Our Student Leaders proudly wore our new school blazers at the Anzac Service on Friday.

Principal’s Message

Welcome back
It was lovely to see all the faces back at school this week, after what was the worst possible start to term. I am very proud of the staff and how they managed themselves during this difficult time and their efforts to tidy the school so that it would be a safe environment for the children.

Facebook
A timely reminder that if you do have Facebook, please like www.facebook.com/centralmangroveprimary. This played an integral part in communications last week and I thank those who shared the page in the community and also those who contacted people who didn’t have FB to let them know what was happening.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016
The 2016 Opportunity Class placement test for Year 4 students will be held on Wednesday 22nd July, 2015. Online applications are now open until Friday 15th May. Further information is also available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Class Changes
It has been decided to change the classroom arrangements in order to maximise student learning from the beginning of this term. We now have K/1P, 2/3G and 4/5/6M.
NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
NAPLAN Testing Days are Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. Students completing the tests will be provided with a healthy breakfast from 8:45am in Kid’s Kitchen. Any parents who could assist with the breakfast, could you please contact the office.

Staff Development Days (SDD)
The SDD for the last Thursday and Friday of the year will be completed in Term 2. If required, please see me for further details.

Anzac Service
Thank you to the parents who despite the cold and wet weather we able to attend our Anzac Service on today. We also thank the families who sent in cupcakes, cakes and Anzac biscuits for our Legacy Cake Stall.

Simone Champion
Principal

2015 Term Dates for Students
- Term 2: 21 April – 26 June
- Term 3: 14 July – 18 September
- Term 4: 06 October – 16 December

School Development Days for Staff
- Term 2: Monday 20 April
- Term 3: Monday 13 July
- Term 4: Taking place in Term 2

In the Spot Light

Uniform Shop
Open the first student day of each term then first and third Monday of each month at 8:45am – 9:15am
Term 2 dates are:
- May 4
- May 18
- June 1
- June 15

Future dates for your calendar

Term 2
- P&C Meetings – May 4 & June 1. Meeting are held in the Library from 3:15pm. All welcome to attend.
- Mother’s Day Stall – 5 May
- Cross Country – Wednesday 6 May
- BW Cross Country – 22 May
- Sydney North Cross Country – 11 June
- Term 2 sport program – Athletics Week 3 – 7: no cost involved.
- Wise About Waste Athon – June 10
- Reports home – 15 June
- CMPS Athletics – 18 June
- Year 6 Gala Sport Day @ KMHS – 26 June

Term 3
- National Tree Day – 24 July
- Education Week – 27 – 31 July
- Day of Excellence Performance @ KMHS – 29 July
- Small School Athletics Carnival @ Mingara – 31 July
- Choir Choral Festival Rehearsal – 14 August
- KMHS Science Day – 19 August
- BW Athletics Carnival @ Mingara – 21 August
- Science Day for Whole School: ‘Planet Dome’ @ Peats Ridge PS – 24 August
- Fruit & Vegetable Month – 24 August – 18 Sept.

Term 4
- Choir Choral Festival Rehearsal – 7 October
- Choral Concert (Day/Night performance) 20 – 22 October.
- Grandparents Day – 21 October
- National Bandana Day – 30 October
- Year 6 High School Orientation Day – 3 December

Scholastic Book Club
The next catalogue issue of the Scholastic Book Club is attached with this week’s newsletter. Due date for orders and payment is 6 May.

If your family does NOT wish to receive these catalogues on a regular basis, please notify the office.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
Helpers are urgently needed to assist students in Years 2 – 6 during the middle session (12:10 – 1:40pm) for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Come along and experience our Kitchen Garden lessons on the following dates/times:

- Week 6 Wednesday 27 May
- Week 9 Wednesday 17 June

As some lessons depend on assistance from helpers, we therefore need advance notice of your availability. Please return the attached RSVP to Mrs Gallagher ASAP so final organisation can be completed.

Coming Events

Cross Country Carnival – New Date!
Wednesday 6 May

Students are to wear full school sports uniform with suitable running shoes. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

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

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)

**With rain here again today, a decision will be made on Monday morning regarding this event.**

**Thurdays Sport Program**

In Term 2 your children will be participating in a 5-week Sport for Life ATHLETICS Program.

The program will run on Thursdays starting Week 3, Thursday 7 May.

Sport for Life is a provider of school PD/H/PE sport programs. Developing your child’s physical abilities is as important as developing their academic abilities.

Your children will benefit from their staff’s expertise, as they are nationally accredited for the program they teach and are child protection screened and trained. They supply all the equipment each lesson and the programs are linked to the syllabus and National sporting bodies. Every child receives a certificate of participation at the end of the program.

**Stewart House Day – Thursday 7 May**

*This year on Stewart House Day SRC students will be selling Keyring Torches for $3 each.*

All monies raised will help Stewart House provide programs for children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1800 public school children come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

**Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive**

Donation envelopes are attached to this week’s newsletter. Please return your donation to the school by Tuesday 12 May to be in the draw for a $4000 Family Holiday to your choice of destination.

We thank you in advance for your support of the Stewart House 2015 fundraising activities.

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

EOI form with a $50 deposit was due by Thursday 23 April. Please contact the school office ASAP if your child is participating and you have missed the due date for this return.

Limited places – don’t miss out; contact the school if a request for financial assistance or payment plan is required.

**Whole School Photo Day – Monday 11 May**

Students are asked to wear full summer uniform on this day.

Order envelopes were sent home earlier this week. A limited number of spare order envelopes are available from the school office.

Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

**Family group photographs envelopes are also available from the school office.**

Families may now order and pay form the photographs online using their Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card: [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and click on ORDER ONLINE.

Full instructions are on the order envelopes.

**Can you help?**

Later this year we plan to submit a grant application to Telstra for funding to assist with our school programs. An employee of Telstra needs to nominate our school in order for our application to be considered.

This endorsee needs not be a member of our school community and can be a full time or part time employee of Telstra.

If any parent has a contact at Telstra or knows of someone who does, could you ask them if they would be willing to endorse our application. Please contact the school if you can assist with this request.

**Mother’s Day Stall – 5 May**

Our Mother’s Day Stall has been organised by the P&C for Tuesday 5 May. Donations of gifts would be most welcome and can be left at the school office.

All students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall, with prices ranging from $2 - $5.
On Tuesday 28/4/15 students in 4/5/6M worked with artists from the NSW Reconciliation Council to produce a mural for Reconciliation Week.

Community News

Central Echo contains, at times, paid advertisements. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any products or services by the School, the NSW DEC or NSW Government.

Tai Chi at Kulnura
Tai Chi classes at Kulnura Hall, Thursdays 1pm to 2pm, loose clothing, flat shoes or bare feet, $12 per session.
For more information phone Sue D 43761350 or just turn up!

RETURN SLIPS

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
I am available to assist with the lessons of SAKGP:
Name: ______________________________________
Contact number: ______________________________

Please ✓ your preference of Wednesdays & area:
Times 12:10 – 1:40pm
Week 6  27 May  □  Kitchen □  Garden
Week 9  17 June  □  Kitchen □  Garden

NAPLAN Breakfast Helpers RSVP
Yes, I am available to help with the NAPLAN Breakfast from 8:45am on the following day:

□ Tuesday 12 May
□ Wednesday 13 May
□ Thursday 14 May

Name: ______________________________________
Contact number: ______________________________

Credit Card PAYMENT OPTIONS
Student’s Name________________Class:_____
Payment for: ____________ Amount: _____
☑ Visa ☐ MasterCard Expiry Date ……./ …….
Card No: ________________________________

Cardholder’s Name:__________________________
Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______

Office Use Only:
Authorisation number:

Receipt No.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION:
Child’s Name: ………………….Class: ………
Date of Absence: ……………………………
Reason for Absence:
☐ Sick ☐ Medical Appointment
☐ Family Reasons ☐ Family Holidays
☐ Other – please specify

Signature: ___________________________ Date: …………..

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB CATALOGUE REQUEST
NO, I do not wish to receive the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue this year.
Family name: __________________________
Eldest child’s name:___________ Class: ____
Signed: ____________________________

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: _______________

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