



CUMNOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

**NO CANTEEN
LAST DAY OF TERM
WE ARE HAVING TOASTIE FRIDAY**

**ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE
5.45AM @ CUMNOCK MEMORIAL
GATES**

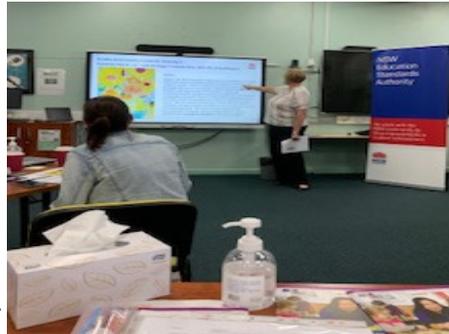
Students are welcome to attend
in full winter uniform

**TERM 2 DATES
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LEARNING IS CONTINUAL AND LIFELONG

Like students, teachers continue to update their knowledge and skills ensuring best practice in their teaching.

Mrs Vickers and Mrs Beer attended a professional learning course 'Developing Quality Teaching and Assessment in K-6', in Dubbo last Wednesday with Ms Wendy Murphy.



The professional learning was on consistent teacher judgment, understanding best practice when using the new syllabus's outcomes in teaching-learning programs, using different assessment tasks to make a professional judgement on student learning and the consistent use of language when grading. The day was informative and engaging. It provided an opportunity to work with colleagues from across all education sectors and hear how different people approach teaching the syllabuses that underpin the outcomes for student learning. It was a fantastic chance to look at work samples and grade them with other people so that we could gauge a better understanding of what the grade scales mean when applying them consistently to students' work and to understand the variety of ways to measure students' learning.

It was a valuable professional learning experience, the interaction with a diverse range of teachers, from a variety of settings, made the learning experience even richer. Mrs Vickers and Mrs Beer learned a great deal which they have already begun to share with our staff.

FAREWELL MRS BANKS AND THANK YOU

We are greatly indebted to a very quiet achiever who has been beaver away in many areas of the Cumnock village making a difference for the better good of our wider community. Mrs Carla Banks has made an outstanding contribution managing, planting, pruning, weeding, watering and digging and spreading mulch in all of the garden beds in and around the school and preschool. The areas have never looked so manicured and loved and we are extremely grateful for her wonderful support. In addition, Carla has been a regular stalwart in the reading room, supporting teachers with individual programs. She has listened to all the children read aloud and has watched them grow in their reading skills and confidence. On Wednesday the Cumnock Village Preschool joined us for a farewell morning tea for Carla. Carla will be greatly missed by all of the students and staff at both the Village Preschool and Cumnock Public.



PERSONALISED LEARNING PATHWAY MEETINGS

We appreciate and value the strong partnerships established with parents and carers. Next term, Personalised Learning Pathway meetings will take place with teachers, parents and students to set agreed goals in English, Mathematics and Wellbeing. The Plans will be adjusted, revised and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure targets are realised and new goals are set. These Plans personalise students' areas of strengths and identify areas for improvement. We value the partnerships with our parents and carers and appreciate your efforts to support this whole school partnership program to improve learning outcomes for all children in our school. Meetings have been postponed until early in Term 2 due to unpredictable weather events and a jammed-packed calendar. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated support.

LISA AND NIGEL BALDWIN'S DELICIOUS NACHO EXPERIENCE

The smell of crispy nachos with melted cheese wafted around the classrooms last week as Lisa and Nigel prepared boxes of these delicious treats for the entire school. All funds from this lunch were kindly donated by Lisa and Nigel for the Canberra Excursion fund. We are very grateful for Lisa and Nigel's kind and generous support and thank them both for making the Easter Hat Parade luncheon extra special indeed!

A total of \$233 was raised from this event!



HUNTER ROBERTS SELECTED FOR ORANGE DISTRICT UNDER 11'S RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

Congratulations to Hunter Roberts who was selected to join the Orange District Under 11's Rugby League team last week. Hunter competed in the Western trial game in Parkes on Monday for western selection. Well done Hunter!

LILY BRUCE COMMENCES WORK EXPERIENCE AT CPS

This week we warmly welcome Lily Bruce, a Year 11 student from Kinross Wollaroi, who will be completing her work placement in our school. Lily will be working in each of the classrooms to learn about the important roles undertaken by all staff and teachers in a small, rural school. We know that Lily will gain invaluable insights into the important work of small schools and particularly the innovative practices at Cumnock Public. We wish her all the very best in her future studies and career and thank Lily for coming to our school!



My name is Lily Bruce and I'm in Year 11 completing work experience at Cumnock Public School. I would love to become a teacher one day, especially in small schools and areas similar to Cumnock. I am from Warren in the central west of NSW and I have a strong passion for sports. I have really enjoyed my time so far at Cumnock Public School as I found it to be a wonderful school. Thank you for having me!

GNOO BLAS CLASSIC CAR CLUB HITS CUMNOCK

Opportunities cannot be missed in our small village and this was most notable when Neil Jones and his Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club members from Orange hit Cumnock last week. Kindergarten and Year 1 students were thrilled to look very closely at these old cars inside and out! They were astounded to learn some were constructed long before they were born! Students had some interesting questions to ask the members of the club and it was a wonderful experience to see and hear first-hand, the similarities and differences between cars of today and yesteryear. What a great impromptu lesson for our students! Thank you to Neil and his team for their generous time and patience.

OSSA CROSS COUNTRY AT CUDAL

The OSSA Cross Country was rescheduled for Monday 8th April at "Dene Park" recreation grounds in Cudal. This was due to the extensive rain band event and was an excellent call by Janelle Chellas and her team at Cudal Public. Thank you again to parents for transporting students to the carnival which was greatly appreciated. We are fortunate that we have our own school bus to support with transportation to and from events and carnivals. Mr West, Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Schulz, Miss Tracey, Mr Caleb and Miss Lily were at Cross Country whilst Mrs McFarland, Mrs Beer and Miss Purtell managed students back at school. We hope all of our families enjoyed the opportunity to connect with family and friends across the Orange Small Schools' network!

Congratulations to the following runners who will head to the Orange District Cross Country Carnival at Gosling Creek in Week 1 of next term: Matilda Scanes, Macie Milne, Cooper Keniry, George O'Brien, Hunter Gant-Drady, Matilda Horkings, Mitchell Foster and James Munro.

A special shout out to all the Kindergarten students who completed the 1km course with exceptional speed for the first time!



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

We are delighted that our students will be involved in this year's CWA Public Speaking Competition next term on the first **Friday back on May 3rd (WEEK 1) in the school Library commencing at 9:00am**. Mrs Jan Gibson and Mrs Judy Vaughan have accepted our invitation to adjudicate at the competition. We would like to thank these special CWA ladies for giving up their time for us and appreciate their knowledge and expertise. Topics have been sent home via School Bytes and as a hard copy so you can support your child to prepare a speech over the coming holiday break. The competition is not compulsory, but we would encourage all students to enter to improve their confidence and speaking abilities in front of our school audience. The competition is open to students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Year 2 students if they wish to have a go!



YOU ARE A DOUGHNUT AT THE ORANGE CIVIC THEATRE

From the creators of "The Alphabet of Awesome Science" comes, You are a doughnut! It's true! YOU are a great big fleshy lump with a remarkable hole running all the way through your middle - your digestive system!

Join biology teachers, Oesoph A. Gus and Dewey Dean as they embark upon an utterly brilliant all-singing, all-dancing exploration of every twisting tube and remarkable organ. Along the way you'll encounter a frenzy of enzyme powered ping pong balls, sing along with a rainbow collection of poop puppets, and witness the weirdest poetry performance you've ever seen.

The whole school was entertained by this riotous production!!!



STATE SWIMMING ACTION

Don't miss the action at the State PSSA Swimming Championships in Sydney on Thursday and Friday. You can see all the action at :[New South Wales Schools Sports Association home page: https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/NSWPSSA](https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/NSWPSSA)

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY SOCIAL WORK PARTNERSHIP

Congratulations to Claire Balcombe who shared her mid-placement Social Work presentation with CSU Lecturer, Katrina Gersbach, Kelly Andriske, her off-site Field Educator, and myself last week. This is Claire's final work placement and she should be proud of her achievement in our school supporting students, staff and families. We are fortunate that Claire's placement will continue into Term 2 and look forward to her return after the holidays.

THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING GIRLS GROUP BY MISS CLAIRE

The Social and Emotional Wellbeing girls group is progressing well. We have undertaken an activity called "Warm and Fuzzies" which involves each group member writing a kind message that compliments their peers. I chose the activity of Warm and Fuzzies because it focuses on strengths and positive interpersonal attributes of the group members which is an integral component of positive child and youth development. On Thursday we will be completing the final group session in the second half on lunch. The group members will have thoughtful and kind messages from their peers to take home with them. I hope the sessions have had a positive impact on group members and their friendships. I am thoroughly looking forward to our final group!

ANDREW GEE PRESENTS SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Thank you to our Federal Member for Calare, Andrew Gee MP, for presenting School Leader certificates to our Year 6 students at the Assembly on Friday. Mr Gee fielded a range of interesting questions from the students and was able to share some rare insights into the role he plays in Parliament. Thank you, Mr Gee.



SHARE OUR SPACE INITIATIVE

Looking for activities these holidays? Then come back to Cumnock Public School where you will find excellent facilities for family fun and action! Bring your tennis racquet, BMX bike or test your skills on the climbing wall and spider web frame, or simply enjoy reading a book or having a picnic in the beautiful grounds. We are open these holidays so our school community and neighbours can continue to enjoy the outdoor play and recreation facilities with family and friends. Visit <https://edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpaceExternal> link for information on all Share Our Space schools and activities.



ANZAC DAY SCHOOL SERVICE

On Thursday students and staff will hold an ANZAC service led by our school leaders. As a school we will commemorate the Australian and New Zealand service personnel who have and are currently serving their countries in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions throughout the world. It is an opportunity for the school to come together and show gratitude to those who have and continue to keep us safe.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

The school community is invited to attend the very moving ANZAC Dawn Service in front of the Cumnock Memorial Gates at 6:00am on THURSDAY 25th April. Please assemble at 5:45am in front of the Memorial Gates in preparation for the service. Our school leaders will lay a wreath on our behalf.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Cumnock Public School

Day of Photography

3 June 2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
PJ7 WCG 43P
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

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School Planner 2024

Term 2	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
April / May	1	School development day 29	Welcome Back Students! 30	District Cross Country 1	5/6 Cake Fundraising Cake Stall 2	CWA Public Speaking 3	4/5
May	2	6	7	8	4/5/6 Wambanglang Overnight Excursion 9	10	11/12
May	3	13	14	15	Harmony Day 16	17	18/19
May	4	20	Pie Drive Delivery 21	22	2/3 Wambanglang Overnight Excursion June Graham Cup 23	24	25/26
May / June	5	District Athletics 27	Boccia Inclusive 28	29	30	31	1/2
June	6	School Photos 3	4	5	6	3 Way Athletics Carnival Way 7	8/9
June	7	King's Birthday 10	KBG Awareness Day 11	Western Cross Country 12	13	14	15/16
June	8	17	18	19	20	21	22/23
June	9	24	25	26	27	28	29/30
July	10	1	2	3	4	5	6/7