

IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday
March 26**

School Photos

Thursday March 28

Easter Egg Hunt and
Sausage Sizzle,
12:30 – 2.00pm
Assembly 2:00pm
Dismissal 2:30pm

Raffle tickets and
money to be
returned

Monday 15 April

1st Day of Term 2

Monday 22 April

Foundation(Prep)
enrolments open

Reminder THURSDAY

Students will need to
bring a change of
clothes for PE as we
will be using water
to build our positive
teamwork
behaviours.



Principal's Message

This will be the last newsletter for the term as Thursday is the last day of term. School will finish at 2:30pm with a school assembly at 2:00pm, families are welcome to join us from 12:30pm for a sausage sizzle and easter egg hunt. Please RSVP tomorrow morning if you haven't already done so.

School Council News

Last Wednesday we held the AGM and first School Council meeting for the 2024 School Council.

Thank you to Olivia Morgan for taking on another year as School Council President and Jason Dance for taking on the Secretary role.

- School Council Meetings will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.
- The Annual Report for 2023 was presented. Survey results from the parent opinion survey and student surveys were shared. These form the goals of the Annual Implementation Plan for 2023. 100% of parents who completed the survey indicated they were happy with the school. The student survey showed an improvement in student connectedness to school, and the management of bullying. The NAPLAN reading results for 2023 were celebrated. These results were above the state average.
- The Annual Finance Report and the Indicative Budget were presented.

Home School Communication

There was some discussion around communicating to parents. The most efficient way is to communicate is through the newsletter. The newsletter is sent home fortnightly on a Friday commencing week two of term with the oldest child. Please check with your child on these Fridays as the newsletter contains information for the upcoming weeks. We do send out a termly calendar at the end of the term, but this can change as things are added throughout the term.

Contacting teachers during school time

Please be aware sometimes when you text we may not get your message. We generally don't get phone service in the classrooms. If you need us urgently, please call the school landline on 55 676346.

Newsletter

Next term we will resume with the Cudgee Community Newsletter that will come out at the end of term. The Community Newsletter will go to Cudgee school families and the wider community.

Foundation/Prep Enrolment

We will be taking enrolment for 2025 Foundation (prep) students from the 22nd of April. Enrolment applications to government primary schools are due by Friday July 26. If you have or know of any families that have children due to start school in 2025 could you please pass this information on. Foundation enrolment packs are available from school.

Families from the community are invited to join us for the B.B.Q. and Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday.

3-6 NEWS



Congratulations to the Year 3 and 5 students who have completed their NAPLAN testing over the past fortnight. The students worked hard to complete the tests. Well done!

Literacy

We have been working to complete our narrative based on the topic 'Fire'. Students have been conferencing with teachers and setting writing goals. It has been great to hear some of the narratives at assembly over the past few weeks.

Wellbeing

We have been focusing on understanding character strengths. We have watched the film 'True Spirit' and reflected on the achievements of Jessica Watson.

School Sports

The school sports at Nullawarre PS went really well, despite the hot day. A big thanks goes to Mr McCluggage for helping the students to practise and prepare. Great effort everyone!



Grade Prep-2

Another fortnight has flashed by in the Prep, One and Two class!

During literacy, students have continued their focus on persuasive writing, students used animals as a basis for their persuasive pieces last week, whilst this week they have used food as the origin of their persuasive topic. Students have been exploring the language of persuasive pieces and using 'Firstly', 'Secondly' and 'Thirdly' to begin their persuasive paragraphs/sentences. In Sounds Write, Prep students have now shifted their focus to the sounds /d/, /f/, /v/ and /e/, whilst Grade 1 and 2 students this week have concluded their work on unit 14 and 15 of the extended code and are now working their way through unit 16 where they are exploring the different spellings of the /s/ sound. A key focus of our reading instruction has been identifying interesting and unfamiliar words in our writing to unpack and discuss with the goal of using these in our writing.

In Maths, most of the last two weeks has seen us focus on statistics and data representation. Students have practised posing questions for investigation, recording data using a table and tally marks and representing data as a bar or picture graph. Prep students particularly enjoyed collaboratively creating a picture graph of our 'Favourite Ice-cream Flavours' whilst Grade 1 and 2 students worked through the challenging task of independently creating a picture graph on 'Our Classes Pets' where one picture was worth more than one value.

In Science, students have been exploring the different life stages of different classifications of animals and how these are similar and different.

A kind reminder that school photos are **Tuesday** and we have our easter BBQ and egg hunt **Thursday**. Also, if Prep parents could endeavour to complete the documentation for the school nurse if it has not been completed yet. If you would like clarification or support with this just let me know.

Thanks,

Mr McLachlan



School Wide Positive Behaviours

Cudgee Primary School achieved the Blue Award for the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviours Support Program in 2023.



Physical Education and Sport



For our final two weeks of Physical Education and Sport, we are revisiting our positive teamwork behaviours and reminding ourselves of the importance of being active and having fun. This week, our teams focused on navigating large blue balls and congested stepping stones (3-6) as well as keeping our own water cups afloat (F-2).

Next week, we'll be using water to consolidate our behaviours. **All students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes for the last day of Term.**

Literacy and Numeracy Tutoring Sessions

We've been impressed by how students have approached any additional sessions with an open mind and a genuine desire to improve their numeracy and literacy skills.

In numeracy sessions, we've consolidated place value by structuring and ordering our ideas; demonstrating our working out; and explaining our thinking at the completion of tasks. This has occurred through a variety of group and one-on-one activities.

In literacy sessions, our focus has been on approaching challenging words phonetically; pausing and breathing whilst reading to increase our fluency and confidence; identifying the different parts of speech; predicting outcomes; and describing characters and narratives.

Students are to be commended on how they've embraced the importance of making mistakes and learning from them.



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Junior School Council News

Dear parents and guardians,

The JSC has decided to have an easter egg raffle which will be drawn on Thursday the 28th of March.

Tickets will be **two dollars each** or **\$5 for 3 tickets** or **\$9 for 6 tickets**.

We would like you to place your money and tickets in the envelope we give you and return the money to school by Thursday March 28.

Please write your name and phone number clearly on your ticket.



EASTER EGG HUNT AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thursday 28th March, 12:30 – 2pm

All Cudgee community families are welcome at school for an egg hunt and sausage sizzle to celebrate the end of term. Families are welcome to bring pre-school aged children along to join in the fun!

Please RSVP by Tues 26th March so that we can cater for everyone.

If you are a new family or interested in enrolling your child at Cudgee Primary School please contact the school to arrange a tour in Term 2.

RSVP
Due:
TUES 26th
MARCH

Name: _____

I / we will be attending.

No. of Adults _____ No. of *extra children _____

*Children currently attending school will be catered for

OR RSVP via email or phone: cudgee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au | (03) 5567 6346