



# CUMNOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

## SUCCESS AT THE STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cumnock continues to excel in the pool, taking out the silver medal at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in the Peter Dobson Relay last term! Maddie Whiting competed in the 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, the Individual Medley, the Western All Age Relay and was lead swimmer in the Peter Dobson relay for Cumnock Public! This was an amazing achievement for Maddie and a wonderful testament to the students, parents, coaches and the community for their unwavering support of the school's swimming program along with the outstanding work of the Cumnock Swimming Club. Cumnock came second behind our friends at Spring Hill Public School. Congratulations to all of the Cumnock relay team for their dedication and determination: Ollie Flick, Georgia Scanes, Mitchell Foster, George O'Brien and Maddie Whiting! Thank you to coach and supporter, Venessa Palmer, who came down to the event and coached the students in Cumnock and Orange! A special shout-out to Mr Charles Dwyer, Mitchell Director, for cheering on the team at the event! Cumnock should be proud of this achievement for a small, rural community in which students and families travel long distances to Dubbo or Orange to access a 50m pool! GO TEAM CUMNOCK!!!!



2024 P.S.S.A. Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	
Event: 038 Heat: 2 2:39.4	
1	Turner Grabelle TULL
2	Atkins Liam WTR
3	Smith Jamie BRJ
4	Whiting Maddison CUMN 2:37.75 1
5	Partridge Saige BART
6	Armstrong Tom SHDD
7	McKinnon Charlie MJ
8	Munro Arkie BRMG
9	Saliba Jordan HLD



### 5/6 CUP CAKE STALL THURSDAY 2 MAY

Fundraising cake stall by 5/6 students for their Canberra Excursion. Bring a gold coin to buy a treat!

### CWA SPEECHES FRIDAY 3 MAY

9am in the Library

### 4/5/6 WAMBANGLANG EXCURSION

9 - 10 MAY

### MORE TERM 2 DATES

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## ANZAC DAWN SERVICE AT CUMNOCK MEMORIAL GATES

Our school leaders are to be congratulated for participating in the moving ANZAC Dawn Service last Thursday along with many Cumnock community residents. Heather Ruys and Leigh Brown played the bagpipes and saxophone beautifully at the service. Ollie and Mitchell delivered a Prayer of Thanksgiving and a Prayer for the Nation in front of the Cumnock Memorial Gates where beautiful wreaths of remembrance were laid by the children and wider community. We look forward to welcoming Heather and Leigh to our school Assembly one day to share their musical journeys to inspire our students in their own pathways with song, music and instruments.



## FAREWELL CARD FROM MRS BANKS

Mrs Banks, our special reading and gardening volunteer, kindly donated a number of books to our school Library as a memory of her wonderful contributions to our students, staff and school. Mrs Banks was very appreciative of our warm welcoming ways at Cumnock Public and how we made her "world happier" by allowing her to spend time in our beautiful gardens and reading room. We will be keeping in touch with Mrs Banks as she makes her way to South Australia.



## PERSONALISED LEARNING PATHWAY MEETINGS

We appreciate and value the strong partnerships established with parents and carers. Personalised Learning Pathway meetings will take place with teachers, parents and students to set agreed goals in English, Mathematics and Wellbeing in the next two weeks. 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. Please make an appointment to meet with your teachers through the School Bytes App this week. Thank you for your continued support.

## ORANGE DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY AT GOSLING CREEK

Good luck to our Orange District Cross Country runners who will take to the course at Gosling Creek in Orange today along with all the OSSA Gold representatives. We wish Hunter Roberts, Mitchell Foster, Matilda Horkings, James Munro, Cooper Keniry, George O'Brien, Matilda Scanes, Macie Milne and Hunter Gant-Drady all the very best of luck and great speed on this exciting cross-country course!



## KATRINA GERSBACH CSU VISIT

We value the ongoing partnership with Charles Sturt University's Social Work faculty team who continue to support undergraduates complete field placements in our school. We have appreciated having Social Workers in-training, to share their knowledge, skills and expertise with a different lens to support students, families and staff. This week, we will welcome Katrina Gersbach, Lecturer in Social Work and Human Resources, to meet Miss Claire and Cumnock students and staff. It is a great opportunity for the University to see first-hand the context and work of small schools in our region and the important need for Social Workers in our schools.

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## WAMBANGALANG EXCURSIONS

Students and staff alike are extremely excited to be venturing on two overnight excursions to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre this term. Thank you to Dany Walker and the team at Wambangalang for organising the exciting program of activities to include:

- Low Ropes
- Bush Walking
- Archery
- Orienteering
- Nature Show

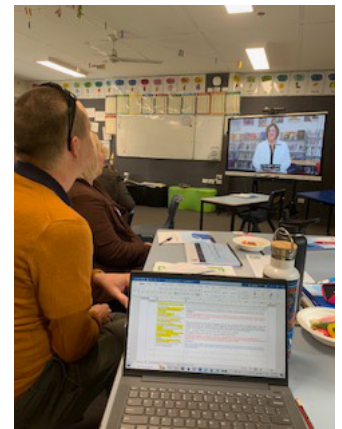
Thank you to the staff who are accompanying students on these adventures and parents for helping with the catering side of the excursion!

## JUNE GRAHAM HOCKEY CUP ACTION IN ORANGE

Hockey NSW is dedicated to providing opportunities for schools and their students to attend the June Graham Schools Cup as a way of introducing them to the hockey, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and creating a fun and safe environment. Cumnock will field 2 teams with many students taking to the hockey turf for the first time! The late Mrs June Graham contributed a great deal to the development of Orange's Junior Hockey and she was a wonderful advocate for the sport and supported and encouraged junior and senior umpires. We will be heading to Orange for the event and thank Lou Spicer for driving her bus to transport the team! Thank you to Mrs McFarland, Mrs Beer, Miss Brooke and Mrs Schulz for accompanying the students for this fun day of hockey mayhem!

## CURRICULUM SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY AT MULLION CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thank you to Mrs Griffith and her team from Mullion Creek who hosted the combined School Development Day with our Community of School Network on Monday. This was a wonderful opportunity for OSSA GOLD teachers to collaborate and focus on the new K-6 Mathematics and English curriculums and how to adapt multi-age units for small schools. Thank you to Kellie Stone and Kimberley Kerr, Primary Curriculum Advisors, for facilitating this Professional Learning for our teaching staff.



## LEED LEARNERS CONTINUE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to the Cumnock team who will continue with their LEED Professional Learning next Monday. Teaching staff will engage with collecting and coding data from focus groups and interviews to further develop and plan for school improvement practices. Thank you to the Cumnock LEED learners for adding this extra layer of PL to their schedules!

## OSSA GOLD GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Good luck to Matilda Horkings who will be representing Cumnock in the OSSA Gold Girls Touch Football team to play Calare on Thursday. We thank Sam Murphy from Spring Hill Public for organising coaching sessions and preparing the girls for this exciting match. Good luck Matilda and OSSA Gold Girls!

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## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

We are delighted that our students will be involved in this year's CWA Public Speaking Competition this Friday 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 invite all the school community to attend the competition in the school Library. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## NEWMONT LAPTOP DONATIONS

The Newmont Cadia Community Partnerships Program aims to support and enhance community groups, organisations and infrastructure which provide a sustainable foundation for the communities in which they operate. This Friday at 11:30am we are delighted to welcome Newmont representatives, Nicole Morris and Gavin Smith to our school to present 12 second-hand laptops to support student learning and build IT capabilities. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Assembly in the Quadrangle. Thank you again for Newmont's kind and generous donation!



## MUSIC RETURNS WITH MRS TURNER

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Susan Turner living in our community and willing to support our musical programs at Cumnock Public. Mrs Turner is returning this term each Monday to further deliver outstanding opportunities for our children and I thank her for her dedication to support our singing, musical and instrumental capabilities at Cumnock.

## CABONNE ACQUISITIVE ART COMPETITION

Thank you to our resident artistic team, for preparing and supporting students with their individual artworks for this year's Cabonne Acquisitive Art Competition! There is no theme for 2024, so students will have a wonderful opportunity to showcase their creative talents to the wider region! Artworks will be completed at lunchtimes for those students who wish to enter the competition and dedicate playtime to complete their individual pieces.

## LES ROBERTS MARKS OUTER FIELD FOR SOCCER COMPETITION

Thank you to Les Roberts who spent a considerable amount of time planning and marking the outer field for soccer this term. This will enable many of the students to practice their soccer skills on a larger grass surface for the coming Small Schools Soccer and Netball Knockout this term. Well done Les and his team for completing this project during the holidays!



## SHARE OUR SPACE INITIATIVE

Students and families have shared many stories of utilising our school's outside resources during the holiday break! Well done to the many families who went bike riding with the catheads, fed the chickens, played tennis, tested their climbing skills, and walked in the gardens with their animals! It was great to hear so many families, locals and from afar, enjoying our facilities and being part of Cumnock's Share Our Space Initiative!

## CASUAL GROUNDS ASSISTANT AT CUMNOCK PUBLIC

Attached to this Newsletter is an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a casual grounds assistant position at our school. We value and appreciate the many members in our school team who continue to make a difference in our school grounds. The EOI closes on Friday May 10, at 5:00pm.

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# CAKE STALL

THURSDAY 2 MAY

raising funds for the 5/6  
Canberra Excursion



Tammy's Family Day Care



**Before and After  
School care . . . . .  
4 spots available  
Monday through to  
Thursday.**



For inquiries call 0427064437





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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CUMNOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

### CASUAL GROUNDS ASSISTANT

Expression of Interest for a casual Grounds Assistant are being sought for Cumnock Public School. The General Assistant may be required to perform any of the duties listed below:

- Organising rooms, furniture, audio visual aids, public address systems, lockers and other items/equipment for school activities as required; dismantle and store items when not in use (with assistance where required).
- Identify and report maintenance / safety issues to the role supervisor; undertake minor maintenance of buildings and equipment not covered by contracts or requiring a qualified tradesperson
- Maintaining and caring for school grounds, including: mowing school lawns and playing fields; marking of school playing fields; preparation of ground for planting trees and shrubs and planting and watering of same; pruning shrubs, trimming hedges, light lopping and trimming of trees. Safely and proficiently operate mowers, tools and equipment; store and maintain mowers, tools and equipment in accordance with WHS standards.
- Unpack, store and/or distribute supplies in accordance with school procedures and safe work standards (e.g. chemical storage and handling); assist with school stocktakes as required
- Monitoring school security systems and reporting faults to the Principal or School Teaching Executive.
- Other related duties of the role, within the capabilities of the General Assistant, as directed by the Principal or School Teaching Executive.

#### Key challenges

- Working cooperatively with the role supervisor to prioritise upcoming tasks
- Responding flexibly to competing / emerging minor maintenance priorities
- Maintaining cooperative relationships with teaching and non-teaching staff.

Please send you resume, previous work experience and at least 2 referees to:

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Principal Cumnock Public School

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EOI will close at 5pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# School Planner 2024

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