

The Cudgegong Courier

A weekly newsletter issued by Rylstone Public School

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From the Principal

Relieving Principal

I would like to welcome back Ms Jodee Burcher who will be relieving in my position for 2015. Jodee will be back in the Principal role from the start of next year. We wish her all the best for 2015.

Awards Assembly

Tomorrow is our annual Awards Assembly. The Assembly will start at 9.30am in the school hall with all parents and community welcome. This will be a lovely assembly where every student in the school will be awarded and their efforts throughout the year recognised. This is a formal occasion where students need to be in full school uniform.

Leadership Speeches

Congratulations to all the Year 5 students who presented their speeches to the school on Monday. They did a magnificent job with all students presenting thoughtful and inspiring speeches. After the speeches the school carefully voted for two captains and two prefects. We will now count the votes and the big announcement will be made on the Presentation Night.

Presentation Night—11th December

Next Thursday our Presentation Night and concert will be held in the Rylstone Shire Hall starting at 6.00pm. This is a long night with the event usually finishing around 8.30pm. Students will be provided with a snack at intermission thanks to our wonderful P&C which will consist of a packet of chips and a drink. If anyone has costumes that need to be brought in please make sure they are in by tomorrow as we will be starting dress rehearsals next week.

Reports

All school reports and portfolios will be sent home next Friday 12th December. If you would like to make an appointment with your child's class teacher the following week please contact the front office.

Year 6 Farewell Disco

This year's farewell disco for the year 6 students will be held on Monday 15th December. All children are invited to attend and share this exciting event with our senior students. The disco will be held in the hall with no cost. Starting at 5.00pm ending at 7.00pm.

Surveys

We are a little late in getting our annual surveys out but we would really appreciate if everyone could just quickly fill out the attached surveys and send them back into school as soon as possible. To help us with our School Management Plan for 2015 we are focussing on the academic area of English and specifically the area of Writing and the area of Teaching and Learning. All surveys are anonymous and will be used to advise the school on future directions.

Costume Parade

Next Monday at 10.00am the whole school will be walking down the main street in full costume. We are having our annual costume parade so if you are in town come and cheer us on.

Alexandra Cashman
Principal

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Week 9 Term 4

Dates To Remember

Term 4

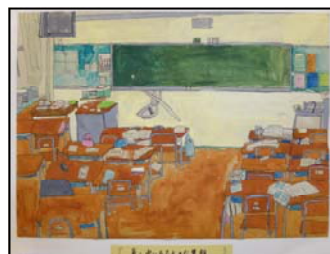
- 5 Dec Awards Assembly
- 8 Dec 'Circus' Dress Rehearsal
- 11 Dec Presentation Night
- 15 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Disco
- 16 Dec Market Day
- 17 Dec Talent Quest
- 17 Dec Students last day

2015 Term 1

- 28 Jan Students Yrs 1-6 start
- 11 Feb Swimming Carnival

Nagoya Art Exchange

We were extremely excited to receive this week three artworks from students in Japan. These beautiful artworks were received in exchange for art by Brodie and Haidee being selected to go to Japan. The pieces will be framed and on display in the new year.



CUDGEONG LEARNING COMMUNITY



K-1 NEWS

Kindergarten have found it very interesting revising hefting and using the equal arm balance in Maths. They were very clever at estimating which items were the heaviest. Year 1 have been revising everything they learnt this term in Maths and are very proud of all they knew! Both Kinder and Year 1 are very excited to see the improvement in their reading benchmarks. They have all worked very hard.

We tried on our costumes this week and we all agree we look fabulous! Please remember to send in t-shirts, socks etc that were mentioned on the note home earlier in the term. The children had a great time learning about flea circuses and created some circuses of their own. What fun! **Mrs Balfoort**

2/3 NEWS

We farewelled Miss McNamara on Friday. Five weeks went so quickly but I'm sure the children will agree that it was fabulous having Miss Mac at RPS. We wish her every success in the future.

Busy! Busy! Busy! That's the buzz word of the week. Just a few reminders:

- Costumes need to be brought to school tomorrow. Dress Rehearsal is Monday!
- Semester 1 portfolios need to be returned so that I can add Semester 2's report and work samples.
- Please also return any Home Readers and /or homework folders by Monday.

We are looking forward to you joining us for tomorrow's Awards Assembly and can't wait to show you our fantastic costumes and dance next Thursday. Please call or email me at school if you have any queries about costumes etc. **Mrs Suttor**

SRC REMINDER

Don't forget: Market Day 16th December.

Talent Quest auditions - Friday 12th December.

Talent Quest 17th December.

VIRTUES WK 9—GENTLENESS

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. It is using your self-control, in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals with the way you touch and speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt. When you think gentle thoughts, it makes the world a safer, gentler place.

WELFARE NEWS

Today students examined the 4th ingredient to being resilient—'Courage'. To develop courage you need to care about things as well as believe in things—courageous people need a reason for being courageous. We examined the courage demonstrated by Caroline Chisolm (1808-1877) in the early days of the colony and also that of Shirley Smith (1921-1998) for her work with Indigenous Australians in their times of need.

We explored also the notion of high risk activity for a bad purpose (stupidity) versus high risk activity for an important purpose (courage). Some examples included stealing from a shop, riding a bike without a helmet to admitting you can't do something or standing up for someone who is being bullied.

Courage is measured by the level of risk and the quality of purpose. Displaying courage isn't always easy, but when coupled with calm, caring, good planning and energy, it has the potential hallmarks of true resiliency. **Mrs Curtis**

2014 FINAL BORROWING

This week was the final week for borrowing books from the Library to take home and read. Could everyone have a little look at home for any Rylstone Primary School library books / home reading books and return them to school please? We need all of the books returned before school finishes for 2014 so that they can be all ready for borrowing next year! Yeah! **Mrs D'Ilio**

BOOK CLUB

The final Book Club order forms for 2014 went home with the children on Tuesday, this week. If you would like to order books from this issue, please have the form and payment returned to the school no later than MONDAY, December 8th. This should give the good people at Scholastic enough time to process and fill the order and have the books back to school for distribution before the holidays. Thank you to everyone who has supported our school by purchasing through Scholastic Book Club this year. **Mrs D'Ilio**

PERMISSION NOTE SUMMARY

Costume Donation—\$5 each



P & C NEWS

REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS ...

Wednesday 10th December

*Raffle books - are due back next Wednesday, sold or unsold! Each family was allocated a numbered book and this will need to be checked off. You can still buy tickets for the raffle at the door.

*Hampers - Please bring in any items to add to the raffle. These can be dropped into the office.

Thursday 11th December

*If any parents are available to help set up the hall from 9:30am we will meet at the Rylstone Hall. We will be decorating the entrance in a circus theme.

*Please bring a plate of food, sweet or savoury, to the hall to share at presentation night.

Everyone's help is greatly appreciated as it's a busy week ahead.

Thank you from the P & C committee.

UNIFORM SHOP

Tomorrow, Friday 5th December, will be your last opportunity to get uniforms before Presentation Night.

Last opening for 2014—Friday 12th December.

Special opening day 2015—Tuesday 27th January 9am-10am (the day before students return).

The uniform shop is open on Friday **afternoons from 3-3.20pm.**

JOLLY JOKER AT 'THE GLOBE'

Rylstone Public School P&C and the Rylstone Kandos Preschool are the beneficiaries of this fundraiser held each Friday evening at The Globe. Once again the prize money has jackpotted. It is now a very healthy \$3000. (This could help with the purchase of Christmas presents!?!). This week's ticket sellers are from the Preschool.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JACKEROO RANCH HORSE RIDING CAMPS

Pre-Xmas: 10-20 Dec. Come anytime from 3 days to 10.

2015: 1st Week Sat. 3rd to 10th January

2nd Week Sat. 10th to 18th January

For all horse-mad children aged 6-16 years. All levels of experience. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

Enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson on 6337 7173

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2014

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

This year's Summer Reading Program - with the theme of ADVENTURE - will launch on Monday 1st December 2014 at 4pm, and run until the close of business Wednesday 21st January 2015. All our Littlies, Juniors and Young Adults will be encouraged to read and discover new adventures over December and January, while earning tickets in the major prize draw. Tickets are gained by reading every night, with bonus tickets achieved by borrowing from the Library, and completing an additional task. Entry is free, all participants must be a member of the Library, and there's a great Adventure bag to collect when you register. Registration is open through December and January - even if you only get 1 ticket, it could be the winning ticket - but the earlier you join, the more tickets you'll earn and the more chances to win!

FREE BreastScreen

The Mobile Screening Unit will be visiting:

RYLSTONE January/Feb 2015

It's time to look after
Yourself!

A woman's risk of
developing breast cancer
to age 85 is 1 in 8

FREE breast screens available to all
women over the age of 40

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RYLSTONE / KANDOS ROTARY CLUB

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

in association with the Combined Churches.

Kandos Community Hall



Saturday 20 December 2014

FREE Sausage sizzle from 6-00pm

Live Music from 6-15pm

Carols commence at 7-45pm

In the event of wet weather the whole event will be conducted in the hall
Please bring your own chair, rug and torch as we will be in the car park of the hall

ALL WELCOME



Rylstone-Kandos Christmas

Carnival

Saturday 6 December 2014

3pm – 7pm.

Rylstone Showground

Bring all the family and friends....and a chair

BBQ - steak/sausage sandwiches & cold drinks

Chocolate wheel (hams as prizes)

FUN for kids – **FREE ENTERTAINMENT** and heaps of stalls

Live entertainment

Stall-holders encouraged to attend. Must have own insurance attached to application. To book, please contact

Gary Oakes ph 0458281330

All stalls free of charge.