As this is the last newsletter for the term I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the successes from the term. There is no doubt that this has been a term of change for parents, students and teachers. I believe that everyone involved in these changes has come out with a developed sense of resilience and willingness to work together to move forward with a positive outlook towards the future.

Despite the change of class structure this term, our students have continued to thrive in both classrooms. We have children who have moved up 3–4 levels in their reading. We have children who now know an increased number of sight words and as a result their reading fluency and comprehension has grown. There are children who have mastered division for the first time, children who are now able to add and subtract using formal algorithms rather than concrete objects and students who are writing stories using paragraphs, improved spelling and grammar. There are students who are now forming their letters correctly, children who are writing sentences for the first time, children who are more knowledgeable about the world and children who are demonstrating leadership skills in the classroom and the playground.

All of these things need to be acknowledged, and come about from a strong, positive and caring partnership between the school staff, parents and community. It is this collaboration and shared dream for all of the children at this school to achieve to the best of their ability, that drives the successes of the students.

As we look to the future, this open, positive and collaborative culture we are developing must continue. We need to be honest about our intentions, any concerns, problems or issues. It is through open communication that we are able to work together and continue to improve the educational outcomes for all children enrolled at Cumnock Public School.

Mrs Schulz and I are available before school and after school most days and are always willing to meet with you to discuss your child / children. We look forward to the parent teacher interviews and hope that all of you take this opportunity to discuss your child / children’s progress this year.

P&C Update
I would like to formally thank Narelle Hogan for her service to the P&C over a number of years. Sadly, Narelle has decided to resign from her position as treasurer. We thank her for the outstanding job she has done in this role.

Congratulations to Heidi and Jeremy Duffy who were elected as the P&C Secretaries at our meeting on Tuesday afternoon. We look forward to working with you both over the coming year!

At our next P&C meeting we will be calling for nominations for a new treasurer. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Rob Armstrong prior to the next meeting. We will also discuss the time and day that our meetings take place. If you would like to come to the meetings but are unable to due to work etc could you please complete the note attached indicating a day / time that would be more suitable for you. All preferences will be discussed prior to a decision being made re meeting times and days.

Vege Garden
Thank you to Lyle Houm and his willing band of helpers for all the fabulous work they have done in the Vege Garden this term. The children have really enjoyed the beautiful fresh produce from the garden for “Crunch and Sip” and we all look forward to next term to see what the garden grows.
CWA Country of Study – Italy

All of the children (from Year 2 – 6) have been given the information for the projects they can complete for the CWA Country of Study competition. The entries are due to school on Monday 27th July. We hope these activities will keep the children busy during the holidays. Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 will complete their colouring in and flags with Mrs Pottie next week.

Thank you to all of the parents and friends who have remained positive and supported the school this term. Please remember that our small school is a great school and from little things big things grow!

School finishes on Friday 26th June and we look forward to a wonderful final week. I would like to wish Mrs Schulz a safe and happy holiday as she takes Long Service Leave next week. We would also like to wish Mrs Thome all the best as she continues to prepare for the birth of her baby. Mrs Thome will not be returning to school and we wish her all the best as she begins the journey of motherhood.

Stay safe during the holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 14th July.

Have a great holiday,
Karen Canning
Principal

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- Friday 19/06  
  Help Needed
- Monday 22/06  
  Heidi Duffy
- Wednesday 24/06  
  Rochelle O’Brien
- Friday 26/06  
  Help Needed

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Term 2 Week 7
Peyton Lake

WINNING HOUSE
Term 2 Week 7: Doughboy
Term 2 Week 8: Burrawong

MERIT CERTIFICATES Week 7

K-1-2
Austin Bruce His awesome spider and spiderlings.
Savannah Gregory Encouraging and supporting her younger peers in the classroom.
Declan Lee Working hard to improve his Journal entries.

3-4-5-6
Nick Gibson Improved writing and editing in literacy activities.
Ella Gibson Outstanding effort in division activities.

Library
Tasman Gregory Persistent and careful work on “The Sign of a Seahorse”.
Thomas Vickers Always being a pleasure to teach in Library.

MERIT CERTIFICATES Week 8

K-1-2
Kartja Giblett Being a kind and helpful member of our class.
George Morse An excellent homework and home reading record.
Sema Hoswell-Parsons Improved efforts to be a happy and positive student.

3-4-5-6
Elizabeth Hoswell-Parsons Excellent editing and proof reading.
Mia-Lily Giblett Fantastic brainstorming in “Edward the Emu” activities.

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School Spectacular
Dancing with Ange
It’s nearly the middle of the year! That means July school holidays are almost here! Time to book into Vacation Care! Will you need care for your school aged child during the holidays?

**Orange City Council’s Vacation Care** will be operating from Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July 2015 at Calare Public School Hall. We will also be providing care for the pupil free day on Monday 13 July 2015.

**Save the Date**

**Cumnock Village Preschool**

Is hosting

**A Night at the Races**

Saturday 12 September 2015
Cumnock Showground
Tickets and further details out soon!

**Cumnock Soccer & Netball Carnival**

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2015

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