



Term 4 – Week 10

STOP PRESS!!!!!!

The Merit and I-Con Award system has operated at Cumnock Public for a number of years to acknowledge and recognise those students who have displayed an exemplary attitude and for their outstanding contributions to our school and wider community. At the Presentation Evening last Tuesday, 1 Bronze Award was presented to Ryan Whiting and 3 Gold Awards were presented to Elizabeth Hoswell-Parsons, Brock Hoswell-Parsons and Gracie Morse.

Having looked more carefully at the records, I wish to offer my sincerest apologies to the following students who were overlooked for these prestigious I-Con Awards. They received their badges and certificates at the Assembly this morning. This has been an administration error and I take full responsibility for the unintentional oversight. Mr Charles Dwyer, Director of Educational Leadership for the Mitchell Network, has accepted my invitation for a special Assembly early in Term 1 of 2019 to officially present these I-Con Awards to the following students:

BRONZE

Oscar Gant-Drady
 Angus O'Brien
 Emmanuel Reynolds
 Roman Lewis
 Ella Lewis
 Ethan Lewis

GOLD

Marc Tero
 Jonathan
 Zali Armstrong

Congratulations to all the recipients of these awards.



What's on?

Tuesday 18 December

Christmas Church Service

Tuesday 18 December

Bike Day 1pm—3pm

Wednesday 19 December

Last Day of Term 4

Tuesday 29 January

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 30 January

Students Year 1-6 Return

Wednesday 30 January

Kindergarten Best Start Individual Assessments

Thursday 31 January

Kindergarten Students Start School

SUPPORT FOR DROUGHT-AFFECTED SCHOOLS

The current drought has had a profound impact on our school and community. Under the resourcing formula, our decreased enrolments would normally have seen a reduction in our staff allocation. On Friday, I was delighted to hear from our Mitchell Educational Leadership Director, Mr Charles Dwyer, who fully endorsed our recommendation for support. As a result, entitlement maintenance for our school has been granted for the 2019 school year. This will allow us to manage our resources effectively and to ensure a sustainable model of staffing is developed into the future. I would sincerely like to thank Mr Dwyer for his support and to the Human Resources Department in Sydney for their understanding and foresight.

MRS ROBYN BRUCE RECEIVES 30 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Mrs Robyn Bruce was recognised for her outstanding contribution to our school and community at our Presentation Ceremony last Tuesday evening. Mrs Bruce has been an integral part of Public Education in a range of roles that has spanned over 30 years. Her career was acknowledged for her service to the students, families and staff that she has supported with such commitment. Her dedication, loyalty and conscientious attention to detail has been recognised by the many Administrative Managers, Principals and Directors that she has served under in the wider Orange Network. Her organisational skills have been and remain, exemplary. Mrs Bruce was thanked for the contributions that she has made, the volunteer hours that she has given so freely to our school community and the memories that we now hold. Mrs Bruce accepted her Years of Service Certificate from the Department of Education and Communities, along with a beautiful standard Gardenia. Congratulations Mrs Bruce and we hope you pursue the many interests that you so richly deserve; with your family, animals, garden, volunteer organisations and golf.



INAUGURAL HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week we delivered our inaugural Inter-House Swimming Carnival with students, staff, parents and community members. This carnival was embraced by all participants and was a huge success! House leaders were instrumental in delivering their inaugural house chants. Parents and children were extremely creative in their green, blue and yellow attire! Well done to Ironbark for winning this year's event and congratulations to Burrawong, Doughboy and Ironbark for the fine sportsmanship exhibited on the day. Finally, a huge vote of thanks to the wonderful parent starters, timekeepers, recorders, chefs, marshals and cheer squads who operated throughout the day. We look forward to another exciting event, the Mick Dwyer Athletics Carnival next year!





SHARE OUR SPACE

Over the coming school holidays, School Infrastructure NSW is rolling out Share Our Space at more than 230 schools across the State. Through the program, we are opening up playgrounds, ovals and sports fields for the whole community to enjoy. Cumnock Public School will participate in the program during the summer holidays. Gates will be opened between 22 December and 25 January 2019 from 8am to 6pm. This is the first time that we have been involved in this program to open our school to the wider community and to ensure our facilities are used to their maximum potential. Signage will be placed at entrances and security personnel and cleaners will operate during the holiday period.

Thank you again for your anticipated support of this exciting initiative.

STAFFING FOR 2019

I would like to sincerely thank the many staff for their outstanding dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for their positions at Cumnock Public School. At this stage, I am delighted to inform the community, that Miss Rivers will be leading the 3/4 Class, Mr West the K/1/2 Class and Mrs Hubbard and Mrs Schulz, the 5/6 Class. Mrs McFarland will be the lead teacher for Learning and Support. Mrs Carmel Vickers will join our team and Mrs Nelson will be returning as our Student Wellbeing Officer. Mrs Allcorn, Mrs Dwyer and Mrs Bruce will continue in Administration. Mrs Paterson, Mrs Vandervelde, Mr Rudd and Mr Whiley will support our students and school in various roles. Mr Anikin and other staff will support our IT capabilities. There will be some variations in the staffing allocation for some positions as we move forward into 2019. There may be reduced hours for some positions to ensure resources are utilised effectively and sustainably. I will be working on staffing decisions throughout the holiday period to ensure our school is ready for the 2019 school year and appreciate your understanding. If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me for an appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: Tuesday 29th January 2019 (No Students)

STUDENTS FROM 1 – 6 RETURN: Wednesday 30th January 2019

KINDERGARTEN BEST START INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS: Wednesday 30th January 2019

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS START SCHOOL: Thursday 31st January 2019



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SAFE TRAVELS

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year! We will look forward to seeing you in 2019. **Please take note of the above important dates for your calendars.**

