Principal’s Message

**NAPLAN Assessments**

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 sat the first of their NAPLAN Assessments today – Language Conventions and Writing. Tomorrow students will complete the Reading Assessment and on Thursday, the Numeracy Assessment. Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive their child’s results in September.

**Australian Early Development Census**

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This is the nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well and what can be improved. The census is for children in their first year of school, ie Kindergarten. Mrs Leov will complete the census based on her knowledge and observations of children in her class. Once all of the participating schools have completed the AEDC, some of the data without identifying any student will be released to the public. Privacy of all information provided is paramount. A letter containing all information has been included in this newsletter for parents of Kindergarten students.

**Program and Resource Fee**

Thank you to those families who have paid their children’s Program and Resource Fee or arranged to pay by instalments. Your support is very much appreciated and is a great investment in your children’s education and our school. Don’t forget there are EFTPOS and online payment facilities available.

**Complaints Procedure**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has a complaints procedure that is strictly adhered to. Any person who has a concern relating to the staff, students or a school program at Culcairn Public School should contact the Principal to discuss the matter. All communications will be kept confidential. Information regarding the DEC Complaints Resolution Procedure is available at the school or on the DEC website – www.det.nsw.edu.au

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
Friday Sport

Due to the changing weather, whole school sport will now take place during the middle session for the remainder of Term 2.

Boccia Knockout Carnival

Students involved in the Gross Motor Program have been given the opportunity to participate in the 2015 Public Schools Boccia Knockout Carnival in Wagga Wagga on Friday 15th May.

Transport to and from Wagga Wagga will be provided by the Billabong High School bus. Students will need to be at Billabong High School by 8:55am for the bus to depart at 9:00am sharp.

Students will need to be in full school uniform and bring their recess, lunch and fruit break food with them.

Orders close 18 May

Redgum Book Club offers a wide range of literary books for our students to purchase. Your child will have brought a catalogue home, go to www.redgumbookclub.com.au if you would like to order.

Redgum Book Club supports Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to keep our Australian children’s book industry strong. They provide books with sound literary content and satisfyingly educational products.

Orders close 18 May and will be delivered to the school before 5 June.

Every order earns rewards for our school and includes a free gift for your child as a reward for choosing a great book to read! Term 2 is a flying boomerang frisbee disc.

On the Ball and On The Go

Fridays are exciting days to be on the field. Term 2 is a flying boomerang frisbee disc.
Class K-1
K-1 have been working hard on our Japanese songs and percussion music. Please make sure your child is adequately dressed for the colder weather. Although it is warm in the classroom, jumpers are needed for playground activities.

Class 1-2
I hope all our Mums had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. We all appreciate everything you do for us in Class 1-2. Students have worked really hard and have completed their speeches. This week all students will present their speeches to the class. Selected students from each year will inform their parents if they will be presenting at assembly on Thursday.

Class 3
This week we began preparing for the public speaking competition. Students will present their speeches in class on the topic, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” on Friday 22nd May. Although we began preparing the speeches in class, students will need to complete the rest of their speeches and practice at home. In addition students have been given their home explorer’s kit, which they will use to observe one living and one non-living thing. This is also due on Friday 22nd May. There will be no home learning next week to allow students time to complete both of these activities. NAPLAN began today, good luck to everyone.

Class 4-5
This week our Planet study is Jupiter and we have already learnt some interesting facts about the planet. Our Year 5 students started their NAPLAN testing today, to continue tomorrow and Thursday. Home learning has been modified because of this. We had great fun participating in the Basketball skills session with the Albury Wodonga Bandits on Friday. Our Week 3 dojo winner was Heather Binskin – well done. Congratulations to Abbey Hogan, Eliana Stanford and Bella Butterworth for attaining their pen licences on Friday. Have a great week.

Class 5-6
Last week, the Year 6 boys attended their first Strength session. Friendship was the theme for the day, learning about how to make friends, how to keep them and teamwork. The students will not have any Writing or Speaking and Listening activities in their homework for the rest of term, instead they will be completing a poetry assignment. This was sent home last Friday. Students will also be working on their speeches for the Public Speaking Competition, with our topic being “My biggest fear”. These will be presented in class in Week 9. The class award this week goes to Georgia Miller for always giving her best effort. The Class Dojo award goes to Marcus Simmons. I hope the Mother’s Day bird feeders have attracted some new birds to your yards!

SRC News
Winner of the Good Raffle: Kayleigh Cook

REMINDER
School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.
Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is the nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, Mrs Leov will record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on her knowledge and observations of each child in her class. For your information, the questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at www.aedc.gov.au/instrument

Once all school participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, ie data that does not include any children’s names, age, addresses or schools.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programmes and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As so much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies, and some private sector organisations, and is part of the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislation and policies.

The system used by the AEDC to collect and collate the information is a secure site and children’s information is kept secure at all times. Your child’s data will not be used for any other purpose than described in this letter and the Privacy Statement contained on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au/privacy. You can see how data was collected and presented in 2009 and 2012 by visiting www.aedc.gov.au/data. Data from the 2015 collection will be presented in a similar way.

This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, school and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to the frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au, or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact the school office, me or Mrs Leov.

Thank you for supporting the AEDC.

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
Fortnightly Calendar Updates
Your Friend on the Fridge!

TERM 2 2014

Week 4

Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} May

Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} May NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 and Year 5

Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} May NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 and Year 5

Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} May NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 and Year 5
Gymnastics Lessons
Whole School Assembly 2:45pm
1-2 students presenting speeches

Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} May

Week 5

Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} May

Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} May

Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May

Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} May Gymnastics Lessons

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May
Our Mother’s Day cards from Class 1/2

you are the best Mum EVER!
you are the best Mum EVER!
you are the best Mum EVER!
you tuck me into bed and give me hugs and kisses.
you help me all the time, like with my homework.
you help me when I am hurt.
you’re the only Mum that loves me.
you help me when I am scared.
you are the best Mum EVER!
you always love me and you are a great Mum.
you always love me and you are a great Mum.
you are always there for me.
you are always there for me.
you are special to me and you are always there.
you are the best Mum EVER!
you never leave me alone.
you are always there for me.
you are the best Mum EVER!
A Quick Bite ...

Rainy Day Active Play

Keeping children active and occupied during wet days can be a challenge. Here are some active indoor play ideas:

- build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- play ‘hide and seek’
- play “basket” ball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more of a challenge
- have a dance competition or disco at home
- set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).
- grab the gumboots, raincoat and umbrella and go exploring. A nice bath afterwards will do the trick to warm back up again.

For more information visit
mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy
ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 22 MAY

Until they’re ten, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road

WALK.COM.AU

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