Life Education Van
On Wednesday, 19th March all of the students enjoyed a very special visit from Harold and Chris in the Life Education Van. All of the teachers commented on how engaged and interested the children were in the topics discussed including: making good choices re drugs and alcohol, decision making and things that influence you, the human body and the importance of eating well and exercise.

A number of children have ordered Healthy Harold merchandise. Unfortunately, the merchandise sent to us was not what was ordered so we are working with the Life Education Company to rectify this. As soon as the merchandise is available we will hand this out to the children. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Just Like You
On Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th March, Prue McCarthy from the Cerebral Palsy Alliance came into the 4/5/6 classroom to talk to the children about living with a disability. The two sessions allowed the children to understand the term disability, learn about different types of disabilities and learn how to effectively communicate with a person who has a disability. The children had the opportunity to ask Prue questions about living with a disability and displayed great compassion, empathy and a deeper understanding re the challenges people with a disability face.

I-con Assembly and Easter Hat parade
On Tuesday, 8th April we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. The parade will commence at 11:45am. This year our parade will also include an I-Con Assembly for the children who have reached their Bronze Award during the term. The children from Cumnock Pre-School will also be joining us for this event. All parents, friends, siblings and community members are warmly invited to this event.

K/1 walking excursion to Cumnock Pre-School
On Monday, 31st March the children in K/1 will be walking to the Pre-School with Mrs Thorne and Mrs Goodwin. While the children are at the Pre-School they will create their hats for the Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to Cumnock Pre-School for inviting the children to share this fun and exciting experience. If you have not returned your General Permission Note (handed out at the beginning of the year) your child will not be able to participate in this event and will remain at school with another teacher. Please contact the school office to ensure your child / children are able to participate in this excursion.

OSSA Athletics Carnival
Over the last few weeks the children who were eligible to enter into the field events at the carnival have been participating in our in school trials. Congratulations to those students who have qualified for the field events. The selected students will have their events attached to this newsletter.
An athletics carnival lunch order form has also been attached to this newsletter. If your child would like a lunch order on the day, please ensure the form is completed and returned to the school by the due date.

Vegetable Garden Update
During the last few years our school has built a range of vegetable gardens. The CPS vegetable garden committee has recently met and we would like to get fruit and vegetables growing again. We are hoping that the fruit and vegetables grown at school will be used in the school canteen and during our weekly Crunch and Sip shared platters.

To get our garden up and running we are hoping that parents, friends and community members may be able to donate some time, plants or seeds to get our gardens growing again. If you are able to donate any of these things or would like to become a member of the vegetable garden committee please speak to Karen Canning, Rachel Cashman, Eve Munro, Amanda Schulz or Irene Pottie.

Cumnock Public School P&C Update
Call for nominations
I would like to thank Kaye Smith for being an outstanding secretary of the P&C. Sadly, Kaye has had to resign her position and we are looking for a new secretary. If you are interested in becoming our P&C Secretary please come along to our next meeting on Tuesday, 20th May at 7:30pm in the Community House.

Fundraising
During the year the P&C hold a range of fundraising events to support the school to implement outstanding educational programs. This year the fundraising efforts of the P&C will support the running and upkeep of the school bus, will allow the school to purchase new computers and resources such as musical instruments, library books, home readers, interactive literacy and numeracy programs. The school regularly makes requests to the P&C and the fundraising efforts of all involved allow the children to receive the best education possible.

This year the P&C’s major fundraiser will be the Soccer / Netball Carnival which will be held on Sunday 15th June. Please see the note attached for more information re this event. The P&C are asking for parents and friends to volunteer. Please remember that many hands make light work and all the proceeds of this event will directly benefit your child / children.

On Friday, 25th April (ANZAC Day) the P&C will be running the 2Up game at the Cumnock Royal Hotel from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Stuart Fitzgerald has kindly offered to run the game but we need volunteers to go onto a roster to support him. If you are able to help out on this day please complete the form attached.

Clothing Pool
The P&C have a second hand clothing pool of uniforms. If you have any uniforms that are too small for your children, but in good condition, and you would like to donate them to the clothing pool please bring them to the school office.

P&C Meeting Agenda and Minutes
A number of people have requested for the P&C agenda and minutes to be sent out to all interested parents and community members. Attached to this form is a request for your email address if you would like to receive this information. Everyone who gives the P&C their email address will receive the agenda for the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will only be sent out to financial members. If you would like to become a financial member you need to pay $1 to the P&C Treasurer (Narelle Hogan).

Have a great couple of weeks,
Karen Canning
Principal
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Term 1 Week 7**
Kitana Hoswell-Parsons

**WINNING HOUSE**

**Term 1 Week 7: Doughboy**
Term 1 Week 8: Ironbark

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Canteen Roster

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Cumnock Show  Cumnock Showground  29/03/14

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OSSA Athletics Carnival  Waratahs Sports Oval  04/04/14

Week 11
Easter Hat Parade  08/04/14
Gala Day  11/04/14
Last Day Term 1  11/04/14

Mini Merit

Outstanding effort and participation at school
Chase Gant-Evans  Paige Morison-Tull
Nick Gibson  Georgia McLean
Caleb Vickers  Shane Aldridge

Notes attached:
- OSSA Athletics Lunch Order
- NAPLAN - Letter to Parents Yrs 3 & 5
- Anzac Day Permission Note
- Easter Hat/ I-Con Assembly
- P&C Fundraising Update
- P&C Soccer/Netball Carnival
- P&C Pie Drive
- P&C Town Trivia
- Auskick & Vacation Care Flyer

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Yr 2/3 Fish Art