The Pelican

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From the Principal’s Desk

Early Years Leadership Symposium

On Thursday 3 March I had the pleasure of presenting with my colleagues from Charleville State School at the Early Years Leadership Symposium. We were one of four schools across the Darling Downs South West who presented to Professor Bob Perry and Professor Sue Dockett, who are known internationally for their work in ‘Transition to School’, as well as over 100 other early years’ educators and State Schooling representatives. The presentation celebrated the work we have done in our community in regards to the KEEPING EARLY YEARS IN THE SPOTLIGHT – UNLOCKING OUR POTENTIAL project or simply known as K.E.Y.S.

K.E.Y.S focusses on supporting children, families, schools and health services in optimising transition practices across our community. As a community we can celebrate the work we have done in this space as we have been acknowledged by both State Schooling and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department of Education and Training as leading the practice in this area.

This is important work we need to continue and with all stakeholders commitment to the project we will make a difference for our children in our community.

Congratulations to our netball team

I had the pleasure of watching our girls play netball in Toowoomba on the weekend. They can be so proud of themselves for participating and displaying such great sportsmanship during the whole tournament. Thank you to Miss Bourke who organised and travelled with them to Toowoomba. Even though the girls may not have had many wins across the day they certainly showed immense improvement and their confidence grew with each game. It was also fabulous to hear feedback from other schools in regards to this as well. Stand tall and proud girls…you did amazingly well. 😊

No Phone Policy

Just a reminder we have a NO PHONE POLICY at school. Unfortunately we had issues this week with phones at school which caused problems across the Senior School. Our phone policy has been reinforced with both students, staff and families, so please adhere to this policy at all times.

Entering School Grounds

All visitors must sign in at the office on entering the school grounds. This includes parents who are dropping lunches off to their children. Lunches can be dropped in at the office and office staff will distribute lunches during the lunchbreak. This is a safety requirement regulated by our school and the Department of Education and Training.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email or contribute an article, please contact us at pelican@cunnamullap12ss.eq.edu.au or advise the school office
Playgroup Fun: Bright Sparks

Cunnamulla P-12 State School’s Playgroup, Bright Sparks, is up and running, and so far we have had enormous fun learning about the colours yellow and blue, reading the books, “Each Peach Pear Plum” and “Ten Little Fish”, and getting to know each other through play.

Bright Spark runs on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am to 10:30am, at the Early Years Centre at the State School.

All parents and carers of children between 0 – 5 years of age are invited to come down and join in the fun and learning that takes place during our Bright Sparks sessions. Please bring a snack for morning tea, hat, water bottle, and a change of clothes with your child.

Michelle Beresford,
Bright Sparks Co-ordinator

Students’ celebrate exceptional attendance

Last Friday, a special parade was held to celebrate students who have had 95% or more attendance at school so far. Fantastically, there were a huge number of students who have achieved this during those first crucial school weeks. Students were presented with a certificate and a $5 ticket to the town pool party. Acting Deputy Principal Bianca Lawson spoke warmly of the students’ achievement, “It was wonderful to see how many families and students are committed to attending school every day, or nearly every day. A high attendance rate is extremely important in helping children achieve their best school results.”
Students with 95%+ attendance
What’s been happening in Sport

7/8/9 students head to Toowoomba to play in the Laura Geitz Netball Cup

This past weekend, 13 students from Years seven to nine travelled to Toowoomba with HPE teacher Miss Bourke, to participate in the Laura Geitz Netball Cup. The students played multiple games of netball against other students from schools around the state, winning their match against Toowoomba Christian College. Miss Bourke was extremely impressed by the students’ display of sportsmanship and positive participation, saying, “The Principal of St Xavier’s spoke to me, and she was highly impressed with the Cunnamulla State School students’ sportsmanship and behaviour on the court. She actually got her netball team to sit down and watch the Cunnamulla students play, and told them they needed to act more like the Cunnamulla team. She also offered for the students to come and stay at their school next time they came for the Netball Cup.” One of the participants, Year 9 student Chelsea Ferguson thought the trip was valuable, saying, “It was a great experience. We improved our skills greatly by the end of the tournament.”

Congratulations Jarell!  

Primary Leader elected

Year 6 student Jarell Hooper made it to States for swimming. Great work Jarell!

Year 6 student Charity Jones has been elected as the Primary School Captain this year. Congratulations Charity!
Photos from the Netball Cup

Miss Bourke running a few drills preparing our girls for their first game.

Cunnamulla girls exhausted from a long day competing against the other teams.

The girls and Miss Bourke standing proudly representing Cunnamulla.

Top row, from left: Poppie Collins, Jemma Thomas, Kyra Thomas, Lauren Mitchell, Teearny Hearn, Chelsea Ferguson, Miss Bourke.

Bottom row, from left: Rebecca Widgell, Naomi Roberts, Brandy Collins, Gypsy Pender, Holly Munn, Jacintha
You’re Invited

Date: 14th & 15th March
Time: 9am & 11am both days
Place: Town

Presented by
Paroo Shire Council

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Tim Jackman – King of the Kids

King of the Kids, Tim Jackman, is an actor, singer and guitarist who has been entertaining children and adults alike for over a decade. With guitar, kazoo and classic nursery rhymes, Tim brings music and rhythm to the heads, shoulders, knees and toes of every audience.

He has performed for the children of the Woodford Folk Festival for more than ten years, and since 2008 has appeared weekly at ‘The Corner’ at the State Library of Queensland.

He has also worked on and performed in touring productions of Play School and Bananas in Pyjamas. Tim has been invited to return this year to the Sydney Children’s Festival, after making his debut in 2009.
As a member of the Cunnamulla State School Community I am:

Respectful, Responsible, Learning and Safe.

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Greetings from Mr H in Germany

Hi everyone,

I thought I would take the opportunity to say hi all the way from Munich, Germany. I may be on the other side of the world but the students and staff at Cunnamulla State School and the community are never far from my thoughts. I find myself sharing stories from the west with almost everyone I meet and continue to enjoy seeing what is happening in the town and school through Facebook.

I have moved in with my brother Andrew and his family and am enjoying living in a new and exciting place. It is winter here and the weather has been around 0 degrees Celsius with snow falling every now and then. The snow is nice when it is fresh, but when it melts everything turns to mud! I miss the heat and the longer days, however they tell me that in the summer it can get well above 30 and the sun doesn’t go down until 10pm, so I am looking forward to that.

The tables have turned this year and I have gone back to being a student and have enrolled in a German Language course to help me understand what everyone is saying! It will be a lot easier to get around and do the daily things once I have learnt some of the language.

I have my first gig here on the 18th of March in Munich and am looking forward to doing more work in the near future as I am getting a bit bored not having a full time job. I hope everyone back in Cunnamulla is having a great start to their year and I look forward to visiting when I return. Below are some photos of my life over here.

Cheers,
Nick

My street—no snow.

My street—with snow!
Big snow ball

My niece and nephew: Ryan and Isabel

My house.

My backyard.

Bikes at a school.

Alps. This is a lake,
Chelsea, Koli and Stevo checked in with the 4/5/6B class to see what they have been up to at school this week, and what the students enjoy doing outside of school time.

What have you been learning in class?
1. Reading
2. Math words
3. Countries of the world

Where is your favourite place in Cunnamulla?
- Pool: 1 student
- Bridge: 6 students

Above: Imagen enjoying a book.
Top right: The class listening to Mr Birchley.
Bottom right: Hayden and Jarell doing their work.

Year 10 student Jacob Vider asked Cunnamulla State School resident IT expert Chris Hartley ten questions about himself. Here are his answers:

**How old are you?** 45

**What’s your favourite sport to play?** Ten Pin Bowling

**Where were you born?** Cunnamulla

**What’s your favourite sport to watch?** AFL

**What is your favourite food?** Mediterranean/Pizza

**What is your favourite holiday destination?** Appalachia USA

**What is your dream job?** Astronomer at Keck Observatory in Hawaii

**How many family member do you have?** 5

**What are your hobbies?** Astronomy & Photography
Senior shirt design finalised

The 11/12 Senior class has been hard at work designing their senior shirts and jerseys. The finished designs are below. More information on how to purchase these will be sent home very shortly.

P & C MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the P&C Association will be held on

TUESDAY 15TH MARCH
5:30pm
School Common Room

Please come along and assist the P&C Committee in supporting the students.

Hearing Screens

Ann-Marie Mitchell and Judy Henning will be conducting hearing screens on Monday 7th March at Cunnamulla P-12 State School.

All students will have brought home a permission note to be signed, earlier this week. If it has been misplaced, and you require a new note, could you please see the office staff as soon as possible, and they will provide you with a new form. All signed permission forms need to be returned to school, signed, before Monday.

Ann-Marie and Judy will not be able to screen any child who does not have a CACH permission form returned.

Thank you for support in ensuring this service can continue at our school.
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Raspberry and lime icy cups for sale!

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

**Where:** Tuckshop

**Time:** Second Break

**Price:** 50c each

Buy an icy cup and help raise money for the 11/12 Science trip to Canberra