Welcome to the start of our new year. I trust that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable break. Welcome to all the new families and students and all our families and students who have returned this year. A special welcome to our Kindy students who started full time on Monday.

Please note that the composition of classes formed is fairly stable, however, there may be a few changes. We have formed eight classes. All efforts are made to keep our school environment as settled as possible.

There have been a number of staff changes this year. Mrs Donnelly has retired and Mrs Collins and Mrs Thornton have moved to other schools. I would like to welcome Mrs Edwards who will be teaching Kindergarten.

Our enrolment system requires that we sight all children’s birth certificates. If we do not have a copy of your child’s birth certificate please drop it into our office as soon as possible.

KidzBiz will be downloaded onto our school web site each week. If you find that your KidsBiz does not make it home you can look it up on http://www.culburrap.schools.nsw.edu.au/.

With this week’s KidsBiz is the 2013 Media Release and a number of permission statements. Please read them and sign what you agree to, then return it to your child’s class teacher. The IT user agreement is on the back of the form.

The canteen and uniform shop has reopened. Thank you to the helpers who opened the uniform shop over the holidays. If you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen please contact the front office.

Our P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th February at 7.00 pm in the Library. The meeting will go no later than 9.00pm. The P&C is a great opportunity for you to have a say in the direction of our great school. Everyone is welcome.

When visiting our school, please remember to sign in at the office. This is with the exception of attending weekly assemblies, dropping off or picking up your child at the beginning and end of the day. If you visit the school during the day you must sign in at the office.

We will be visited by the Parramatta Rugby League team this Friday at our school assembly. Everyone welcome!

I look forward to our partnership throughout the year.

R Letters – Principal
SPORTING NEWS
Welcome back to another busy 2013 in sport. Next Wednesday, 13th February, our school will hold its swimming carnival at the Bomaderry Pool. Students will be tested when we arrive and then the events will commence around 10:15am. If you wish to compete in the Individual Medley, Open 100m Freestyle and/or the Butterfly for your age group, please see Mr. Evans this week. We have adjusted last year’s program to allow more time for novelty events and free swim time on the day. Please wear your house colours to make it a colourful and fun carnival! District trials will be held in the upcoming weeks for various sports. See Mr. Evans if you excel in a sport and would like to be considered to trial at the South Shoalhaven PSSA District Trials. Congratulations to the following students who were elected house captains and vice-captains for 2013.

BARANGA:
Brenna-May Nykolyn (c)  
Jazmin McInnes (vc)  
Keeda Meehan (c)  
Kyle Sankey (vc)

GUBINDAH:
Libby Smith (c)  
Hayley Merrick (vc)  
Jaiden Merrick (c)

RIKKARA:
Alicia Burns (c)  
Josephine Marshall (vc)  
Callum Baumann-Young (c)  
Jack Gourlay (vc)

YAWARRA:
‘Ema Anitoni (c)  
Mya Dallas (vc)  
Brenden Franklin (c)  
Patrick Dowers (vc)

WRITING PROGRAM
We need parent helpers!! If you have some spare time and would like to help out in your child’s or another class, please see Mrs Martin. We desperately need parent helpers for Monday and Wednesday sessions in Stage 2&3 classes. Any time you can give between 9:20am and 1pm would be greatly appreciated. You will be working with small groups of no more than 6 children and will be well supported by staff. You do not need to be a great writer or speller, we just need help with guiding the Stage 2&3 children in the writing process.

Books! Reading! Books! Reading! Books!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Some parents may already be familiar with Scholastic Book Club from your child’s Pre-School. This message explains how it operates in our school. Twice each term a selection of catalogues are sent home to give you the opportunity to purchase quality children’s books at reasonable prices – some books are specially discounted. This provides a chance to support and encourage student’s love of reading. Please place your order by filling in the order form and returning it to the School Office, with payment, in a sealed envelope. Cheques can be written to the school, or Credit Card payments made by phoning for approval to the number on the Order form. Closing dates are advertised in KidsBiz. This first order closes on Wednesday 20th February. Books are delivered to students within 2 weeks of orders closing. If you would like your order held at the school office for collection, please note that on your envelope. There is no obligation to buy, but remember that your purchases help towards providing bonus books for our Library. Last year our school Library received around $800 worth of bonus books for Library reading. If you need help choosing a book, or would like to discuss the books in the catalogue, please don’t hesitate to contact your Librarian, Mrs Nethery, at school Monday to Wednesday.

BUS TRAVEL PASSES
Bus passes will arrive and be handed out shortly. All students in Years K, 1 & 2 are entitled to free bus travel. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 must live 2.9km from the school to be eligible for a bus pass. If your child is in Year 3 this year and qualifies for a bus pass, please fill out a bus form available from the front office, otherwise they will not receive a pass.

FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!
Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs during school term for children and their parents and includes games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes, cooking classes, a supermarket tour plus much more!
Each participant will receive a goody bag including two t-shirts, a bouncy ball, a water bottle and a folder full of great resources.
Term 1, 2013 programs will be in Wollongong, Warrawong, Albion Park, Shell Cove and Nowra. Places are limited so register now by phoning 1800 780 900, SMS for call back 0409745645 or visit http://au.mendcentral.org/.

CULBURRA BEACH PRE SCHOOL
4447 3838 Sunshine Street
Culburra Beach. Ages 2 to 6 years. Extended Hours 8am—4.30pm
Families can receive CCB (Child Care Benefit) PLUS the 50% Child Care Cash Rebate
• Families that have a Health Care Card or receive “Family Tax Benefit Part A” will pay as little as $9.90 per day after receipt of 100% CCB plus the 50% cash rebate
• Awarded “High Quality” rating on six out of six occasions by the National Child care Council
• Qualified staff working in a happy environment
• Individualised early childhood learning programme preparing your child for Kindergarten
• Morning & afternoon tea are provided FREE
• Open 48 weeks of the year
• No charge for Public Holidays and No fundraising
Enquiries & visits welcome—please call in to see “Maureen”