Welcome
I’d like to welcome back our existing families and also welcome new families to the Central Mangrove PS community. It was lovely to see so many keen children returning back to school and dressed very smartly in full school uniform. I’d like to give a special welcome to our Kindergarten students. They all looked so fabulous on their first day at school. Finally I’d like to welcome two new staff members – Sharna Bowman on CM3 and Sarah McCloud on CM2. Both these teachers are highly experienced and have a wealth of knowledge to share with our community. They have both smoothly transitioned to our school and students are very happy.

Classes 2016
While we were very close in gaining a fourth class, our numbers have not quite reached the necessary figure. At any time that we do reach this number, we can move into a fourth class. Therefore our classes will stay as CM1, CM2 and CM 3. Sharna and Sarah are working very closely to ensure that Year 3 students are achieving the same learning outcomes.

School Levy and POP
School levies are now due. A statement of account will come out next week. The cost is $75 and covers the student contribution levy, school resources and some educational programs. This money is to support your child’s education. If you have three or more children, the youngest child is free. Payments may be made on POP. Please see our website for details. Access through your mobile device is also available.

Updating Information
We ask families to update their details for school records. Information relating to is included with this newsletter; please check and make necessary changes before returning signed forms back to the school office.

Tennis
Tennis lessons begin this week. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on Fridays this term. There is no cost to tennis as the school has secured funding to receive this program.

Facebook
Come like our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/centralmangroveprimary. We keep you up to date regularly on this site. You do not need to have Facebook to see what is there.

Anaphylaxis Information Letter to Parents
Please take some time to read the attached letter regarding anaphylaxis. We have two students who are anaphylactic to nuts. We ask that no nut products are brought to school.

Staff Driveway
Please note the sign at the top of the driveway. This is not a walking access path due to its dangerous, slippery surface. Please use the footpath to the left of the driveway for access to our school office.
Coming Events

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

To be eligible to participate in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Gosford Olympic Pool on Tuesday 23 February students must turn 8 or older this year and be able to swim 50 metres proficiently. Please return your child’s permission note by Friday 19/2/16. Entry is $3.60 per student, payable at the pool on the day.

Family Information Session & Welcome Sausage Sizzle—17 February

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend a whole school Parent Information Session on Wednesday 17 February from 3:30pm.

Families and students are also invited to join staff for a welcome BBQ/Sausage Sizzle following the information session.

Making a payment to the school

With a new administration system (LMBR) commencing in all local schools early May 2016, we will endeavour to invoice families for all future excursions and extra curricular activities as soon as possible. We hope most families will take the opportunity to make early payments for these costs in order to assist with the smooth transition from our current system to the new LMBR. Over the next couple of weeks a statement of account will be sent home to all families via their eldest child.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card (either in person and/or by mail or phone), or by using the school’s Parent on Line Payment system (POP) through our school web page:


A weekly payment can easily be organised to suit your family budget. Please contact Ms Champion to discuss this payment option if required.

Sport for Term 1

This term’s sport is Tennis Skills. This is on each Friday and students are to wear their sports uniform on this day. This program is presented by a register Tennis coach, Mark Presdee and the cost of this program is funded by the Australian Sports Commission as part of the Sporting Schools Grant Funding.

Communication between home and school

We have a Facebook page where we will keep you up-to-date with information. It is just one of our many ways to keep you informed of what is happening at school: www.facebook.com/centralmangroveprimary. Our school newsletter, Central Echo is sent home each fortnight (even weeks) with your eldest child. You may also request a copy be emailed or you can also choose to check our webpage for any latest news. Please let the office know if you wish to choose the email or webpage option.

School email address: centmangro-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

VALUE

‘Respect’—Having pride in your school and its surroundings

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

Wear neat and correct uniform
Keep the school tidy and clean
Greet and welcome people in our school
Scholastic Book Club

The latest Book Club catalogue is attached for your viewing. Order can be made direct on line or sent to the school. Due date for order and payment is 17 February. Please notify the office if you do not wish to receive any future catalogues.

Student Banking

Student banking day is each Thursday. Any student wishing to open a new Commonwealth Bank account can visit a branch to open an account. This requires you to present your child’s birth certificate and identification for you the parent/caregiver or download a form on: commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank access you can open an new student account online at netbank.com. Simply login to your account and select ‘offers and apply’ tab; then select ‘Accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. You must have your child’s birth certificate handy.

Private Vehicle Subsidy (PVC)

PVC is available to students where there is no public transport for all or part of the journey to and from school. The subsidy is paid on a daily basis and may also be available on medical or safety grounds. A separate application MUST be lodged for each individual child. If you currently receive PVC and your circumstances have not changed you do not need to re-apply this year. New application form and information sheets are available from the school office.

Volunteering at School

A great way to be involved in your child/children’s school is to volunteer to help out in one or more of the following ways:

⇒ Reading groups within the classroom
⇒ Kid’s Kitchen (helping with lunch orders and counter sales)
⇒ Photocopying and making teaching resources
⇒ Covering books for the Library
⇒ Assisting with transport on excursion days
⇒ Sporting Carnival assistance
⇒ Assisting in our School Garden and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Each year ALL volunteers are required to complete the following:

⇒ Working with Children Check - a paper version can be complete now, however, our preferred option is an online version at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check. There is no cost involved and applies for 5 years. Once online form has been printed, you need to take form and 100 points ID to a Services NSW office.
⇒ A volunteers Agreement which acknowledges the DoE’s Statement of Ethics; and
⇒ Drivers Declaration (applicable if driving students on excursions).

Headphones & Library News

Headphone are an essential item for classroom use and may be purchased from the school office for $12 each.
All students need to have a library bag for borrowing. Library borrowing will start Week 3 with the following times:
Mondays: CM1 (Mrs Pugh) with limit of 2 book to be borrowed. CM2 (Mrs McCloud) with limit of 2 books for Years 1 & 2; 3 books for Year 3
Tuesdays: CM3 (Ms Bowman) with limit of 3 books for Year 3; 4 books for Years 5 & 6.

Next Gosford City Council Book Mobile visit is on: Wednesday 17 February.
Term 1
- Friday 4 March — Clean Up Our School Day
- Monday 14 March — RAPS Day
- Wednesday 16 March — Syd. Nth Swimming Carnival
- Monday 21 March — Harmony Day @ Kulnura PS
- Friday 25 March — Good Friday
- Monday 28 March — Public Holiday
- Friday 8 April — Small Schools Cross Country
- Holidays 11 — 24 April

Term 2
- Monday 25 April — Anzac Day: Public Holiday
- Tuesday 26 April — Staff Development Day
- Monday 9 May — Whole School Photo Day
- Tuesday 10 — Thursday 12 May — NAPLAN
- Friday 20 May — Year 6 GRIP Conference
- Monday 13 June — Public Holiday
- Wednesday 29 June — Raw Art

Future dates for your calendar

School Enrolment
We currently have 76 students enrolled at CMPS with the following classes:
CM1 Mrs Pugh 19 students Kindy
CM2 Mrs McCloud 28 students Yrs 1/2/3
CM3 Ms Bowman 29 students Yrs 3/4/5/6

Library/Release & Learning Assistance Support Teacher: Ms Champion
School Admin Manager: Mrs Wright
School Admin Officer: Mrs Wonson
Learning Support Officer: Mrs Bannerman
General Assistant: Mr Clarke

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open Monday 15 February, 7 & 21 March from 8:45am – 9:15am. Order forms are available from the school office.

OPAL CARD

Hopefully by now all eligible students have received their new OPAL Card for free bus travel to and from school.
OPAL Cards applications are done online at transportnsw.info/school-students. Once application has been completed, printed and signed please bring to the school office for

Mountain Before and After School Care
4376 1255
Onsite at Kulnura Public School
7am to 9am – just $7.50 or
3pm till 6pm – just $10

*price is per child and after Child Care Rebate

CMPS students can catch bus to and from the school to After School Care.

School Security Hotline
1300 880 021

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Parking at School
Parents and visitors are welcome to park in the school top car park in designated spaces or outside the main entry/exit gates allowing buses to move freely and safely within the car park.

The bottom car park, near the Admin Building is for staff and deliveries ONLY.
This area is also out of bounds for all students.

There is NO pedestrian access permitted at any time on the driveway between the two car parks.

At the end of the day students MUST be collected from the assembly area outside the timber building.

Parent Online Payment Link (POP)

http://www.centralmangrop.schools.nsw.edu.au
Clink on the ‘Make a Payment’ link.