

CUNDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 2 2021

"Learning for Life"



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2! It has been a fantastic start to the term. The students have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and shown engagement towards all aspects of their learning. It is great to see the parents/carers, grandparents and friends allowed back in our school to support the children in their educational journey.



Sport

Many students have participated in a number of sporting events this term including Hunter hockey, netball gala day and zone touch trials, followed next week by zone rugby league. Congratulations to all these students who have shown skill and talent in these sporting endeavours. It is wonderful observing all our students working together, playing sport in the right spirit and demonstrating commitment to doing their best. It was fantastic to see so many happy students participating in the cross country in both the junior and senior races. Well done to the students and thank you to all the teachers who organised these events, and to the parents/carers for your unrelenting support. Best of luck to all the students who will represent our school in these sporting events.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade has always been an exciting event at our school and this year, it was extra special as we were able to include everyone in our celebrations. It was so lovely to see so many parents/carers, grandparents and friends back in our school and we look forward to many more opportunities in the future.



ANZAC ceremony

Our school ANZAC service was held on 23 April. This ceremony was a great way for our students to reflect and gain education on why we commemorate our ANZACs each year. The staff were full of praise for the respect demonstrated by our students and also the way our leaders led the ceremony. Thank you to Mr Gillgoly for your organisation of this ceremony.

The Taree ANZAC day march and service was held on Sunday 25 April where Cundletown PS was well represented by staff and many students K-6 who proudly wore the medals of their family members.

Thank you for your attendance, we were very proud of you all.



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Our school captains, Alice and Aidan had the honour of laying a wreath at the service.



Opportunity Classes

Opportunity classes located in government primary schools cater for academically gifted Year 5 and Year 6 students with high potential. It is a two-year placement program which covers Science and Technology, Mathematics and STEM. Parents normally apply when students are in Year 4. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. However, our school is currently a host school for Aurora College and therefore placement in the opportunity class allows students to participate without leaving the school.

Applications for Year 5 placement in the virtual opportunity class in 2022 open Tuesday 20 April 2021 and close at 5 pm on Friday 7 May 2021.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test for 2022 entry will be held on Wednesday 21 July 2021.

[Please select for further information about how to apply for Aurora College](#)

NAPLAN Online 2021

Students from Year 3 and Year 5 participated in a trial run NAPLAN test where key issues were addressed in readiness for the online test. NAPLAN online will include tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between 11 and 21 May 2021. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](#) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

Early Arrivals

Some students have been arriving at the school grounds very early in the morning. Although there are staff present from 8:30am, direct supervision commences at 9am. We appreciate that many parents may have commitments at work which require them to start early and therefore we offer before and after school care OOSH service which operates within the school from 7.00am-9:30am each morning and 3:30pm – 6:30pm every afternoon. If you have any questions please contact OOSH on 6554 8905.

COVID-19 Key Updates

Updates from the start of Term 2, 2021 include:


- Physical distancing is now recommended rather than required where practicable.
- Schools can welcome parents, carers and relatives to attend school sporting events and activities. For tracing purposes in the case of an outbreak, it is necessary to scan the QR code when attending.
- Students are able to mix together across year groups for all school related activities.
- School orientation programs can continue.
- There are no recommended limits on the number of performers in singing groups.

For further advice can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

School Photographs

Gentle reminder that school photographs will be held next Thursday 6 May. Please ensure where possible that your child wears the summer uniform for the purpose of the photo.

GIRLS UNIFORM	BOYS UNIFORM
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue checked dress • Black school shoes • White socks • Red hair accessories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light blue shirt • Grey shorts • Black school shoes • Grey socks

Hockey

We had five students travel, on Wednesday 21st of April, to Newcastle to represent Cundletown PS in the zone hockey team trials. All students showed a high level of skill, sportsmanship and participated to the best of their ability. Two of the boys who attended were selected in the Hunter hockey side, which is an excellent achievement and for which we are very proud. Lucas and Jacob will travel back to Newcastle to play in the Hunter hockey side while trialling for the NSW State hockey team in week 6 of this term. I would like to congratulate the boys on their success and wish them much luck at the State championships.



Kelsey Schneider
Sports Co-ordinator

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2 DAY VIP EVENT – 6th & 7th MAY
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20%

OFF

SCHOOLWEAR

& EVERYTHING ELSE!



DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS

*Offer available in-store & Online ends midnight (AEST) 7th May 2021. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes Gift Cards and Schoolwear lay-bys. Savings of original prices. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, no rainchecks.

Cross Country

After having to postpone our cross country twice due to wet weather, we were finally able to get it done on Friday the 23rd April. It was a lovely sunny day and all students showed great behaviour and sportsmanship. I would like to thank the parents who assisted around the course encouraging and helping runners. Well done to all students who participated and Congratulations to the students who will be attending the zone carnival on Wednesday 5th May.

Zone Cross Country Squad

Harry P, Ryder N, Hayden WB, Oscar R, Hayley Y, Brooklyn W, Emma M, Lara G, Jacob C, Eli S, Finn G, Ryder H, Calli H, Indy N, Savannah B, Clara W, Jaxon WB, Harry G, Lachlan P, Kaeden B, Tegan R, Kaylie D, Elyse C, Ella M, Harley A, Cade VE, Darcy G, Lucas D, Savannah H, Lily G, Alice G, Heather R.



CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Zone Cross Country
May 6	School Photos
May 7	Zone Rugby League
May 11-13	NAPLAN



SUPER FRESH TAKEAWAY

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IGNITE YOUR PASSION!

Manning Valley Auskick

Johnny Martin Oval - Macquarie St Taree NSW 2430

Starting Thurs 6th May 2021: 4.30pm - 5.30pm (10 Sessions)

Please Contact Joe Taylor 0418758983 or Auskick Coordinator Zoe Barby 0421426236 for more info

Register at play.afl/auskick

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON KINDERGARTEN

It's been a busy start to Term 2 for Kindergarten with the children busy practising their literacy skills during daily literacy groups, learning mathematical concepts in maths lessons, extending their computational thinking with the beebots, building up their fitness when training for the Infants Cross Country and applying their skills of creativity in art activities.



Mrs Danielle Humphries & Miss Emily Sadler

Volunteers Needed

Cundletown Public School Playground Working Bee

Background

At our recent P&C meeting, Parents discussed the need for maintenance and work to be completed on the school's playground. A decision was made to have a working bee, where parents could volunteer for an hour on the weekend to clean up the playground and gardens. The initiative was raised in a staff meeting and some teachers have volunteered to participate too.

The Plan

Run an 'Hour of Power' Working Bee to beautify the playground, specifically:

- 9-10am
- Sunday 30th May (Saturday's are usually busy for families with Sport)
- Parents must adhere to Department's Covid guidelines
- Children are encouraged to participate but won't be supervised - parental responsibility.
- Families need to bring their own tools to work with including things like gloves, rake, wheelbarrow, shovel, secateurs etc
- P&C will also arrange some trailers to hold & remove green waste

Focus Areas

The following areas have been prioritised for attention.

Play Equipment Sand pit <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rake sand- Replace sand- Remove grass and re-do log edging	Area under Big tree <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Replace old & broken bench seating</i>- Remove sand and dirt under benches- Weed
Corner Garden near Tennis Courts <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove weeds & rake- Remove sticks and tree branches- Fix copper logs	Garden near front gate <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weed & add new wood chip- Plant new natives- Pressure clean path
Garden outside Library <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weed and plant new natives- Pressure clean pavers	Garden near mini COLA <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove copper logs- Change from garden to grass
Gardens near main COLA <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weed and plant new natives	Garden outside Mr G's Room <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weed and plant

Plant donations

We'll be purchasing some new natives from a local Taree Wholesaler. Families are invited to purchase a plant for \$10 (small) or \$25 (more mature). We think the kids would love to see their plants grow over their time here at our school and after they've left.

Volunteers please

We'd love to see many Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Neighbours and children volunteer for the hour! We've set up a Facebook Event to share details and know who's volunteering, so please search 'Cundletown Public School Working Bee' to participate. If you don't have Facebook, you can call the school and we'll contact you directly with details.