Our school newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with events occurring within our school and school community. It is designed to celebrate success, provide information and help you to understand the educational goals of our school community.

At presentation night last year, I spoke about our three strategic directions and how we needed to work together to achieve these.

Our three strategic directions are:

- To engage students in meaningful literacy and numeracy teaching and learning activities,
- To strengthen student engagement and motivation to learn, and to
- To foster strong community links and partnerships.

Throughout the year, I will be writing about what we are doing to meet these goals and how we can work together to achieve these.

This week we launched our Reading Rewards Program. Each child in the school has been given a passport (Club 25) for you to record their reading each night. Please read with your child each night and let them see you reading. It doesn’t matter what you or your child chooses to read – fiction, non-fiction, newspaper, magazine or manuals. Reading improves our understanding and knowledge of the world, it helps us to question, to compare and make connections between our lives, our town and the world.

### WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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<td>3,600 minutes per school year.</td>
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- Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
- Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.
- Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Wang, 2001)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.
OSSA Gala Day
On Tuesday 10th February, Jackson Kenney, Madison Hogan, Skye Weston and Jordan Blair travelled to Orange to try out for OSSA Representative sporting teams. Due to the large number of students trying out for boys soccer, another trial is required. We wish Jackson all the best as he progresses through the selection process. Congratulations to Maddy for being selected for soccer and hockey and Skye and Jordan for being selected for Soccer, Touch Football and Hockey.

Upcoming Swimming Carnivals
Eligible students, 8 years and older, will be participating in the 3 Way Swimming Carnival between Cumnock PS, Yeoval CS and St Columbus on Friday 13th February at the Cumnock Pool. These students have also been invited to participate in the OSSA Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 17th February at the Orange Aquatic Centre. We wish them the best of luck as they participate in these carnivals. If the event needs to be postponed, a notification will be sent out on the Cumnock Public School App.

Shrove Tuesday
On Tuesday 17th February, the children from the Cumnock Pre-School will be joining us at recess for our Shrove Tuesday celebrations. We look forward to them coming to big school for the morning. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who have volunteered to come into the school and help cook the pancakes with Yr 2/3.

School Banking
School Banking has begun! An information pack has been attached to this newsletter for new children who would like to participate. Bankbooks need to be handed in on Monday morning at the school office so that Heidi Duffy is able to process the deposits. Bankbooks will be returned by Wednesday afternoon.

Rotating Afternoon Groups
Rotating Groups will start next week from Monday afternoon as per the schedule below. Please ensure you send your child in their sports uniform when they are participating in PDHPE with Miss Maguire or Mrs Munro.

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**Newsletter attachments**

To keep you informed of the learning activities your children are participating in, we have decided to add an additional page to the newsletter. Each term K/1, 2/3, 4/5/6 and the Library will produce a page to highlight what your child/children have been learning in class. Congratulations K/1 on a fantastic start to the 2015 school year. I hope you all enjoy learning more about our new Kindergarten students.

**Assembly and Scripture**

As a result of your feedback, we have decided to change our assembly structure. During 2015, assembly will occur once a fortnight of Friday morning between 9am and 10am. Each fortnight a class has been scheduled to present an item to the whole school community. We hope that you can join us on these special days and see what your child/children have been doing in class. Please see below for the assembly dates and roster of classes presenting items.

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In the week that Assembly isn’t running we will be holding Scripture from 9am to 10am. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Pottie and Mr & Mrs Flick who will be running our scripture classes this year. Mrs Robertson will continue to come to school for Catholic Scripture in the first, third and fifth week of the month. If you do not want your child/children to participate in scripture please write us a note and we will arrange alternate activities during scripture times.

Have a great couple of weeks.
Karen Canning
Principal

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Clean Up Australia Day is celebrating 25 years and Cumnock Public School is very excited to be taking part in this wonderful initiative. On Friday 27th February, we will show our care for the environment by cleaning our school grounds and the local recreation grounds. Please ensure that you have returned your general permission notes so that your children can take part in this activity.

Bec Thorne
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Term 1 Week 2**

Joshua Kind

**WINNING HOUSE**

**Term 1 Week 2: Ironbark**

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**MERIT CERTIFICATES Week 2**

**K-1**

Khage Lake - Setting in well to school.
Zali Armstrong - Being a positive role model to her peers.

**2-3**

Lucas Roddam - Working hard to understand 2/3’s class expectations and rules.
Zaelia Lake - Encouraging and supporting her classmates to complete tasks.

**4-5-6**

Maddy Hogan - Brilliant with similes.
Skye Weston - Great work in poetry.

**Library**

Austin Bruce - A settled approach to library lessons.
Molly Duffy - Positive contributions during class discussions.
Shenise Timms - An enthusiastic attitude towards library activities.

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**TERM 1**

**Week 4**

OSSA Swimming Carnival - Orange Aquatic Pool 17/02/14
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) 17/02/14
P&C General Meeting - Community Room 17/02/14

**Week 5**

District Swimming Carnival - Orange Aquatic Pool 26/02/14
Clean Up Australia Day - CPS & Cumnock Recreation Grounds 27/02/14

**Week 6**

NRL Blitz Information Session - Library 05/03/14
Regional Swimming Carnival - Dubbo Aquatic Pool 06/03/14

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**Cabonne Junior Rugby League - 2015 Registration Day**

Cabonne Roos players and family are invited to our Registration day

**When:** 27/2/2015  **Where:** Molong Recreation Ground
**Time:** 5pm                **Free Sausage sizzle**
John Pye

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A motorbike driver

Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Austin, Lucas and Aiden

What do you want to learn about at school?
Everything and how to play computers

What are you scared of?
Foxes

Where is the best place you have ever been?
The beach

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Charlie Duffy

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A monster truck driver

Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Aiden, George, Austin, Khage and Charlie

What do you want to learn about at school?
How to make explosions

What are you scared of?
Foxes

Where is the best place you have ever been?
The beach

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Charlie O'Brien

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A motorbike rider that does tricks

Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Austin and Joshua

What do you want to learn about at school?
How to do cool motor bike jumps

What are you scared of?
Strange noises on the phone

Where is the best place you have ever been?
Orange because we saw transformers

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George Moise

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A monster truck driver

Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
All of kindergarten

What do you want to learn about at school?
How to read and write

What are you scared of?
Thunder

Where is the best place you have ever been?
Fiji

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Aiden Lee

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A truck driver with pigs in the back

Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Charlie D, John and Kartja

What do you want to learn about at school?
Lots of songs

What are you scared of?
Monsters

Where is the best place you have ever been?
Sydney
Macey Armstrong

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A vet
Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Kiera and Zali
What do you want to learn about at school?
How to read words
What are you scared of?
Bad dreams
Where is the best place you have ever been?
The beach

Kartja Giblett

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A Ballet dancer and a singer
Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Kiera, Macey, Charlie and Khage
What do you want to learn about at school?
How to write my name
What are you scared of?
Snakes, crocodiles and sharks
Where is the best place you have ever been?
At the beautiful flower place

Kiera Strahan

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A scientist
Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Macey and Zali
What do you want to learn about at school?
Rabbits
What are you scared of?
Bears
Where is the best place you have ever been?
Umina beach

Austin Bruce

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A truck driver
Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
John
What do you want to learn about at school?
How to write
What are you scared of?
Snakes
Where is the best place you have ever been?
America

Khage Lake

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A motor bike rider
Who are your friends at Cumnock Public School?
Charlie and George
What do you want to learn about at school?
How to drive motor bikes
What are you scared of?
Monsters
Where is the best place you have ever been?
To the shops