DATES TO REMEMBER

- **WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER**
  - Christmas Sing-a-long 12 noon in the school hall
- **FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**
  - Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
- **FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**
  - Whole school assembly commencing at 12.15pm
- **WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER**
  - Presentation day commencing at 11.00am
- **FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER**
  - Reward day – Bay and Basin Leisure Centre
- **TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER**
  - Year 6 Farewell commencing at 6.00pm
- **WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER**
  - Last day of term 4 for students

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I have been reading the end of year reports for each class and I am very pleased with the positive comments on student learning and behaviour that typifies the overwhelming majority of semester two reports – well done boys and girls.

I would like to thank the Culburra Senior Citizens for their generous donation of $100 to our school library, and congratulate the school choir on their outstanding representation of our school (as always) at the Senior Citizen’s Luncheon held yesterday.

I would also like to thank our P&C who have donated $1000 towards the cost of the 2015 Canberra Excursion. More fundraising is planned for this excursion in the first term of next year and I would like to ‘flag’ with parents of students who will be attending this excursion that your help in fundraising will be greatly needed and appreciated next year.

Class planning and staffing for 2015 is currently being finalised. I understand that you would like to know the arrangements for next year, especially if your child has extra needs – please be assured that this information will be communicated to all families via the newsletter (and to some parents/guardians in person as appropriate) as soon as I am able to and that the consideration of all our students underpins the process.

As a dog lover I respectfully request that all visitors to the school refrain from bringing dogs (or any pets) onto the school site. Dogs are totally prohibited from schools and you can be fined $330 by local council rangers.

The only way to guarantee that we do not have any incidents is to keep our school a dog free zone - thank you for your future support of this request.

Last week I provided feedback on the Melbourne Declaration surveys and this week I will report back on the Plus Minus. Interesting (PMI) forms that have been completed by all classes, staff and parents. For students recurring feedback across the stages on what is going well include; extra-curricular activities; library; leadership system; supportive teachers and the creative arts program. From the perspective of students what needs improvement is responding to bullying and dangerous play as well as behaviours that affect the learning of other students. Students also reported a desire to have the canteen open more days as well as greater use of the school sandpits. Under the interesting and ideas for the future headings students reported how much they enjoyed special sport days and wanted extra days as well as enjoying the current excursions and in-school activities that are offered such as the dance2fit program.

The recurring themes from the parent surveys under the positive heading are:

- Extra-curricular activities, approachable staff, reading and overall literacy programs, communication between home and school and staff who care for students and teach them well.

Recurring themes for what needs improvement are:

- More canteen hours (a popular request of students also), greater opportunities for creative arts especially music program – maybe programs that teach musical instruments, better responses to bullying and greater parental involvement.

Some parent ideas for the future are:

- Creating a calm room for students who are disturbing the learning of others, more male teachers, joint learning between primary and high school and more themed days.

- Recurring themes for what is going well from the perspective of staff are:
  - Excellent resources for teaching, having a concert every second year, spelling and overall literacy, extra-curricular activities, student wellbeing and staff collaboration.

- Areas that require improvement from the perspective of staff are:
  - Updating the school’s Positive Behaviour for Success program, communication, numeracy and the use of technology.

- Staff ideas for the future and future questions include:
  - More technology usage in the classroom, whole class teaching of core values, linking local knowledge to other subjects, suggestions for a school fete and a question of how we can better engage our community members to support greater participation in the life of the school.

Your response and feedback are very valued and I will be organising parent forums very early next year to develop some whole school initiatives in response to the feedback received. It is important to take the ideas and turn them into positive forms of action to ensure continuous school improvement.

Kind regards
Melissa Day –Principal
Celebrating a birthday this week:
Charli
Will
Mae
Keira
Jessamine
Georgia

Hope you have a great day!!

Library News
Please return all library books as soon as possible.
Please also return all home readers even those you have had for a long time. Home readers are quite small and thin and can easily be “hidden” in bookshelves. Please do a search to replenish our reading stocks!
Happy reading,
Mrs Robertson.

Assembly Awards
Week 8 – Term 4
KE
Maddy / Kye
K/1S
Kharma / Imogen
1/2M
Kenny / John
2C
Levi / Daniel
3R
Maeve / Jayden
3/4W
Isaiah / Chloe
5/6E
Zachary / Liam
5/6P
Elise / Letisia

Catch Me Being Good
Winners this week are:
James, Bella, Brock, Jarrad, Hayley, Tatum, CJ, Yazmin & Savannah.

Canteen
This Thursday Nachos - $3.00
Please pre-order Wednesday

Christmas Sing-a-Long
Wednesday 3rd December
12 noon
In the School Hall
Come along and enjoy our school Christmas Sing-a-Long.

School Koori Dance Team
Thank you for helping out at the Gadu Surf Festival

Congratulations
Murray Buchanan
Youth Special Needs Champion
Best Presented Horse Youth - 3rd
Youth Handler Special Needs - 1st
Youth Special Needs Showmanship - 1st
Youth Fancy Dress – Equal 1st
Youth Special Needs Hunter - 1st
Youth Special Needs Trail - 1st

Culburra Beach Preschool
4447 3838
Ages 2 to 6 years Sunshine Street
Culburra Beach 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 program 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”

Culburra & Districts Preschool
20 Otway St Orient Point
Ph: 4447 2505
Community Managed Not-for-Profit Preschool
Catering for 2-6 year old children
Early Childhood + School Readiness Program run daily
Occasional Care Available
Open Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm
8 hours care for all children
Come and visit our preschool and meet our qualified, caring staff.
Enrol Now!!

Ladies Gingerbread Night
All ladies are invited to a night out hosted by Culburra Anglican Church.
Gingerbread house kits are $30 each and include the house pieces, foil base, icing, lollies, cellophane and ribbon. We will have limited numbers of kits so please book your kit ASAP.
This year at Callala Anglican Church, Cnr Emmet St & Hunter St, Callala Bay.
RSVP to Ingrid: 0425290123 or ingridmcp@gmail.com or via the 'Culburra Public School Families' Facebook page.

CBOOSH – Out of School Hours Care
Monday – Friday 3pm – 6pm during the school term
Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm during the school holidays and pupil free days.
Contact Jacinta on 4447 3069 and leave a message.
Holiday program - Flip out cost $20.00

B&M Clothing Culburra
Pre Xmas Sale
25% off Storewide
Friday 5th December
9.00am – 7.00pm