3 Way Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 3 Way Swimming Carnival on Friday 13th February. I was proud of their efforts, with every person swimming to the best of their ability and setting new personal best times. A special congratulations to Skye Weston who was the joint Junior Girls Champion.

Photos of this event and the OSSA Swimming Carnival are on the back page of the newsletter.

OSSA and District Swimming Carnivals
On Tuesday 17th March, a small and dedicated group of swimmers attended the OSSA Swimming Carnival at the Orange Aquatic Centre. All of the students participated in their age races and relay events. Congratulations to Nick Gibson, Skye Weston and Lincoln Kenny who will be heading to the District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 26th February. We wish you all the best for your individual events.

Shrove Tuesday
Thank you to 2/3, Mrs Schulz and our celebrity chefs for cooking amazing pancakes on Tuesday 17th February for our Shrove Tuesday Celebration. The money raised has been donated to the Cumnock Show Society. Photos of this day have been attached to the 2/3 special report in this newsletter.

Clean up Australia Day
This year, Cumnook Public School students will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 27th February. We will be walking to the Cumnook Recreation Grounds and collecting rubbish to beautify the local area. If your child / children have gloves could you please send them to school on Friday clearly marked with their name. Thank you to Mrs Thorne for organising this event.

School Donations - Thank you for your generosity
Thank you to Dee Whitmore & Lucas Lake who have generously donated prizes for the student of the week, which is drawn at our fortnightly assembly.

Thank you to our anonymous donor who is supplying the bread, butter and vegemite to keep our breakfast club running. Sadly, Cabonne Council has had to cease funding to our breakfast program this year. I would like to thank Cabonne Council for their support over the last two years.

School Attendance
It is a legal requirement and a major responsibility of parents and carers that children attend school every day that it is open for instruction. Parents should NOT keep a child away from school for the following reasons. They are NOT considered acceptable: birthdays, shopping, minding other children, routine check-ups or care such as haircuts, minor family events, regular appointments (ie. private swimming or music lessons) which require students to leave school early.

Whilst we know that not all medical and dental appointments can be made after school, we request that where possible, every attempt is made to arrange these visits after school hours, or during the school holidays.
After each absence, a note needs to be sent to the school within two days to explain the absence. Information on the note must clearly state the reason for the absence, giving an indication of the type of illness or justifiable reason for absence which prevented the student from being at school. Parents may like to make a telephone call to the school and explain the reason for the child’s absence rather than write a note.

If your child is away from school you will be sent an SMS reminder requesting you contact the school and let us know why your child is away. If no explanation is received via note or phone call a letter will be sent to you requesting an explanation.

If parents do not send in a justified explanatory note following the child’s absence, this absence will show up as A (unjustified leave) on their school attendance record.

Student exemptions can be sought if parents are aware of an event which may cause a period of absence, such as: hospital based treatment, family bereavement or infectious illness.

Please note: In the past exemptions were able to be given for family holidays. This is no longer an option under the new attendance policy. Exemptions need to be applied for in advance or as soon as possible into/after the series of absences.

Have a great couple of week
Karen Canning
Principal

CLEANER WANTED!
For all enquiries, please contact
Dianne from JOSS on 0400 468 430

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Week 5
Clean Up Australia Day CPS & Cumnock Recreation Grounds 27/02

Week 6
NRL Blitz Information Session Library 05/03
Regional Swimming Carnival Dubbo Aquatic Pool 06/03
P&C Welcome BBQ 6.00pm NEW DATE Cumnock Pool 06/03

Week 8
P&C General Meeting 3.15pm Community Room 17/03

Principals Awards
Breanna Cashman

Notes attached:
• Scholastic Book Club
• P&C Welcome BBQ
• Molong Dist Soccer Registration
• Molong Jnr Hockey Registration

Canteen Roster
TERM 1

Friday 27/02 Christine Weston
Monday 02/03 Kirsten Holman
Wednesday 04/03 Deanne Whitmore
Friday 06/03 Beck Shortt
Monday 09/03 Narelle Hogan
Wednesday 11/03 Felicity Armstrong
Friday 13/03 Rachel Cashman
# Student of the Week

## Term 1 Week 3
Lucas Roddam

## Term 1 Week 4
Jordan Blair

## Winning House
Term 1 Week 3: Burrawong  
Term 1 Week 4: Ironbark

## Merit Certificates

### Week 3

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<td>Joshua Kind</td>
<td>A settled approach towards class tasks.</td>
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<td>Charlie O’Brien</td>
<td>Excellent participation in number songs and games.</td>
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<td>2-3</td>
<td>Molly Duffy</td>
<td>Her creative and detailed illustrations to support her written texts.</td>
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<td>Marc Tero</td>
<td>A clear, loud and expressive voice when reading Dr Seuss books aloud to his classmates.</td>
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<td>Roy Leven</td>
<td>Fantastic work in spelling.</td>
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<td>Jackson Kenney</td>
<td>Excellent work in maths.</td>
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<td>Joshua Kind</td>
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<td>Emily Strahan</td>
<td>Improved confidence during group lessons.</td>
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<td>Being a mature and responsible library helper.</td>
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<td>Being a helpful student.</td>
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<td>Kiera Strahan</td>
<td>Beautiful presentation of all bookwork.</td>
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<td>2-3</td>
<td>Declan Lee</td>
<td>A fantastic effort locating words in the dictionary.</td>
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<td>Hannah Gibson</td>
<td>Excellent written responses using clear and logical paragraphs.</td>
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<td>Tyelia Hoswell-Parsons</td>
<td>Excellent listening skills and always trying hard.</td>
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<td>Ella Gibson</td>
<td>Always working hard in class.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Charlie O’Brien</td>
<td>Excellent borrowing habits for the start of 2015.</td>
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<td>Lucas Roddam</td>
<td>Beautifully presented book work.</td>
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## Great Job!
3 Way Swimming

OSSA Swimming
Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Mayhem in 2/3

On Tuesday the children of 2/3 decided to measure, melt, pour, mix, flip, cook and EAT delicious pancakes to raise money for the Cumnock Show Society.

We invited some special community friends and parents to help us with this activity and Miss Sarah, Miss Amanda and all of the Pre-Schoolers came as well!!

We had lots of fun with plenty of noise and many uniforms were covered in pancake mix!!

Sorry Mums and Dads!!

We would like to thank Kaye, Christina, Mrs Cashman, Mrs Pottie, Nigel, Mrs Sparkes, Maureen, Ms Hayward, Ms Press, Mrs Gee, Mrs McFarland and Mrs Schulz for making it possible.

Here are our stories:

Elizabeth: On Tuesday my uniform was a mess! I had pancake mix everywhere!!

Lucas: We made some pancakes on Tuesday and I had an ice-cream at recess.

Zaelia: They were delicious and yummy and were the best-tasting pancakes that I have ever eaten. It was the best Tuesday ever!!

Jonathan: I loved making pancakes with my Mum and my friends!

Marc: On Tuesday it was Pancake Day and there were lots of groups. Hannah, Justine, Roy, and I helped Kaye on her gas hotplate.

Molly: I bet Pancake Day was fun, but I wasn't there. I had one pancake at recess with ice-cream and caramel sauce.

Hannah: 2/3 made the most delicious and tasty pancakes. They were awesome!!

Breanna: On Tuesday it was Pancake Day. Tasman, Declan, Liam and I were all lucky to be with my Mum!!

Sierra: My last pancake was the largest, and Zaelia's was the smallest. Jonathan's was the most yummy pancake of all with ice-cream on top!

Stirling: I had ice-cream on my pancake and it was yummy!!!!

Peyton: The day after Pancake Day I had pancakes with Lincoln. It was funny when I spilled my ice-cream onto the paper towels. We laughed and laughed and had so much fun!!

Emily: We had ice-cream, caramel topping and jam on top of our pancakes. I looked after little Charlotte from the Pre-School.

Lincoln: I was swimming at the OSSA Carnival so I had my pancakes the next day. They were awesome and they tasted luxurious with vanilla ice-cream!!

Declan: I loved Pancake Day because we cooked our own pancakes and they were really yummy!!!

Justine: The Pre-Schoolers visited our classroom and had pancakes with us. After recess they had to go back with Miss Sarah and Mum and we waved goodbye.

Savannah: The pancakes were yum and we had heaps of FUN!!!