**Principal’s Message**

**New Principal**
It is with great pleasure that I announce that I will be staying on at CMPS as Principal. I have been successful at interview (pending possible appeal). I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with all of you!

**Harmony Day**
Well done to all students in their participation of Harmony Day yesterday. Thank you for the wonderful community support and the families who assisted in the delicious Mexican themed lunches! Also thank you to Mrs Jones who organised all the fun activities on the day.

**Café Powwow**
On Wednesday 1 April, I invite any community members to come along for a coffee at the Corrugated Café at 9.30am. I’d like to sit down and have a chat with our families about current issues in school and to discuss CMPS’s future direction. Please come along and join me!

**Easter Activities**
As previously mentioned, we will be organising Easter craft activities at school this year, in place of the Easter Hat Parade. We already have our supplies organised and all teachers are very excited. We invite all parents to our Week 9 assembly at 2.15pm so that the students can showcase their Easter Craft and their talents at school.

**Survey**
At the end of term, we will be conducting a survey of staff, students and families in relation to the Creative Arts rotation of activities we have introduced on a Friday. We would like to know all school community opinions on how we may improve this initiative.

Simone Champion
Principal
2015 Term Dates for Students

- Term 1: 28 January – 02 April
- Term 2: 02 April – 26 June
- Term 3: 26 June – 18 September
- Term 4: 18 September – 16 December

School Development Days for Staff

- Term 1: Tuesday 27 January
- Term 2: Monday 20 April
- Term 3: Monday 13 July
- Term 4: Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December

In the Spot Light

Uniform Shop Opening

Days: 8:45am – 9:15am
Open the first student of each term then first and third Monday of each month.
Term 2 dates are:
- April 21
- May 4
- May 18
- June 1
- June 15

Tennis

Our Tennis/Ball Skills sport program concludes next Thursday 26 March. Please forward any outstanding session payments to the school office ASAP.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Needs and Wants:
- Polystyrene boxes to be used for seed planting boxes
- Herb (Gum) Boots – as mentioned in the Newsflash this week
- Used coffee grounds – to use in our compost bins

Thank you
Mrs Gallagher

Facebook Page

Please be sure to like Central Mangrove’s Facebook page. We are adding up-to-date information on this page about the school and we have lots of great pictures too.

https://www.facebook.com/centralmangroveprimary

NRMA Road Safety Day at Kulnura PS

All students participated in the NRMA Safety Day at Kulnura PS on Monday 16 March.

St John’s Ambulance Service provided a session on Personal Safety; an NRMA representative conducted Road Safety sessions; students completed a Safety Workbook and learnt a song and dance about Road Safety – an enjoyable and informative day for everyone.

Coming Events

Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday 29 April

Our annual Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 29 April. This sporting event involves all students from Central Mangrove PS, Peats Ridge PS, Kulnura PS, Somersby PS and Wyong Creek PS. Students are to wear full school sports uniform with suitable running shoes. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend.

Kid’s Kitchen canteen will be open on this day for counter sales and refreshments.

A special lunch order is included with this week’s newsletter. Please return by 31 March

All children aged 8 years and above will compete in a formal cross country event and there will be tabloid activities for those under 8 years (non-competitors) also being held.

- Under 8/9/10 years run 2km (2 laps)
- 11/12/13 years run 3kms (3 laps)

EOI for Years 3 & 4 Jenolan Caves Overnight Excursion September 10 - 11

Please return the EOI form with a $50 deposit by Thursday 23 April in order to reserve your child’s place. Limited places – don’t miss out, contact the school if a request for financial assistance or payment plan is required.

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion

The dates of 14 – 16 September have been confirmed for our Small Schools Canberra Excursion. The organising school this year is Kulnura PS. More information and EIO will be sent home early Term 2.
Central Coast Primary Schools have been planning a special musical event for 2015, the Central Coast Choral Festival.

Our choir have been invited to perform at this event with a combined schools choir of approximately 300 students. This exciting series of concerts, that will involve 41 Central Coast public schools in total, will take place at Mingara Recreation Club Auditorium during October. Our performance will be on Thursday 22nd October.

In preparation for this performance, three combined rehearsals with other participating schools will take place. The dates of our three rehearsals are:
- Monday 18th May at Valley View Public School
- Friday 14th August (venue to be determined)
- Wednesday 7th October (venue to be determined)

This is a special event, and open to students by invitation only. As such, students need to be committed to practices and performances. This includes weekly school lunchtime choir rehearsals.

### 2015 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) – Years 3 and 5

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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<td>Numeracy Test (Years 3 &amp; 5)</td>
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<td>Catch Up Day</td>
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### TEACHERS' AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 5

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<td>Gabriella</td>
<td>Working hard in all activities</td>
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<td>Koebe</td>
<td>Excellent sight word memory</td>
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<td>Improvement in her reading</td>
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<td>Telarna</td>
<td>Showing good leadership skills in group activities</td>
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<td>Emma</td>
<td>Using clues to make inferences</td>
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<td>Making good observations</td>
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<td>Alex</td>
<td>Great effort in Mathematics</td>
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<td>Ajay</td>
<td>Excellent attitude to all class activities</td>
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### Principal's Award

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<td>Kieryn</td>
<td>Very neat handwriting</td>
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### Harmony Day Lunch

Harmony Day Activities
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**SCHOLASTICS CHILDREN’S BOOK WAREHOUSE SALE**
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 March
9am to 6pm @ Scholastic Warehouse, Railway Crescent, Lisarow
50% to 90% off – Fill a box for $40!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT**
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills
Hosting - An Experience for Life

**Somersby Resilience Outreach Clinic**
13th April, 9am-5pm,
Program for 8-14 year old boys & girls includes:
Resilience Team Building Session : Low Ropes Adventure Session (1 choice) - pirate climb - abseiling (12-14yo only) - indoor rock climbing Resilience Workshop I Creative Expression Electives (1 choice) - Interpretive Dance - Drama - Awareness Art - Drumming Circle Rhythm Resilience Workshop II Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea provided. $140 per child.
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**RETURN SLIPS**
REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL OFFICE:
I/We request:
- A Private Vehicle Subsidy Form
- An Uniform Order Form
- Bus Pass Application
- Pinted copy of school handbook
- Student banking application package
- Book Mobile Application Form
- Other: ______________

Eldest Child's Name & Class: ______________

Headphone
I wish to purchase headphones for my child @ $14 per set.
I have attached payment for my child’s School Levy.
Name: ____________________________________
Amount enclosed: _________________________

OR
I have made an online payment for this activity. My receipt number is: _________________________
Child's name: ____________________________

Signed: ______________________ Date: ______