



School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 4 March

Working Bee and
Welcome Back Morning
Tea

Monday 13 March

Labour Day – No School

Friday 10 March

Swimming lessons

Thursday 16 March

Ride to School Day

Friday 17 March

School Athletic Sports Day

Monday 20 March

Swimming lessons

Wednesday 22 March

School Photos
Preps Start Wednesdays

Friday 24 March

Swimming lessons

Thursday 23 March

JSC 'Future' Dress Up Day

Friday 31 March

Final Assembly 2.00pm
Last Day of Term 1

Working Bee / Morning Tea

Tomorrow we will be holding our working bee for Term 1. We had to postpone the original date due to the weather. Saturday is forecast to be a pleasant 25 degrees and perfect weather for applying a couple of coats of decking oil to the railing around the deck. We understand that some families will not be able to make this new date but we would love to see you if you can make it. We will start at 9am and have a morning tea at 11am. Wear old clothes, as we will be painting.

National Ride to School Day

Cudgee PS will be participating in National Ride to School Day a day earlier than the rest of Australia because of our Athletic Sports Day. So on Thursday 16 March we are encouraging as many students as possible to ride their bikes to school. During the day, F-2 and 3-6 classes will be holding bike education sessions and potentially have a visit from some of the new Warrnambool Police Bike Patrol officers.

Athletics Sports Day

On Friday 17 March the whole school are participating in the Athletics Sports Day at Brauerander Park. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from Brauerander Park for this event. The day will run from 9-2.30pm and parents are welcome to stay to see their child participating. There will be a canteen operating on this day – more details to come soon.



**Reminder: Hats
must be worn
in Term 1 & 4**

School Council Nominations for 2017/18

Nomination forms were sent home for school council this year. This is the final call for any interested people to let Fiona know. Nomination forms need to be in by Monday.

School Council News

At the recent school council meeting we:

- passed a number of motions regarding the financial arrangements for this year including naming signatories for different accounts and other processes to ensure compliance with acceptable financial procedures.
- discussed applying for a grant through the South West Community Foundation to improve the learning space in the kitchen garden with new tables and shade (we have since applied for this)
- We reviewed and passed a number of school policies without any changes
- Discussed updating the volunteer list for 2017 with parents who hold WWCC cards (Volunteers on the list from last year will be rolled over but if you are not on the list and would like to be please see Matt or Fiona)
- We are undergoing a peer based school review this year and the process for this has begun.
- We are purchasing additional tables and chairs for both classrooms as the number of students increases and for MARC requirements.

MARC Read-a-thon starts this Monday

We will be reminding students to record the number of minutes that they have been reading over the next fortnight. A few students have told us they have been able to organise some sponsors to help raise money for the MARC Van shed. Sponsors have been donating between 1c and 5c per minute of reading. We would encourage children to find a sponsor(s) over the weekend in preparation for the start of the read-a-thon on Monday.



*Let's read as much as we can,
and raise some funds to shelter the van.
No more nights out in the rain,
Off to MARC schools down highway and lane.
Books take us places far away,
Every hour, every day!
We love books! We love to read!
Good books from MARC is what we need.*

Important: The Reading Log will be distributed to each student during the launch of the MARC Read-a-thon from February 27th- March 3rd. This is where the students will record the numbers of minutes they are reading. The MARC Read-a-thon commences on **Monday March 6th**.

Junior School Council News

Junior School Council invites you to a Future Thursday on Thursday 23rd March. We are asking students to dress as what job you would like to have in the future - your dream job can be anything! Gold Coin Donation entry. The money raised in this event will buy chess sets for a new chess club.

Sincerely,
Junior School Council



Cudjee Fun Run 2017

Thanks to everyone who was able to make the Cudjee Fun Run. It was perfect early morning weather for a run or walk. The new route worked well allowing for it to be more social and also safe, with participants being able to run along the path. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who organised the breakfast and to the students who collected sponsorship money. We will know how much money we raised early next week.



Travelling to and from school

At Cudjee Primary School we take the safety of children very seriously and would like to remind parents and students about procedures and suggestions to ensure we are all safe.

- School starts at 9am and we would like children to arrive at school from 8.45am onwards. This allows students up to 15 minutes to get themselves settled in and ready as per their classroom morning routines. There are a range of reasons why we prefer children to not be any earlier to school including: ensuring that children can be properly supervised, teachers are often busy preparing for the day's learning and at times casual relief teachers will need to be brought in at late notice and may not be able to make it before this time which could leave children unsupervised. Having said that, we know that occasionally parents need to make alternate arrangements for different reasons. Please make them with your classroom teacher.
- We encourage students to take active forms of transport to school and are grateful for the new extension to the Dwarroon Road path that makes this safer for everyone. Please consider what is an appropriate age for your child to make this trip independently in a safe manner. It is very important that you inform us if your child will not be attending school for the day (by note or phone call) as it puts us in a difficult position if your child does not turn up to school and they have been travelling independently (Are they sick or has something happened to them on the way?)
- Bikes are to be stored in the bike shed and scooters can be stored in the kitchen area. They should be walked out of the school grounds at the end of the day and must be walked across Hallowells Road after checking for traffic coming from both ways. We encourage parents who are driving though this intersection to let students wait until they have driven through. This helps to give the clear message that pedestrians need to wait for traffic.
- Students getting picked up by car should wait inside the school gates, make their way to their parents car when it has stopped and access it from the pathway without going behind other cars.
- Vehicles are not allowed in the school grounds during school hours without permission.
- Continue to drive carefully around drop off and pick up times as the Hallowells / Dwarroon Road intersection is a tricky one to negotiate at peak times.



Warming up Lunches – new morning routine is working well

We have been asking all students who have lunch to heat up to place this in the fridge (in the kitchen) first thing in the morning so that the lunch monitors can heat this up without interrupting classes before lunch. Remember to put their food in a separate container with your child's name so that they can be easily identified. Sandwiches for toasting should also be placed in the fridge. Most students have been remembering to do this – keep reminding them if they have food for heat up.

Grade F-2 News

It has been exciting for me to see the progress and enthusiasm of all students in the F-2 class so far this year. Students are engaged in their learning and applying themselves and readily contributing their ideas. They should all be proud of their efforts.

Our focus in reading has been using different strategies for accuracy and developing processes for different reading activities during reading lessons.

In writing we have continued to reinforce expectations during writing sessions and this fortnight are introducing Connie Connective, one of the characters we use in our VCOP and Big Write writing program. This has involved learning about the special words which we use to join 2 sentences/clauses together and how we can use them. This week we have looked at 'and', 'but', 'because', 'so', 'then' and 'after'.

In Maths our focus has shifted to counting. This is a broad topic and involves different types of counting including counting by 1s, forwards and backwards, from different starting points and also counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s.

We have begun our unit for this term titled 'Our Community' and looked at some recently taken aerial photographs of Cudgee which students found fascinating. They even have the new footpath in them! This unit is all about places and our connection to them. As part of this unit we are hoping to get a guest speaker in to discuss significant places in and around Cudgee for Aboriginal people.

There has been an explosion of enthusiasm for our investigation sessions – and I'm trying to keep up with all their ideas! Jack H has brought along a couple of doctor kits and today we transformed part of the room into an operating theatre. A number of students have been designing and problem solving as they create intricate designs at the collage table. We are also setting up a postage system so that we can write letters and notes to each other. It is pleasing to see all the learning taking place and the initiative that students are showing.

Last week we had a Pet Education visit where we learnt about how to be safe around dogs and other pets. It was a lot of fun and we all got to pat the dog at the end – remembering to ask the owner, offer the back of your hand and pat.

-Matt Dodson



Grade 3-6 News

Thank you for attending the Parent Information night last week. It was good to catch up and clarify classroom routines etc. Students are now also completing Maths Mate homework, generally they will be able to complete these independently but if they need help please help them or let me know. Students are currently in the process of writing to the Mayor of Moyne to seek support/advice on how we can prevent plastic bags being used in supermarkets.

We will continue working with informational texts over the next two weeks. In maths we are working on addition, subtraction and time.

The athletics sports are fast approaching and we have been training for this. There have been a number of changes made to the sports this year.

Championship events will not be held, overall winners from each event will be presented with ribbons. The relays will remain the same.

Junior School Council held their first meeting on Thursday, a focus for them this term is to raise funds to buy some chess sets so we can begin a chess club at school.

On Friday our senior students attended the Student Leaders Congress at Deakin University. Hugh van Cuylenburg: Founding Director of The Resilience Project will be the guest speaker at the Congress. The Resilience Project is leading the way and helping young Australians to be mentally healthy. Hugh and his team from The Resilience Project are highly sought after speakers Nationally, doing some amazing work with schools, sporting teams and the business world around mental health and wellbeing. -Fiona Selway



MARC LIBRARY FUNDRAISER BUNNINGS BBQ

The final fundraiser for the MARC van shelter project is a BUNNINGS BBQ, which is to be held on Sunday March 12 (Labour Day Weekend).

I understand that it is a very busy weekend for many families. However, if you can assist for an hour at some stage during the day, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me on 0427998358 if you are able to help in any way.

Regards Chris Howlett



Community Events... Advertisements...

This movie night is a fundraiser for WCBF's Relay for Life Team for the Cancer Council. See Danielle for More details.

Relay For Life

Beauty and the Beast

Be our guest

4pm Sunday 26th March
Adults: \$20/ticket
Under 12: \$15/ticket
Includes afternoon tea

CAPITOL CINEMA
WARRNAMBOOL

Tickets from Reception or call Stacey on 0400 027 349

WARRNAMBOOL ESTD 1868 CHEESE & BUTTER

Supporting WCBF's Relay For Life Team for the Cancer Council

CUDGEE HALL EVENTS

25TH March

Cudgee Hall Community Garage Sale

8:30- 1:30pm

31ST March

Cudgee Traditional Casserole Night + Book Swap

Arrive 6:00pm

Meal served at 6:30pm

Bring a loved book or two, leave on the book table as you arrive and at the end of the night take a different book home.

26th April

Cudgee Hall Committee Meeting

7:30pm

New Members Welcome

28th May

2nd Annual Cudgee Bake-Off Competition

2:00 – 5:00pm

Bring a plate of baked goods to be judged by the Cudgee Community

28th June

Cudgee Hall Committee Meeting

7:30pm

New Members Welcome

30th June

Cudgee Traditional Casserole Night

Arrive 6:00pm

Meal served at 6:30pm

22nd August

Cudgee Hall Committee Meeting AGM

7:30pm

New Members Welcome

DATES FOR THE POP UP CINEMA WILL BE ADVISED



The poster features a green background with a stylized sun, a tree, and a flower at the top. The text is arranged as follows:

cudgee
COMMUNITY HALL
garage
Sale

Cudgee Hall Saturday 25th March
8:30am until 1:30pm

\$10 per site and only 10 sites available. Get in quick
Contact Louise on 0467 553 567 for your site booking

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