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Upward We Strive

Week 9 Term 1 - March 26 2010

We are welcoming three new students to our school this week - Caitlin, Isaac and Kiara. Well done for settling in so nicely. Unfortunately we are losing one of our support staff next term. Mrs Sue Burns will be leaving us to take up a full time position at Cooranbong PS. We wish her all the best.

Our start date for the BER project (admin/library block) is mid April. You will have noticed that the fence is up and ready to go. The Rural Fire Service conducted a controlled burn yesterday to reduce our risk in case of a bushfire. We are reinforcing to the children that this could disturb the habitat of wildlife of all kinds and that they will need to be alert in the playground.

I can't believe it's time for my swansong already. Next term Central Mangrove PS will welcome back Mrs Alexander. The Central Mangrove community is fortunate to have such a great team of teachers, support staff, families and other community members working together to create excellent learning opportunities for the children. I have been privileged to have been able to relieve as Principal in this excellent school and I hope to stay in touch and hear about all of your fantastic achievements in the future. Thank you to everyone for their support and in particular to Mrs Wright and Mrs Mackay for their patience and help. Thanks also to all of the children of CMPS and in particular the children of 4/5/6A - I have learned a lot from being with you and my life is richer through having met you all.

Monday 19th April is a designated School Development Day for all schools. Central Mangrove teachers will be participating in some professional learning at Kariong PS. It is presented by Brian Tickle and will be about encouraging our students to use their mathematical skills and strategies to solve a problem. Some strategies include guessing and checking, making a list or table and working backwards. I'm sure the teachers will return to school with a variety of new ideas and activities to include in their teaching programs.

The children return to school from holidays on Tuesday 20th April. I wish you and your families all the best for Easter and the holidays.

Jacqui Buchanan

**For SCHOOL SECURITY concerns over
the holiday period phone:
1300 880 021**

Calendar - Term 1		
Saturday	March 27	Earthhour
Week 10		
Wednesday	March 31	Combined Scripture 2pm P&C AGM 2pm
Thursday	April 1	Mufti Day - Gold coin donation. Easter egg hunt.
Friday	April 2	Good Friday - school closed
HOLIDAYS - HOLIDAYS-HOLIDAYS-HOLIDAYS ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺		
Wednesday	April 7	Book Mobile Visit
Important Dates for Term 2		
April 19	Monday	Staff Development Day
April 20	Tuesday	Students Return to School
April 23		Anzac Service 10am - all welcome
April 21		Book Mobile Visit
April 22		Earth Day
April 30		Cross Country
May 3		Photographs - Summer Uniform Active After School Sport Starts
May 11, 12 & 13		Naplan
May 14		Stewart House Day
June 4		Friendship Camp at Challenge Ranch



"Stretching the Envelope" Grant

Our school was successful in gaining a \$1000 grant from FRRR/Australia Post for our Clever Kids Literacy Program.

FRRR and Australia Post have formed a partnership to work to fund worthwhile children or youth education projects in regional centres of NSW. This year priority was given to projects that addressed children's education with a literacy, cultural or arts focus.

With this grant funding we were able to purchase literacy resources including classroom readers, PM Benchmark assessment material and junior dictionaries.

Our Clever Kids literacy program is currently running in K/1/2 with the assistance of Mrs Hughes. Year 3 - 6 program will commence with selected students early Term 2.

We thank FRRR and Australia Post for the grant funding, which enabled the school to purchase current up to date literacy resources without placing more financial burdens of families.



to our swimming champ,
Connor from Year 6.

Connor will now compete in the State Swimming Championships 50 metre Freestyle event at the Sydney Aquatic Centre. Well done Connor - we wish your success at this event.



Library News

Many new books have hit the shelves this month. Thanks to Mrs Carraro for taking 2 big bags of books for covering. One of our activities in the library is a game on the computer called "Order in the Library". Google it and have a go.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2010

A reminder to log on to

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Students can enter their reading and check the rules and book choices for their grade on this site. All students can read 'above' their book lists.

Jodie Gallagher - Teacher Librarian

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Our final Term 1 Active After School Sport was held on Wednesday afternoon. Students attending during this term have enjoyed a program of Multi Skills Ball Games and Rugby League Skills.

Our Term 2 program will commence in Week 3. Please note the change of days below:

- **Mondays:** Hip Hop Dance/Fitness to Music
- **Tuesdays:** Rugby League Skills

All sessions will run from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on these afternoons. Children are supplied a 'free healthy afternoon tea' before each session.

Current students attending the Term 1 sessions will automatically be sent an enrolment form for Term 2. New comers are always welcome. Each session is limited to the first 24 students who return an enrolment form. Extra forms are available from the school office.

Farewell from Mrs. Burns....

I am really sad to say goodbye to Central Mangrove School. I have been here for nearly 5 years working one day a week as the Administration Officer but now I have the opportunity to work full time at another school closer to home.

I have enjoyed watching the students grow and mature over the years and will miss all your smiling faces. I will mostly miss the friendly staff who have become my friends. All the best!

Sue Burns



National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2010

In May 2010 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.



Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number; Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

Friday 14 May - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual and/or functional disability.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for students by the school. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with your school's learning support team and the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your school.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>
<http://www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au>

TENNIS/BALL SKILLS PROGRAM

Our tennis/ball skills program has now finished. We ask all families with outstanding payments for this program to please forward monies before the end of the term. Alternate payment arrangements can be made by contacting the school.

Farewell

and

Thank You

Mrs Buchanan

We will miss you very much. We hope you truly enjoyed your stay at CMPS. We all appreciated and acknowledge your hard work during this Term. We wish you a safe and happy vacation and look forward to you visiting us in the near future.

Best wishes from the Staff and Students.



Young Leaders Day Report

On Monday 15th March eight of our Year 6 students drove to the Sydney Entertainment Centre to listen to some leaders of our country.

Nikki Bart, who was part of the first mother-daughter team to climb Mount Everest, told us her motto was to "Follow every rainbow".

Bill Harrigan is an NRL referee and on Gladiators. His motto is 'Put yourself in their shoes'.

Melanie from the Sunrise Morning TV show, motto is "Be passionate about what you are doing because you have to do it for the rest of your life".

Michael, a Paralympics Skier lost his leg to bone cancer at the age of nine. His motto is "It's not about what you can't do, it's how you can do it". He told us that influence is power and power is leadership but it's up to us how we use it.

Apart from the very early morning (leaving 6am from Kariang PS), it was a great experience.

Sarah B 4/5/6

News from DET Webpage

- **Earth Hour** - 8:30pm Saturday, 27 March 2010 Aiming to reach more than one billion people in 1000 cities around the world, Earth Hour is asking communities, business and governments to switch off the lights for one hour at 8.30 pm on Saturday 27 March. We are getting involved at school on Friday 26 March, find out what you can do at home by visiting www.earthhour.org.au
- **Avoiding Cyber bullying** - Researchers at Griffith University (Qld) found kids who do extracurricular activities (such as sport or voluntary work) tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs. For more information, see the newest edition of Click magazine: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click
- **Time to get organised!** Are school notes taking up too much space on your fridge? Do you need some help to get organised? How about one place to store all school related information? Help is here! You can now download for free a do-it-yourself school organiser - all you need to add is your own folder.
Go to
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/schooldays/index.php>
and start getting organised with your child's paper work.

Reminders

- Mufti Day and Easter egg hunt - Thursday 1 April - last day of Term 1. Gold coin donation.
- After School Sport has now finished for Term 1 - new sessions starting Week 3 Term 2.
- ICAS Computer Skills Competition closes 21 April - cost \$6.60.
- Winter uniform orders due Monday 29 March.
- The Gosford City Council Book Mobile will be visiting CMPS on Wednesday 7 April (during holidays the van will park outside the gates) and again Wednesday 21 April (Week 1 Term 2).

FUNDRAISING

THE LATEST EDITION of Newcastle, Central Coast and the Hunter Entertainment Book 2010/2011 is coming your way early Term 2. Don't miss out - pre order your copy now - Cost \$60.

Sentence of the week

Jam Sandwich by Sophie K/1/2
I made a jam sandwich in the kitchen on the bench for school and the first time I bit it I said I should let my mum or my dad make it.



Wanted - Knitting Wool

Our SRC students have organised craft activities during lunch times. Knitting has proved a popular activity. Our current supply of wool is running very low. All donations of spare wool would be most welcome. Any colour, any ply, just send it along to your child's teacher. Pom Poms making is planned for Term 2.

Awards and Certificates

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8



Class	Student	Presented for
K/1/2	Abby F	Great PowerPoint presentation
	Michaela	Great PowerPoint presentation
	Harry	Great Tangram pattern
	Toby	Great Tangram pattern
3/4	Ryan	Spelling
	Charlotte	Spelling
5/6	Byron	Outstanding homework
	Briahna	Outstanding homework presentation
	Billy	Great improvements in reading/writing assessments
	Annabel	Great thinking in Maths

TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8

Sarah K	An excellent worker
Katie	Conscientious worker
Sophie	Great imagination when writing
Harry	Excellent effort in reading

Keith	Displaying good skills in tennis
Mitchell	Displaying good skills in tennis
Bilal	Outstanding manners and listening skills
Ahmad	A cooperative, respectful student
Isaac B	A dedicated worker
Alicia	A friendly, cooperative student
Library Awards	
Christopher	For returning much loved & missed library books
Isaac B	For returning 'long lost' library books
Sophie	For finding her missing library book
Taylor	For returning 'lost & forgotten' library books
BUS AWARDS: Term 1 Week 7 & 8	
Macgregor	Always sitting down on the bus & setting a good example for others.
Annabel	Always sitting down on the bus and setting a good example for others.
Tyler	Sitting down on the bus
Briahna	Always sitting down and facing the front

Attachments included this week are:

- CROSS COUNTRY LUNCH ORDER FORM - please return to school by Thursday 22 April (Week 1 Term 2).

P&C News

The P&C AGM is being held on Wednesday 31 March at 2pm in Staffroom. The following positions will be declared vacant. Only financial members of the P&C are permitted to stand for election. More information and description of each position vacant can be obtained from the school office.

Office Bearers to be elected as follows

President

2 Vice Presidents

- Treasurer
- Secretary

Representative Subcommittee delegates

- Canteen
- Uniform

- Regional Sub Committee representative
- Country Fair

Community Notices

The Central Echo contains, at times, paid advertisements. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any products or services by the School, the NSW DET or NSW Government.

Hunter Wildlife Festival Sunday 21st March 10am-3pm

Hunter Wetlands Centre -Off the roundabout, Sandgate Rd, Shortland. Animal Displays Rescue Demonstrations - Children's activities BBQ and more!!

Mt Penang Gardens Holiday Program

Alice in Wonderland themed garden games and Dip, Dip, Dip activities will be on at the following sessions: 10:30am or 1:30pm April 6 and 13. Bookings essential - ☎ 43401002

Dad's Day Out

A day for dads, families and kids

Sunday 28th March 2010 11am-3pm Kibble Park, Gosford

An alcohol free family event

FREE rides, games, information, activities, entertainment, Kid's workshops & BBQ * Bring a picnic rug and the family and have a great day on us!!*DON'T FORGET DAD!!

For more information go to www.gosford.nsw.gov.au or please contact Gosford City Council's Community Development Officer on 4304 7072

Coastwide Child & Family Services

My Time an exciting new group to cater for the needs of children with chronic illness who are missing out on playgroup, preschool and kindergarten as a result of their treatment and are immune-suppressed. Contact ☎ 4340 1111 for information.

Blood donors needed

The Central Coast needs 500 blood donations every week, especially over Easter, to ensure there is enough for those who need it. Help the Australian Red Cross Blood Service and make that live saving blood donation ☎ 131495.

Holiday fun for kids!

Visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au (Department of Sport & Recreation)

Central Coast activities include: Athletics skills development; BMX; Canoe/Kayaking; Circus Stuff; Horse riding; Sailing; Surfing; Tennis; Trampoline and lots more. Booking are essential.