A very warm welcome is extended to all our new families and Kindergarten children who have joined our school community. We hope your experience at Cumnock Public is one which you look back on with fond memories and much happiness!

**CLASSES**

A note was sent home on Monday outlining the class structure for this year due to our increased numbers. In consultation with our School Director, Mr Duncan Auld and the Staffing Directorate, we are pleased to offer 3 classes for 2016: a K/1 class of 22 students, a 2/3 class of 16 students and a 4/5/6 class of 19 students. Please understand the staffing of schools is a complex issue and we have worked hard to ensure the right balance this year with a touch of old and new faces!

**STAFF**

K/1: Mrs Helen Hubbard and Mrs Amanda Schulz  
2/3: Miss Gemma Sewell  
4/5/6: Miss Eryn Midson  
Learning and Support Teacher: Mrs Marg McFarland  
Library and Release from Face to Face Teacher: Mrs Amanda Schulz  
Student Learning Support Officer: Mrs Cathy Paterson  
Senior Administration Manager: Mrs Robyn Bruce  
School Administration Officer: Mrs Angela Bruce  
Grounds Assistants: Mr Craig Whiley and Ms Lisa McCann

**STUDENT WORKBOOKS**

Student workbooks can now be purchased from the school office. Kinder will have an I-Maths book and the cost is $20.00. Years 1 - 6 will have a Sound Waves, I-Maths and an I-Maths tracker book. The cost of these will be $45.00. Payment is required before the workbooks will be issued. Payment plans are available if required please contact the school office. Thank you to those parents who have already purchased the books for their children.

**3 – WAY SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This carnival will be held this Friday the 5th February at Yeoval swimming pool for all students 8 years and over who are confident at swimming a minimum of 25 metres. Some 7 year olds have also been invited to this carnival in the true spirit of fun and participation. Other students will remain at school with Miss Midson and Miss Sewell to complete normal class activities. Thank you to those parents who have offered to transport and to help the staff at St Columbas run the carnival. It is much appreciated. I would like to thank Sarah Evans for supporting our school and accompanying our students on the bus to Yeoval.

**WOW**

We would like to welcome Elizabeth Rowe back to our OSSA group to continue to lead us in the Writers Out West workshops that began last semester. Staff will be involved in various workshops with Elizabeth and other OSSA members writing quality English units based on theme of “Belonging”.

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**NRL**
Well done to Alex Prout who worked tirelessly during the holidays and has secured a NRL session at Cumnock with 2 surprise Rugby League players on Tuesday 9th February at 1pm! Have your autograph books ready!

**PANCAKE DAY**
Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day will take place on the same Tuesday, 9th February, in the school Library. The senior classes will cook delicious pancakes during class time ready for a recess treat. The Preschool children and staff have been invited to this event as well. All money raised will support the small community of Yarloop in Western Australia. Parent and community volunteers will be warmly welcome!

**OSSA SWIMMING**
The OSSA Swimming Carnival will occur on Wednesday 10th February at the Orange pool. Students have been invited to participate in this district carnival and we wish all our swimmers the very best of luck in the water. Mrs Schulz and Mrs Bruce will be attending and cheering on our team members!!

**SCHOOL SPORT**
In order to utilise our wonderful pool facilities, we have instigated a swimming program for the beginning of the term. K/1/2 will take swimming lessons with Mrs Heidi Duffy, Mrs Helen Hubbard and myself on a Monday from 1pm starting on Monday 15th February. 3/4/5/6 will hit the water every Friday afternoon from 1pm starting on Friday 12th February, with Mrs Carmel Vickers, Mr Nigel Strahan and myself. All children will need to bring their swimming costumes, towels, hats in preparation for this program. Volunteers are always welcome to attend!

**PDHPE**
PDHPE lessons have been timetabled this term on a Monday and Wednesday with school sport on a Friday for all. PD lessons will occur on Wednesdays for 2/3 and 4/5/6 and on a Monday for K/1. Whilst our swimming program is in operation, the Year 2 cohort will join with the K/1 group. Don’t forget your swimming gear!! To help our new parents, the Kinder and Year 1 students may wear their sports uniform on Mondays and Fridays and 3/4/5/6 should wear their sports uniform on a Wednesdays and Fridays. After the pool closes in early March we will be looking at introducing new programs for sport and PE.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Thank you to Mrs Cathy Paterson who has offered to run our Breakfast Program on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before school begins. We would like to thank the special community members who support this initiative and supply delicious toast, butter and vegemite for all the students and staff to kick start their mornings!

**CRUNCH & SIP**
How wonderful to see our very happy and enthusiastic Crunch and Sip Grandfriends arrive on Tuesday morning ready to take on the fruit and vege peeler challenge for 2016!! Mighty thanks to Mrs Margery Pearl Sparkes, Mrs Di Strahan, Mrs Maureen Murray and Mrs Chris Townsend who make this happen for our staff and students every Tuesday!
SCHOOL TIMES
Parents and care givers are reminded that before school supervision commences at 8:40 am each weekday. Please be aware that prior to this time there are no teachers on duty and children arriving before 8:40am will be without adult supervision. Please do not send children to school before 8:40 am.

Lessons will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 3:00pm. If you are picking up your children we aim to have them at the Railway Parade gate at approximately 3:05pm.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN
The safety of the students is of the utmost importance to all of us. I would like to remind all parents and care givers that the correct place for dropping off and picking up the children is at the front gate of the school in Railway Parade. The side gate in School Lane is in a dedicated Bus Zone and is only for use by students travelling by bus. I would also ask that visitors to the school do not park in the Bus Zone which is indicated by signs in School Lane.

PARENTS AND VISITORS ENTERING THE SCHOOL BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM
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.

CHILDREN WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL / NEED TO LEAVE EARLY
Any children who arrive at school after 9:00am are required to be signed in by a parent or caregiver in the school office. Please ensure you do this so accurate attendance records can be kept.

If you need to pick up your child early from school please go directly to the office and Mrs Bruce will sign out and collect your child from their classroom.

With kind regards,
Amanda Schulz
Principal (Relieving)