in his underground house.
But where, oh where was the big bad mouse!
The mouse tricked the child, she ran back to the cave
To sleep in Mum’s arms, she’s not at all brave.
A Quick Bite ...

5 Tips to Help With Screen Time at Home

Are you having trouble getting your child off technology or watching television?

Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day:

- Go screen free for weekdays
- Try technology free Tuesdays
- Try imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times on when your child has access such as “no screen time before dinner”
- Provide seven ½ hour vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the week. When your child watches the television, or plays on the computer they hand a voucher back. This limits the child to 3 1/2 hours of screen time over a week.

For more information visit

Ability Links is a new approach to supporting people with disability aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers in their communities.

Ability Links assists people with disability to live the life they want to live as equal and valued members of their local community. Ability Links also supports those communities to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible.

Ability Links Coordinators, known as 'Linkers' work alongside people with disability to find out what is important to them, identify their dreams, goals and hopes, and help make these possible. Linkers work in partnership with people with disability, placing them at the very centre of decision making about how they want to live their lives.

Community members, clubs, groups and businesses can also contact a Linker for information or support to be as inclusive and welcoming for people with disability as possible.

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Ability Links will be at the Culcairn Library every month on the following days from 2:00pm to 5:00pm for anyone who would like more information or assistance.

20/05/2015  24/06/2015  29/07/2015
09/12/2015