DATES TO REMEMBER

- **THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**
- **FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**
- **THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY**

Meet the Teacher – see below for more details
Whole school assembly commencing at 9.05am
Aboriginal Education Meeting – details on page 2

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The school swimming carnival was a great success yesterday and I would like to thank and congratulate all students, staff and parents who contributed to the day. A special note of thanks goes to Mr Evans for his outstanding overall organisation.

Corey W, Makyla W-F and Chloe H attended district tryouts for basketball yesterday and Peter Bowern, Caleb Cook and Jack Lonesborough tried out for the cricket team – Well-done!

A reminder that the ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening will be held this Thursday. K-2 teachers will be available from 5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. in the following room:
K-2: Miss Eagle’s classroom (for parents of students in Kindergarten and K/1, 1/2R and 2G)

At 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. teachers 3-6 are available in the following rooms:
Year 3 and 4: Mrs Barrett’s room (for parents of students in 3EB and 3/4W) and Year 5 and 6: Mr Evans’ room (for parents of students in 4/5E and 5/6W)

Mrs Sano will be attending an official welcome to all exchange teachers by the Department in Sydney on Thursday afternoon and sends her apologies. Miss Eagle and the other stage one teachers will speak to parents from the K-2 classes. The school P&C have arranged for a sausage sizzle to be held at the front of the school for parents attending on Thursday – my thanks to the P&C for providing a quick snack to hungry parents!

Did you know that teachers are learners too? Our staff will be undertaking a number of professional learning opportunities throughout the year to develop and refine their teaching practice. This week teachers from years 3-6 will be participating in Accelerated Literacy training today and tomorrow at Callala Public School. Mrs Aston (Callala Public School Principal) is a trained facilitator leading this training for staff from both schools. Classes will be taken by casual teachers who know our school and our students with prepared lessons being implemented to ensure that its business as usual for students during these two days.

A reminder that Black Swan Way is a one-way street and is regularly patrolled by council rangers. Please ensure that you are following all signage in regards to parking and please be extra vigilant when using the school car park.

Do you know about our Burra award system? Do you know how many Burras your child has earned so far this term? A copy of our Code of Conduct is on our school website (in the Our School section) and explains the award system that is used at Culburra Public School. It is important for students to earn their weekly Burras in order to receive their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond awards. It is also important that students regularly do the right thing and earn their Burras – not doing so can affect their eligibility for excursions, extracurricular activities and leadership positions – please touch base with your child/children on where they are up to with their Burras.

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities Initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Kind Regards
Melissa Day - Principal
Culburra Public School
Aboriginal Education Meeting
Thursday 26th February
@ 3.15pm in the staffroom
All parents welcome

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Brooklyn / Katie
1/2R
CJ / Imogen
2G
Gabrielle / Jacob
3EB
Joel / Madison
3/4W
Ben / Will
4/5E
Paris / Zeth
5/6W
Jordana / Liam

Yours in sport,
Mr Evans

SPORT NEWS
Congratulations to Corey Walker and Makyla Farrell-Wellington who were selected in the district basketball team and to Peter Bowern who was selected in the district cricket team. Well done.

Our swimming carnival was held yesterday and was a huge success. The students were very well behaved and our participation rates were outstanding. I will announce the house winners at Friday’s assembly. A district note will be issued later this week.

Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with timing, setting up, assisting students and marshalling. Your support ensured the day’s success – thank you.

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CATCH ME BEING GOOD
Winners this week are:
Daniel, Shaun & Hamish

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
• Enquires & visits welcome
• Please call in to see “Maureen”

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