Science Days
On Thursday 28th May, students attended a Science day at Cullen Bullen Public School. The day involved a range of exciting experiments and demonstrations including; Lava Lamps, Cyclones, Goo Making, Flight and Paper Aeroplanes, Bridge Building and even using telescopes! Our students also enjoyed catching up with their friends at Hampton and Cullen Bullen Public Schools. Many thanks to all parents who provided transport for this great day.

Our Science fun continued on Monday 1st June when we attended a Questacon Science Show at Ilford Community Hall. Our students enjoyed the show and loved all the fun experiments!

Food and Garden Program
This Friday, at approximately 11:30, staff from Bunnings are visiting our school to help plant our winter garden vegetables. Students should bring a change of old clothes and sturdy footwear to help with the planting. Parents are welcome to come and join in the gardening fun!

In the near future we look forward to a visit from members of the Portland Men’s Shed, who are hoping to assist us in upgrading the chicken enclosure. If community members have any old roof sheeting or timber posts and beams that might be suitable for a roosting and nesting area we would welcome any donations.

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!
Western Gateway (WGEC)

Staff from around the Western Gateway group will be commencing training in the Hermann Brain Dominance Index in the near future. This training gives participants a profile of their preferred learning and management styles, and opens up opportunities for greater awareness of how each individual can contribute to the team.

School Uniform

This week we have reminded students about the importance of wearing correct school uniform at school. We ask, wherever possible, that students wear the correct uniform to school at all times, including school hats. This should include suitable footwear, dark royal blue pants, and a red tshirt and jumper. Caps are not considered adequate sun protection and students wearing these will be asked to play in the shaded areas. On particularly cold mornings or days, students may wear a jacket, gloves and beanie to keep warm. We thank parents for supporting the wearing of correct uniform in our school.

Zoo Excursion

On 16th and 17th June our students in Years 3-6 will participate in a Zoosnooz excursion at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. This will be a wonderful experience for the children. The Zoosnooz sleepover program is now operating from the Zoo’s all new campsite with accommodation in canvas tents located around a picturesque billabong in the Zoo’s wildlife area.

Students will learn the importance of conservation through this immersive bush camping experience, which includes close encounters with iconic Australian wildlife as well as informative and educational walking tours. Students may see a number of Australian and Asian species including the Koala, Emu, Quokka, Siamang Ape and Sumatran Tiger.

Please ensure you have returned your expression of interest note by Friday 5 June 2015. Parents and carers will be advised of further details regarding the itinerary and formal permission note once numbers are confirmed.

Donations and volunteering

We are often in need of the following recycled items for use in the classroom; margarine containers, magazines, newspapers and cardboard rolls. If you are able to donate any of these items during the year please send them to school with your child.

Work has also continued around the school to enhance our school gardens. Donations of any small or large garden ornaments would be welcome.

We welcome expressions of interest from any parents or community members who may be interested in giving time on a regular basis to contribute to our school. This could include listening to students read, assisting with the vegetable garden, or even making snacks for community events or school assemblies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school. Volunteers are required to have a current working with children check (available through the roads and Maritime Service).
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.

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

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

Playgroup
Our school Playgroup meets on the 3rd and 18th June. We welcome all community members with young children to attend!

Western Cross Country
On 10th June, Ryan and Harrison will travel to Guerie to compete in the Western Region Cross Country Championship. We wish Ryan and Harrison best of luck for their races!

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

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


School calendar

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

Student work

In literacy lessons this week we have been studying the text ‘Fox’ by Margaret Wild. After detailed reading our students re-wrote the text from the opening page:

Fox by Margaret Wild
Through the warm forest, over hot ash, runs Dog, with a bird held in his big, nice mouth.

By Bella

‘FOX’ BY MARGARET WILD
Through the blackened forest, over hot branches, runs Dog, with a bird held in his soft, careful muzzle. He takes her to his rocky cave above the river and there he tries to mend her burnt wing. But Magpie does not want his help.

By Liliah Dolbel

In week 6 we independently wrote descriptions of different pictures:

The Amazing Beach

There was an amazing beach with incredible, greenish blue water and sand that was soft, dry and golden. On the horizon was a gigantic iceberg, and to the right was a towering mountain with fresh, green gum trees with beautiful leaves.

By Harrison Wells