Shrove Tuesday Celebrations
Thank you to Years 2/3 and our celebrity chefs; Jan Gibson, Carmel Vickers, Heidi Duffy and Nigel Strahan, Kaye Smith and June Burrell who cooked pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The chefs made delicious pancakes for all of the students and staff. It was a wonderful recess treat was enjoyed by all! It was great to see the students from Cumnock Pre-School join us for this event.

All funds raised from the sale of the pancakes will support the upgrades to the Cumnock Community Centre.

Molong Expo Day
On Wednesday, 5th March all of the Year 6 students travelled to Molong Central School for their first transition to high school experience. The children came back to school excited about the subjects and opportunities that high school will offer them next year.

Thank you to the staff at Molong Central School who made this day memorable for all of the students. Some of the highlights included; mixing chemicals in science, PE in the gym and learning about what to expect at high school.

Western District Swimming Carnival
Lewis Dean completed in the Western District Swimming Carnival on Friday 7th March at the Dubbo Pool. Lewis swam in the 50m butterfly race and demonstrated amazing sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations on your wonderful result!

Important Documents Sent Home
This week a range of important documents were sent home including:

- OSSA athletics nomination form and permission note
- Life Education van – permission note
- School Contribution Fees
- Subject Fees
- Stage 3 – Canberra excursion note

Could you please ensure that these notes are completed and returned to the office by the due date indicated on each form. If notes are not returned by the due date children will be unable to participate in school events. If you require another copy of a note please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

It is expected that school contribution fees and subject fees are paid with a regular monthly payment plan or paid off in full by the end of Term 1. All fee payments, made in full for individual students will go into a draw on Friday 11th April. The prize will be a full reimbursement of fees for that student.
2014 Family Occupation & Education Index (FOEI) Information

In 2014, Cumnock Public School received just under $25,000 (Equity Loading as part of our RAM) which is being used to support educational programs focusing on improving literacy and numeracy skills. Please see the attached RAM Information Sheet for further details.

The level of funding allocated to each school is determined by the new FOEI score. A FOEI score is given to each school partly based on parent / caregiver education and occupation information which was originally supplied on your child’s enrolment form. This information is then used to allocate funding according to the distribution of students into socio-economic groups.

It is vitally important that we have the correct information in regard to your educational qualifications and employment details to ensure that the correct level of funding is received by the school in 2015.

We are asking some parents to update their missing details regarding employment and education as they did not put down this information on the initial student enrolment form. These parents will get an individual letter which will be posted home. If you receive this letter, could you please fill in the appropriate paperwork and return it to the school ASAP as the information will be collected at the end of this term.

Notification of NAPLAN dates

In May 2014, the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian Schools. The testing dates are:

- 13th May – Language Conventions and Writing Test
- 14th May – Reading Test
- 15th May – Numeracy Test
- 16th May – catch up day for students who were away on previous days

I anticipate that all students will attend these tests; however, exemptions can be sought by meeting with me.

Premier Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. Please see the attached note for more details on how your child/children can be part of the challenge.

Cumnock Show

The Cumnock Show is being held on Saturday 29th March. Copies of the show schedule have been sent home with all of the children. We encourage all of the students to enter into as many categories as they can.

On Thursday, 27th March during lunch, the Community House will be open to any student who wishes to enter into the lolly necklace or decorated arrowroot biscuit section of the show. Thank you to the teachers and volunteers who have already signed up to help the children during lunch.

P&C General Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the Community House on Tuesday 18th March, at 7:30pm. We would like to invite any interested parents to come along and join us.

Have a great couple of weeks
Karen Canning
Principal
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK
#### Term 1 Week 5
**Zaelia Lake**

#### WINNING HOUSE
**Term 1 Week 5: Ironbark**
**Term 1 Week 6: Burrawong**

### MERIT CERTIFICATES
#### Week 5
- **K-1**
  - Joshua Kind: Terrific participation in music lessons.
  - Thomas Vickers: Excellent improvement in learning his sounds.

- **2-3**
  - Elizabeth Hoswell-Parsons: Excellent sentence work using her spelling list words.
  - Lincoln Kenney: Careful observations and records about his mealworms.
  - Kiara Blair: An interesting and well-constructed journal entry.

- **4-5-6**
  - Nick Gibson: Fantastic problem solving in maths.
  - Jordan Blair: Outstanding effort in reading groups.
  - Maddy Hogan: Creative sentence writing containing similes.

- **Library**
  - Jonathan Pottie: A very enthusiastic outlook towards Elmer the Elephant.
  - Jordan Blair: Excellent visualisation during Storm Boy.

### Week 6
- **K-1**
  - Peyton Lake: Excellent participation in reading groups.
  - Sierra Hoswell-Parsons: Pleasing results in weekly spelling test.

- **2-3**
  - Stirling Timms: Collecting and recording great details about his mealworms.
  - Hannah Gibson: Interesting and colourful descriptions about the Gruffalo’s child.
  - Georgia McLean: Establishing an excellent homework and reading routine.

- **4-5-6**
  - Olivia Hogan: Enthusiastic participation in our science unit ‘Light Shows’.
  - Skye Weston: Writing an excellent new chapter for the Twits.
  - Savannah Gant-Evans: Demonstrating outstanding problem solving during maths.

- **Library**
  - Ella Gibson: A consistent hard-working approach to library.
  - Joshua Kind: Enthusiastic participation during music activities.
  - Rocko Goddard: Excellent visualisation during Charlotte’s Web.
Canteen Roster

TERM 1
Week 8
- Friday 14/03 Rebekah Short
- Monday 17/03 Sal Morse
- Wednesday 19/03 Carmel Vickers
- Friday 21/03 Heidi Duffy
- Monday 24/03 Rachel Cashman
- Wednesday 26/03 Felicity Armstrong
- Friday 28/03 Nadia Riach
- Monday 31/03 Amanda Hupp
- Wednesday 02/04 Deanne Whitmore

Mini Merit
Outstanding effort and participation at school
Abbey Rogers  Skye Weston
Elizabeth Hoswell-Parsons

Notes attached:
- Subject Levy Invoice
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- CWA Public Speaking
- Scholastic Book Club
- Advance Photography - Preschool fundraiser

For Week 8 Only (next week)

Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
SPECIAL OFFER
$1.50
Available
Monday, Wednesday & Friday