PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last Thursday I attended the District Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry. My official role for the day was as Mr Evans’s ‘wingman’! Whilst I ‘suffered’ in the cool of the clubhouse assisting with the recording of results I was able to observe the tremendous effort of all Culburra competitors. CPS was the organising school for this event (all primary schools rotate the responsibility of district carnival organisation for swimming, cross country and athletics) and I would like to thank and congratulate Mr Evans for his great organisational work particularly at a very busy time of the term. I know that Mr Evans would credit our parents (and quite rightly so) for all the support given throughout the day to ensure that our students had transport and moral support to do their best. A special thanks to those students who assisted through running errands and delivering results to the recorders – you were a big help! Lastly I would like to acknowledge the teachers from our local primary schools who contributed to making the day a great success. We have a number of students who have made it to the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto this Friday – as a school community we wish you all the very best.

I have three things to be very grateful for in the past school week. The first is for the support and absolute respect and courtesy that I experience when working with parents and guardians to resolve issues – this has been true since I began in the role last year but I felt it important to give my thanks this week – the principal position is the best job in the world and it is made all the more enjoyable by the positive, respectful relationships that I have with students, staff and parents.

In the newsletter last week I asked for support in reducing morning lateness of students and the effect was immediate – there were fewer students in the office in the morning receiving late notes to class – let’s keep up the good work in this area.

Last week I sent home a note to all families asking parents to keep the staff car park free to minimise risk for our students. Again I am grateful for the level of cooperation with this request. The staff car park still needs to have some low hanging branches trimmed to make it safe for staff to park their cars – this work should be complete in the school holidays freeing up parking spots in the community parking area.

Our Burra system is important so please keep checking in with your child/children on their progress in this area – it is vital that our students earn their Burras to ensure their participation in leadership and extra-curricular activities.

School contributions for 2015 have been set at $25 per child or $40 per family. Whilst these contributions are voluntary I would like to ask families to make the contribution as all monies collected contributes to the cost of classroom supplies for all students.

The annual National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy will take place Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May for student in year 3 and 5. There are three assessment areas: Reading (including language conventions), Writing and Numeracy. More information will be provided closer to the date however it is important to remember that the NAPLAN assessment is ONE source of student data that assists in the planning of teaching and learning programs and teacher professional development.

Staff have been planning for whole school creative and practical art lessons on Fridays to begin next week. The K-2 students will rotate from week to week between activities such as singing, art and indigenous art, sock puppets and dance. Students in the 3-6 will participate in media art, visual art and theatre sports on a rotational basis whilst the Dance Group begins and a ukulele group is formed (those students in dance and ukulele groups will not participate in the other rotational activities as they will require frequent practice of skills to ensure progress in these specialisations). It is exciting to provide a whole school approach to sport and the creative arts on Fridays at Culburra Public School. Each year our school rotates between a school production and an art show. Last year we held an extremely successful whole school production so this year we will be organising an art show in term 2. More information will be provided closer to the event.

Next Monday we will be holding a school disco. Please see on page 2 for details.

Earlier in the term I informed you that a yearly overview of excursions with approximate costs would be provided. I am currently finalising our 2015 Excursion Overview and anticipate that this will be ready for distribution next week.

Many thanks to Mr Clarrie Gibbs, parents and staff for ensuring that all our Indigenous students have a personalised learning plan.

Kind Regards
Melissa Day – Principal

Catching Me Being Good

Winners this week are:
Ryan, Rebecca & Kenny.
SCHOOL DISCO
Monday 9th March
K - 2 - 5:00pm-6:15pm
3 - 6 - 6:30pm - 7:45pm
$5 entry - includes a popper and a packet of chips.
All funds raised will go towards the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion.

LIBRARY NEWS
We are getting ready for our annual Book Fair in the library! Those of you who support the fair each year will know we usually have this event in Term 3, coinciding with Book Week. However, we have moved the fair forward this year so that it doesn’t compete with so many other school activities. This will be our only fair for 2015 and is our major fundraising event for the library. All students will have an opportunity to look at books for sale during their normal library time in Week 8 (Tuesday March 17 - March 18). Parents are invited to a preview of the fair on the Monday afternoon (March 16) after school, as well as Tuesday (March 17) until 4pm. More information will be sent home next week, but in the meantime put this event in your diary!
Happy reading,
Mrs Robertson.

CANTERBURY OPEN
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Unfortunately due to work commitments Shelley Cook has had to step down as Canteen co-ordinator. A big thank you to Janelle Reilly who is filling in until another co-ordinator can be found. If you are interested in this position please contact the school office. If you can help out on a Thursday or Friday can you please also advise the school office.

SAVE THE DATE
P&C MEETING + AGM
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH
All welcome.

SPORT NEWS
Congratulations to Sam Wright-Smith and Keira Buckpitt who will compete this Friday at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto.

Well done to Caleb Cook for his selection in the District AFL Team.

Our cross-country challenge against Callala will take place on Monday 23rd March, week 9. Students need to start practising to ensure we keep the “Golden Shoe” shield.

Yours in sport,
Mr Evans

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Students Name: ___________________________ Class: ____________