We are now into the 2nd half of the term ... already! It never stops amazing me how fast times goes and how much we cram into each day/week!

A reminder that tomorrow is our school photo day. This is always a hectic day which will be even more so with an extra kinder class and extra class in the school. Please make sure that your child wears their summer school uniform only. This includes black shoes and only red hair ties for the girls. Our school photos always look spectacular and that is because everyone makes such an effort to help us out. We will be starting at 9:00am with a staff photo, class photos will be following that. Individual photos are done after class photos and family ones are done during lunch time. We will also be having photos of our SRC member, Sports Captains, Concert band, so please ensure that they all have their badges ready to go!

Children in Years 4-6 will be receiving a note home this week seeking permission to complete the “Tell Them From Me” (TTFM) surveys which are supported by the Department of education. These surveys will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students. The survey is confidential and can be used either as a one-off survey or to identify trends within schools over time and better inform school priorities. The survey is offered once a year, with the option of completing a second snapshot within the year if schools wish. There will be more information on the note that is sent home. The permission note is to opt out of the survey. You only return it if you DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE. If you do want your child to take part, just keep the info at home. You can find out more by visiting http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/

It was great to see so many parents attending last week’s ‘meet the teacher night’. If you were unable to make it, you can still get information from your child’s teacher by visiting or calling up. Most classes had a great turn up of new and returning parents and this shows the enthusiasm, interest and commitment that families share in supporting their children and our school. Thank you.

One of the best parts of my job is to go around and visit the classes. I usually go around to visit at least once a day (more when I can) and it is exciting to see the high level of work that is going on in every room from Kindy through to Year 6! The quality of the teaching and instruction is a privilege to see and I can assure you that your children are receiving an excellent balanced education at Cundletown PS!

Bruce Coote Principal

Week 4 Term 1
Excellent Worker
KC: Evangeline Husband
KH: Kaylie Dawson
KR: Lochie Polson
1C: Lily Yeomans-Hansen
1S: Bonny Uglow
2F: Kye Milligan
2H: Zane Turner
2/3N: Hollye Maddocks
3/4G: Jarvis Chapman
3/4I: Callum Cook
4/5C: Joel Power
5/6T: Lucas Drury
6B: Leanne Curtis

Merit Award
KC: Jackson Jones
KH: Tegan Russell
KR: Heidi Webb
1C: Toby Bliss
1S: Sharmay Simmonds
2F: Olivia Paulin
2H: Alivia Dewhurst
2/3N: Julian Jackson
3/4G: Jett Yamold
3/4I: Trent Archer
4/5C: Kelahni Mobbs
5/6T: Joshua Smith
6B: Jai Handsaker

Maths Awards: Grant Shelton, Troy Wright, Jacob Stace, Lucy Franklin, Cam Cheers, Arlo Yeomans-Hansen
**Weekly Assembly - 2:15 pm Friday**

**Term 1**

**Week 6**

Tues 1 March School Photos (return envelopes on the day)

**Week 8**

Tues 15 March Canteen and P & C AGM (6:30pm & 7:00pm Staffroom)

**Week 9**

Thur 24 March Swim School - 24/3 - 8/4 (Years 2 to 6)

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*Cundletown Public School P&C and Canteen AGM will be held Tuesday 15th March 2016, in the staffroom.*

Canteen at 6.30pm

P&C at 7.00pm

All Office Bearer positions will be declared vacant.

Newcomers most welcome. Please come along and support the school community.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Roster**

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*Week 7 is our ‘Special Week’ - Hotdog, Mineral water and a Jelly Bomb for $5. Order forms will be handed out in the classroom. Please return by Friday 4 March.*

**AGM** - All positions open. Please come and join our canteen committee 6:30pm Tuesday 15 March.

**Q: What is red and goes up and down?**

**A: A Tomato in a lift!**

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**Clean Up Australia Day**

The school will participate in this on Friday 4 March straight after the whole school assembly at approx. 2:45. Designated areas within the school will be given to each class to clean up. Your child can bring in a pair of gloves to wear when cleaning up. If you DO NOT want your child to be involved in this activity please let their classroom teacher know (send a note, please). Should you like to help feel free to join in.

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**Mid Coast Podiatry**


We provide a holistic look at child development: whether it’s from the feet up or vice versa. Common problems we see are:

- Sever's Disease (sore heels)
- Sore feet, knees and hips (growing pains)
- Flat feet
- Ingrown Toenails
- Pigeon Toed

If you have any concerns, please call us on 6551 4815 to make an appointment or visit our website for more information. You can find us at 81 Wynter Street, Taree.

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**Mr Bourke and our Zone Swimmers**

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**CUndletown NETBALL**

**Massive Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle**

Over $600 worth of eggs to be won!

**Sunday 20th March 2016**

Raffle Starts @ 5pm

**With a special visit from The Easter Bunny**

@ Taree Leagues Sports Club

Phone (02) 6552 3502

43 Cowper St, Taree NSW 2430
Cundletown Public School

Monday 29 February 2016

Term 1 Week 6

Zone Swimming Carnival

What a brilliant day! Cundletown certainly left its mark on the Zone Swimming Carnival last Wednesday with a number of outstanding performances. Firstly, I want to congratulate our team for their effort, behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day. Their parents must be extremely proud.

We had a record number of placegetters on the day. These include:
Georgia Bosher: 4th – Snr Individual Medley and 4th – 11 Yrs Butterfly
Sienna Agnew: 2nd – Jnr Backstroke
Lachlan Gregory: 3rd – Snr Butterfly
Hayden Atkins: 4th – 12 Yrs Freestyle
Jared Byrne: 1st – Snr Individual Medley, 1st – Open 100 m, 1st – 12 Yrs Freestyle, 1st – Snr Breaststroke, 1st – Snr Butterfly
2nd – Snr Backstroke.

This amazing performance by Jared has earned him the right to compete at the Regional Carnival on Thursday in all these events. Simply outstanding!

Credit must also go to our Jnr Boys Relay Team who finished fourth overall.
And finally, congratulations to our Snr Boys Relay Team, consisting of Sonny Easter, Hayden Atkins, Lachlan Gregory and Jared Byrne, who finished second overall and also earned the right to compete at Regionals. We wish our Manning zone representatives the best of luck.

I would like to thank the many parents and relatives who provided transport and supported the children throughout the day. A special thank you must go to Wendy Bosher and Deanne Byrne for doing a fantastic job of managing the team. It is very much appreciated.

Yours in Sport

Graham Bourke
Premiers Reading Challenge

We would like to see every child try to complete this in 2016. The online login opens on 7 March, this is where your child can keep a record of the books they have read. Students can access their own record using their DET username and password. If you have a Kindergarten child see their class teacher for their login details.

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The Premiers Reading Challenge books have a dot on the front of each book with the Premiers Reading Challenge number written on this dot.

K-2 orange dot

3-4 Green dot

5-6 Yellow dot

K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

3-4, 5-6, 7-9 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

Books can be read throughout the whole year, not just in the Premiers Reading Challenge time.

The online Student Reading Record needs to be completed by 19 August 2016.

CARERS EDUCATION & INFORMATION DAY

Carers and friends are invited to attend an Education and Information Day organised by the Great Lakes Mental Health Family and Friends Support Group on Wednesday, 9th March 2016 from 9am to 3.00pm in the Great Lakes area (venue to be advised)

Registration and a cuppa from 9am

Presentations will begin at 9.15am

Morning tea & a light lunch will be provided

Professionals from Manning Mental Health, Community Mental Health & RichmondPRA will speak about their roles in the community and the services available for adults and adolescents. There will be an opportunity to raise questions about mental health issues and services.

RSVP by 7th March to Mydie at Carer Assist on (02) 6551 4333 or mydie@carrierassist.org.au

(Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday 9am to 4pm)

A gold coin donation would be appreciated

Manning Valley OOSH

Direct Bus Service

Active OOSH

We now have a bus that collects Cundletown Public School students at 3:30pm and travels directly to OOSH. We can also drop your children to after school activities such as sports training and gymnastics.

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