Welcome Back
Welcome back to all of the students, parents, staff and community members to Term 2. Every term is busy at school and this term is no exception. Years 3 and 5 will be sitting their NAPLAN assessment next week and we will be sending home reports for all of the students at the end of the term.

ANZAC Day
Thank you to the students who marched and sang on ANZAC Day. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in the ceremony. Numerous community members commented to me how well you all sang, marched and spoke. Congratulations to Toby Weston, Lewis Dean and Charlie Weston who read the prayers confidently and proudly.

CWA Public Speaking
The ‘in-school heats’ of this year’s CWA Public Speaking Competition were held in the Library on Friday, 2nd May. We had a large number of students keen to attempt this challenging task and we are all very proud of their efforts. After long and careful deliberations the results were declared as follows:

Year 3: Winner Caleb Vickers
Runner up Georgia McLean

Year 4: Winner Skye Weston
Runner up Savannah Gant-Evans

Year 5: Winner Nick Gibson
Runner up Jackson Kenney

Year 6: Winner Lewis Dean
Runner up Georgia Porch.

Thank you to Mrs O’Brien and Mrs Gibson who were the adjudicators on the day.

The winning speeches have been attached to the newsletter for your enjoyment!

Uniforms
During Term 2 all children are required to wear their full winter school uniform. For both boys and girls this includes wearing a school tie. The school has ordered maroon ties and these will be available from the office, the ties cost $20.00. School blue beanies are also available to purchase from the school office. They can be worn instead of the broad brimmed hat in the playground during Term 2 and 3. School beanies cost $4.00

Please remember to send your children to school each day with a school jumper. Many children are coming to school without these and are very cold throughout the day. The school only has a limited number of spare jumpers we can hand out each day.
Assembly - NEW TIME!
Each Friday we hold an assembly to celebrate the achievements of our students. This term our assembly will be held on Fridays at 9:15am. All parents and friends are warmly invited to attend this exciting weekly event. Once a term each class will present a special item in assembly. An invitation will be sent home so you know when your child / children will be involved.

Update to rotating PDHPE, Music and Art lessons
This Term the rotating PDHPE, art and music groups will be run in stage groups rather than class groups. This will allow for an even more specialised PDHPE, art and music program to be taught to your child / children.

Please see below for the updated rotating groups which will run from 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

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Active After School Communities Program update
During Term 1, students from our school participated in Lawn Bowls and Swimming as a result of our partnership with the Australian Government’s Active After School Communities Program. This partnership culminated with great results at the OSSA and 3Way Swimming Carnivals and our Term 1 Lawn Bowls Gala Day (held at school due to the rain).

Congratulations to the students in Ironbark who won the inaugural Lawn Bowls Gala Day.

This Term students will be participating in orienteering on Monday afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:15pm and Soccer / Netball on Friday from 1:40 – 2:40pm. Please complete and return your permission note ASAP as orienteering and Netball / Soccer start next week.

NAPLAN - A snapshot of skills
All children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN assessments from Tuesday 13th May – Thursday 16th May. NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of the skills your child has developed up to this point in their education, which will allow teachers to focus on giving the right support to students as the year continues.

Tuesday 13th May Language Conventions and Writing,
Wednesday 14th May – Reading,
Thursday 15th May – Numeracy,
Friday 16th May – Catch-up tests will be held for students who are absent on previous days.

While your child can’t really study for the NAPLAN tests, they can familiarise themselves with the exam formats by looking over the official sample tests, and getting a sense of the skills that will be tested. Students in Years 3 and 5 have been looking at these in class. Parents may access information about the NAPLAN tests on www.bostes.nsw.edu.au
Cross Country
The OSSA Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday at the Cudal Recreation Grounds. If you are driving your child / children to the carnival please ensure you arrive by 10am at the latest for roll call.

The Big Crunch
As part of the Orange Apple Festival being held over the weekend we will be participating in the Big Crunch while we are at the Cross Country Carnival. Cumnock Public School along with all of the other small schools from the Orange area will be given an apple and at 11:00am we will all crunch together. Thank you to Cath Thompson who has organized for the apples to be donated to all of the students.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
This year all of the staff and children have entered into the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. The challenge is designed to encourage increased physical activity at school, home and in the wider community. All of the children have been given a log book to record the time they spend engaged in physical activity. At the end of the term the log books will be sent off and the children who achieve the challenge will be issued with a certificate. For more information please visit https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc/primary/home.html

Parents and visitors entering the school between 9:00am and 3:00pm
To ensure the safety of all school students, staff and visitors everyone entering the school between 9:00am and 3:00pm is required to go directly to the office and sign the visitors register. By doing this we know who is at the school in case of an emergency and we are able to maximise the students learning time.

Have a great couple of weeks
Karen Canning
Principal

Notes attached:
- Scholastic Book Club
- Nationally Consistent Collection of Data letter.

TERM 2

Week 2
OSSA Cross Country Cudal Sports Ground 09/05/14

Week 3
NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5 13/05/14
NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5 14/05/14
NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5 15/05/14

Week 4
P&C General Meeting 7.30pm Community House 20/05/14

Week 5
CWA Public Speaking All Saints College Bathurst 28/05/14
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Term 2 Week 1
Georgia McLean

WINNING HOUSE
Term 2 Week 1: Ironbark

MERIT CERTIFICATES Week 1

K-1
Brock Hoswell-Parsons
Thomas Vickers
Peyton Lake

Temific participation in Jolly Phonics games.
Excellent work creating and continuing patterns.
Being a kind and helpful student.

2-3
Lincoln Kenney
Georgia McLean
Caleb Vickers

Great persuasive techniques during his ad presentation.
An entertaining and amusing speech with rhyme.
Excellent expression and use of gestures in public speaking.

4-5-6
Jackson Kenney
Jordan Blair
Kara Stubbs

Writing an outstanding persuasive advertisement.
An excellent CWA presentation.
Writing a fantastic holiday recount.

Library
Phoenix Watts
Jayden Mussared
Jackson Kenney

An excellent understanding of healthy foods.
Positive contributions to class discussions.
A positive and enthusiastic approach to ‘James the Giant Peach’.

Mini Merit
Outstanding effort and participation at school
Justine Leven
Molly Duffy

Club 25
Thomas Vickers
Breanna Cashman
Tiana Lowe
Emily Strahan

Justine Leven
Zali Armstrong
Georgia Mclean
Hannah Gibson

Canteen Roster

TERM 2
Friday 09/05 Heidi Duffy
Monday 12/05 Sal Morse
Wednesday 14/05 Deanne Whitmore
Friday 16/05 Nadia Riach
Monday 19/05 Rachel Cashman
Wednesday 21/05 Rochelle Watts
Friday 23/05 Rebekah Short
Monday 26/05 Amanda Hupp
Wednesday 28/05 Carmel Vickers

Canteen Special !!!!
Strawberry Milk $1.00
Mac & Cheese with Strawberry Milk $3.50
(for the next two weeks only)
Caleb Vickers Year 3
Good Morning Madam Chair, ladies, gentlemen, teachers and fellow students. My name is Caleb Vickers. The topic I have chosen today is the magic coin.
One morning while out exploring I saw a comet flying towards earth, when I went to have a closer look, I found the comet and opened it. There was something shiny in it. WOW! It was a gold coin.
I hid it from my friends for the whole day. That night when we went to bed I was reading a book and my friends told me to turn the light off, so I did, all of a sudden my coin started to glow, they all yelled at me “Turn the light off Caleb!”
I put the coin under my covers, that’s when I knew my coin was magic. I soon fell asleep. Suddenly the cold air woke me up, I was hovering over the house, I got a fright and started to fall, I put my arms out to save myself from hitting the ground, and I started to fly.
The magic coin helped me to run faster than my friends, I could pick up heavy rocks, every time I needed help my magic coin would shine. I carried it in my pocket as my good luck charm.

Thank you for listening to my speech.

Skye Weston Year 4
Good morning Madam Chair, Ladies, Gentleman, boys and girls, my name is Skye Weston and I am in Year 4 at Cumnock Public School. Today I’m talking about
I didn’t mean to do that!!!
One day I went to my Granma’s house and knocked over her 1000 dollar vase Opps!!!
I didn’t mean to do that!
We walked over the harbour bridge and I was playing mum’s iPhone and I dropped her phone and it went straight over the edge into the ocean.
I definitely didn’t mean to do that!
When I started hockey, I hit the ball the wrong way and scored for the other team.
I didn’t mean to do that!
I was sitting down and I spilt some water and it looked like I had wet my pants
I didn’t mean to do that!
When I was making a cake I spilt hundreds and thousands all over the floor, mum and dad where shocked
I definitely didn’t mean to do that!
My brothers and I where playing pillow fights and my pillow undid and the feathers went everywhere
I didn’t mean to do that!
Last year I wore my pyjama pants under my school dress
I didn’t mean to do that!
I went to fill my motor bike up in the garage with petrol but I filled it up with diesel
I didn’t mean to do that!
When we went to Parkes Little Athletics carnival I wore my spikes. At the end I think I accidentally left them behind
I definitely didn’t mean to do that!
When we went to Orange Small Schools Athletics I ran as fast as I could and I came first in the 100 metres and broke an OSSA record
I meant to do that!
Nick Gibson Year 5

Good morning Madam Chair, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.
Parents always know and I should know better!!!!!!
Parents always know when you have not cleaned your teeth, washed your face or had a bath which is so boring.
They know when you lie because Mum always says “I can tell by the look on your face Nicholas” that you are lying.
Parents always know when I’m not in bed and I’m really watching TV. HOW!!!!! Do they have eyes in the back of their head I wonder ??
Also they know when I tease my sisters but when they tease me I always get blamed.
Parents always know when I have not cleaned my room, mainly because the mess is still there and I’m playing Mindcraft on my iPod. If you don’t know what Mindcraft is, it is the best game ever.
Some of the good things that parents always know is what I want for Xmas and birthdays and when I need a cuddle.
They also know when I have been a good boy and get ice cream after dinner with chocolate topping YUM.
But parents do not know what I do in the chook pen!!!

Lewis Dean Year 6

It’s the first day of my holidays when I wake to the smell of bacon and eggs cooking. Mum opens up the curtains and I feel the warmth of the sun shining through the window. Mum calls to Wilson and I to wake up because our FAVOURITE breakfast is ready!!
I can hear the coffee machine running and can almost taste the caramel latte that is waiting for me. I thought to myself this makes no sense, WHY is mum cooking my favourite breakfast on a WEEKDAY!! Then I remember she wants someone to go help do the Easter grocery SHOPPING!! YUK!!! THAT’S MY IDEA OF HELL.
The 5 senses almost had me out of bed but this is where my most important sense kicked in, that is common sense. The bacon, eggs and coffee were just a trap. Mum knew this would get us out of bed and we would be forced to chase her around the shops for the day. Clearly being the smartest of 4 children I am the one with the most common sense.
I quickly pulled the doona back up, I knew the smell of cooked breakfast would be too much for Wilson and he would be up in no time. If I was patient I would avoid the pain of having to be Mum’s slave for the day. My plan worked and I heard my greedy brother chomping on his bacon and eggs and I had a little giggle to myself.
Soon after Mum was telling him to hurry up and get ready to go to town. I laid back and relaxed knowing I’d have the day myself and feeling pretty grateful for not only having my 5 senses but for also having common sense.
They soon drove off and the next minute I heard Dad yell out from the kitchen “Lewis get out of bed, you’re coming to work with me!”.
Thank you for listening.