Principal’s messages

Life Education Van
In Week 5 we hosted a Life Education Van day in our school with Glen Alice and Cullen Bullen Public Schools. The students had a great day of learning about healthy living and all enjoyed the lessons in the Life Education van with Maree and Healthy Harold. Thank you to Maree and all staff for making the day great!

ICAS Tests
This year we have chosen to enter all students into the ICAS tests. Our students undertook the first of these (technology) last Tuesday. These tests allow our students to experience formal test situations and the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in a range of key learning areas.

Science Day
On Thursday 28th May students will be participating in a Science day at Cullen Bullen Public School. The day will involve a range of exciting experiments and demonstrations. Parents are welcome to attend the Science day along with their children. Our normal swimming lesson for this day will be rescheduled for Friday 29th May at the normal time.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

Playground equipment
As a result of a recent Work Health and Safety inspection by myself and our staff, I have made the decision to temporarily close the playground equipment in the school. This is to allow us time to ensure all our equipment is as safe as possible for our students to play on. We are currently replacing the timber edging around the sand area and are commencing some minor maintenance work on the shade awning. As soon as these are completed we hope to reopen the equipment again.

Important Dates:
- Science Day at Cullen Bullen: 28th May
- P&C Meeting: 9th June
- School Assembly: 12th June, 2:45pm
- Playgroup: 3rd June, 18th June
- Public Holiday: 8th June
- Western Cross Country: 10th June
Food and Garden Program
This Friday our students will be making wraps for a healthy lunch. We plan to use lettuce from the garden and a selection of other healthy food!

NAPLAN
In Week 4 our Year 3 and 5 students completed their NAPLAN tests. We were very proud of our students who all demonstrated a mature approach and aimed to do their best. Well done Harrison, Ryan, Ellie and Liliah!

Staff training
In Week 5 I attended mandatory training in the new teaching standards, and also in the new salaries agreement. Thank you to Mrs Woods who worked with the students during this time.

Western Gateway (WGEC)
Current events in our Western Gateway Schools Community include:
-Our principals are currently writing a submission for a $40000 grant to support our current initiatives in providing high quality learning outcomes for all students.

School Assembly
Our next school assembly will be held on Friday 12th June at 2:45pm. All are welcome to attend.

Office equipment
We have recently purchased a Multifunction Device for the school office and as a result have the following items which are no longer needed:
-Photocopier with spare toner(Kyocera KM 2050)
-Fax machine (Brother Fax Machine 2820)
-Scanner (Canon 3-1 Pixma MP 460)
-Laserjet Printer (HP Colour Laserjet C9707A)

We ask that people who may be interested in these items please contact us at school.

Biggest Morning Tea
On Thursday 18th June our school is hosting a community Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research. Please save the date and invite local community members to attend!

Feedback for parents
As we are reaching the end of the first semester for 2015, we are in the process of assessing students and writing student reports. These reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 19th June. We will then hold parent teacher interviews during Week 10 this Term, and Week 1 Term 3.

While these parent teacher interviews are held as our formal interview times, we always encourage parents who have any concerns or questions to contact us for an appointment time when needed during the year.
Pirate Day Friday
On Friday 12th June 2015 we are holding a ‘Pirate Day Friday’ to raise funds and awareness for research into the cure and prevention of childhood brain tumours. We ask students to dress as a pirate for the day and to make a gold coin donation for this cause. Transition students are also welcome to attend school for the day.

Duncan Peard
Principal

School Calendar
Please be aware dates are subject to change (wherever possible we will aim to ensure notice of changes is given well in advance).

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SchoolBiz

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.