“LIVE & LEARN”
Culburra Public School
Carlton Crescent
Culburra Beach 2540

Culburra Public School Mission Statement
“The mission of Culburra Public School is the delivery of high quality education and teaching outcomes which are responsive to the needs of all students and enhance the aspirations and expectations of the total school community.”

ISSUE 1 / TERM 3

DATES TO REMEMBER
- FRIDAY 17TH July
- MONDAY 20TH July
- WEDNESDAY 22ND July
- TUESDAY 28TH July
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- WEDNESDAY 12TH August

Whole School Assembly 9.05am in the hall
Southern Stars Dance Group to Bomaderry – selected students only
Mufti Day – Gold coin donation – see below for details
University of NSW English Assessment Test
P&C Meeting – 2pm in the staffroom
Combined Book Week & Education Week activities – more details to follow

15/07/2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to term I would like to thank all parents and community members who attended our fantastic art evening last term. All students did a fantastic job with their individual and class art items. We are extremely appreciative of the number of donations received to make this might such a success. The evening raised $3000, which is an amazing result. Many thanks to Miss Connolly and the staff for ensuring a well-organised event that displayed the creative talents of our students.

The school canteen will be open this Friday and next Friday only. Beginning week 3 the school canteen will open on Mondays and Fridays which tend to be key days when parents are seeking the convenience of a lunch order – this is a fantastic ideal! I would like to thank our canteen volunteers for their time in ensuring that our school canteen remains operational.

Next Wednesday 22nd July we will be holding a Mufti Day and cake stall in support of Sam Wright-Smith’s selection into the State PSSA Hockey Team. Students are asked to contribute a gold coin donation for mufti and any donations of cakes and slices to be sold during recess would be greatly appreciated. Slices and cakes can be delivered to the staff room Wednesday morning – many thanks for your support.

If you have a current Working With Children Check and experience working with children and you would like to be considered for casual and relief School Learning and Support Officer (teacher’s aide) work please send a one page application detailing your experience, contact details and WWCC number to Culburra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au subject: SLSO EOI.

I am very pleased to welcome several new families to Culburra Public School – I hope that your time at CPS is enjoyable and memorable.

The next P&C meeting will be held on 28th July at 2:00 p.m. in the staffroom – we are trialling a new time throughout the winter months – all welcome.

Kind Regards
Melissa Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating a birthday this week:
Zara
Keira
Glenn

We hope you have a great day!!

CANTEEN NEWS
OPEN
FRIDAY ONLY
This week & next!!
From 27th July (week 3) the canteen will be open on Mondays and Fridays.
If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please leave your details at the school office.
Thank you

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
WEEK 10 – Term 2
KS
Toby / Taylah
K/1E
Emma / Noah
1/2R
Maddison / Harley
2G
Jacob / Gabrielle
3EB
Daniel / John
3/4W
Ty / Maeve
4/5E
Hayley / Lily
5/6W
Joel / Ella
CULBURRA ART SHOW
2015
Thank you to the Culburra Public School community for all the fantastic support of our 2015 Art Show. Your contribution helped raise just over $3000 for much needed resources.
Many thanks,
Miss Connolly

SPORT NEWS
PSSA Basketball Knockout
Congratulations to all students who represented our school in basketball this year. Both teams have played with great enthusiasm and teamwork.
The girls’ basketball team were unfortunately defeated in round 3 by Illaroo Road Public School.

Girls: Mae, Chloe, Ella, Caitlin, Letoyah, Taylah, Makyla, Jessica, Keira & Isabelle

The boys’ team played round 4 against Woonona Public School on Thursday 25th June. It was a close, hard fought game, with the boys unfortunately being defeated by a basket, 38-36.

Boys: Peter, Tom, Liam, Ryan, Joel, Kaleb, Dylan, Jaxon, Sam & Corey

Both teams represented our school with great pride and sportsmanship. Well done on your fantastic achievement!

A big thank you to all parents who came along, providing transport and for supporting our teams.

Mrs Carter

Burra Uniform Shop
New & Preloved Clothing
NEW OPENING TIMES
FRIDAYS
9.00am – 10.00am
No longer open on
Wednesdays.

Aboriginal/Koori Kids After School Program
Any Aboriginal parents who would be interested in assisting with a survey regarding an after school program, we will be holding a meeting on Thursday 16th July at 10.30am in Clarries room. If you are interested but unable to attend please contact Clarrie.

It’s on again the Earn and Learn Promotion.
Stickers and/ or completed cards may be posted in the box located in the front office or at Woolworths, Culburra Beach.
Whilst we support this promotion we are in no way asking parents to change their regular shopping habits. Please continue to shop at your usual place but if you do shop at Woolworths remember to collect the stickers. Thank you for your continued support.

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 $12.85 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”

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.

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!!

Q&A: ‘A Healthy Gut equals a Healthy Body’ Session
with John Efferman

With a focus on the health benefits of probiotics, John will be sharing research which shows how to manage and prevent allergies, sinusitis, and other immune-related conditions.

Tour dates:
Thur 17 June - Phillip Island
Thur 24 June - Wollongong
Thur 1 July - Bomaderry RSL

New Tour Dates:
Thur 21 June - Nowra RSL
Thur 28 June - Kiama/Merimbula
Thur 5 July - Batemans Bay
Thur 12 July - Coffs Harbour

20% of the ticket price contributes to Culburra Public School

Easy ways to add physical activity to your day

- Walk to the store, the school or the playground instead of using the car
- Allow time for children to play outdoors
- Park the car away from the shops and walk
- Get off the bus one stop earlier
- Don’t use the remote control, get up and change the channel
- Plant a vegetable garden
- Take the stairs instead of escalators or lifts
- Schedule regular time each week for your family to be physically active together
- Limit television time to no more than 2 hours per day or 19 hours per week

P&C Meeting Tuesday
28th July
2.00pm in the staffroom
All welcome!

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team:

T 131 536

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