11/12 art students explore etching

Year 11/12 Visual art in practice students have been experimenting with new printmaking techniques. We were lucky to get a grant from the variety club when they visited, which we used to purchase a professional printing press. The technique we using is called dry point etching, which involves scratching an image into a Perspex plate, applying ink and then running it through the press with damaged paper. The technique can be challenging because there are lots of variables. Later this Semester we will exhibit a range of prints in the community. Year 12 student Tristan Marshall commented, “It’s a great art technique, but it can be difficult getting the ink right.”

Miss Lancaster, Art teacher

Staff Profile: Mrs Susan Morcom

Chelsea Ferguson asked ‘Morco’ some questions:
How long have you been at CSS? Since 1982. (!!!)
Where else have you lived? Maroochydore
Why do you like working here? I like working with the students, and the holidays are good too.
What’s the best part of your job? Seeing the students succeed in their goals (and the holidays!)
What’s your favourite animal? Cats.
What is your favourite holiday destination? Coolangatta
Who is your idol? Suzie Quattro and Billy Slater.
What is your favourite colour? Blue.
From the Principal’s Desk

Queensland Youth Strategy Forum

On Wednesday 9th March, 11 students from year 7 to 12 were selected to attend the Youth Strategy Forum at the Shire Hall. The students worked well with other community members to share their views and prioritise areas that are important to them for their future. They spoke confidently in front of the forum and were congratulated by all those who attended. We are looking forward to hearing the final outcomes from the forum.

We also need to congratulate the hospitality students who catered for the day. We were treated to a delicious morning tea and coffee as well as a healthy lunch. A huge effort from them all!

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 18 March the school will be involved in activities related to National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Students and staff are asked to dress in orange for the day with a prize for the person wearing the most orange.

Cunnamulla P-12 State School has a strong policy around bullying. It is NOT acceptable at any time and our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students outlines the roles and responsibilities of staff, parents, and students. We would ask all members of our school and community to reinforce that bullying and violence is NOT OK.

If you would like more information please contact the school or you can access further information on this link: [National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence](link)

NO PHONE POLICY

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

One Week to Go

We have one week of school left. It is essential that all students attend every day. Teachers will be continuing the normal school program for the last week and it will be a great opportunity to revisit and consolidate work already covered this term.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!
Students participate in Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday the 4th of March students from Cunnamulla P-12 State School participated in Clean Up Australia activities. Each class was responsible for making different areas of the school and the community clean and tidy.

Mr Birchley, Antionette Pender, Hayden Land, Jarell Hooper, Brody Smyth, Tyreese Colliss and Phoonoo clean up Centenary Park.

Maria Yock, Charity Jones, Layla Colliss, Joshua Wharton, K-Leigh Hogarth, Lawrence Widgell, Travis McAuley, Abby Pender, Miss Hodson and Eli Marshall work hard to fill multiple bags of rubbish.

Djarwyn Pender, Kaidyn White and Charlie Marshall and other P1 students enthusiastically clean up the bushes surrounding their classroom.
Ashton Pender ensures the area around the school library is free of rubbish.

Jack Guttie with Wayne Robinson and Myles Colliss.

Imagen Hooper uses the provided gloves to keep her class eating area free of litter.

Ashton Pender ensures the area around the school library is free of rubbish.

Mr Bates, Mr Preston and the 9/10 students clean up at the bridge.
Police Liaison Officers visit 4/5/6B

The Cunnamulla Police Liaison Officers Laurie and Raeleen visited the Year 4/5/6B class last Wednesday to make damper and have a yarn about RESPECT. Laurie encouraged the students to see that respect is about giving people the time because that's what people deserve. After the chat, the 4/5/6B students divided into two groups to make damper. Hayden, Jarell and Imagen created herb damper with Raelene's help, while Laurie assisted Tyreese, Antionette and Brody with plain damper. Once the dampers were cooked, we spread butter on them, and it melted - yum! Raelene and Laurie said that they will continue this Mentor Program with the students in weeks to come. Check out the photos!

Top left: Jarell Hooper tucking into some fresh warm damper.

Top centre: Imagen Hooper with one of the completed damper buns.

Top right: PLO Laurie assisting Brody Smyth and Tyreese Colliss in the creation process.

Bottom left: Antionette Pender, Tyreese Colli and Brody Smyth have some qualms about kneading the dough.
Hearing Screens conducted

Hearing screens were conducted by Ann-Marie Mitchell (CACH) and Judy Henning (Qld Health) last week. Copies of the screening results were sent home with students last week, as well.

If you have been advised to seek further medical attention, please make a doctor’s appointment, and take your screen result with you to the appointment.

On behalf of Cunnamulla P-12 State School, I would like to thank Ann-Marie and Judy for the time they take to complete hearing screens, as a part of our school’s Healthy Hearing Program.

Clarity Hearing Solutions

An Audiologist from Clarity Hearing Solutions will be working in our school during Week 9 (21st – 24th March).

Michelle Beresford will be contacting families whose children have been referred to audiology based on their hearing screens, or whose children require a follow up assessment from previous appointments in 2015.

Again, a big THANK YOU to CACH, without whom this service would not be possible.

- Michelle Beresford

Listening and Hearing are two different senses.
From Mr Bates’ desk.

It has been great to see that students have been working steadily over the past weeks. The hot weather certainly has not had a huge impact on the work output.

A gentle reminder for parents of the importance to contact the school should your child be away.

Unexplained absences severely impact on attendance data including eligibility for attendance awards and attending the formal if your child is in Yr. 11/12.

There are many ways parents can advise of the reason for their child’s absence including a phone call to the school office, email, or sending in a note the next day. Please be specific i.e. ‘sick’, ‘medical appointment’, ‘family emergency’ as no reason given will be recorded as ‘Other’ which also affects student data.

It was really excellent to see how many students were awarded certificates for their attendances. Well done!

The Assessment Schedules for Years 7 to 12 in Semester 1 was sent home at the end of week six. Please place the sheet in a prominent position like the ‘fridge door.

The dates on this schedule are there to assist in the preparation for assignments and tests. Parents / caregivers are asked to check regularly if assignment and test preparation is being done.

Homework is given on a regular basis. Please take an interest in what is being done at school. Also encourage your child to read regularly even if it is a car magazine or a newspaper. If parents read regularly, it sets an excellent example for your child.
Funky Hair Day

Come to school with Funky Crazy Hair!

When: Tuesday 22nd March

Options:

• Come to school with crazy hair—gold coin donation
• Hair colour (washable hair spray) - gold coin donation
• Hair can be shaved or tracked by a qualified hairdresser- $5 donation

All money raised will be donated to the Worlds Greatest Shave to assist people with blood cancer.

Some thoughts to ponder...

• Why is a car’s windscreen so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future, look ahead and move on.

• Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but takes years to write.

• Old friends are gold. New friends are diamonds. If you get a diamond, don’t forget the gold, because to hold a diamond, you will always need a base of gold.

• A blind person asked a doctor, “Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?” He replied, “Yes. Losing your vision.”
The Annual General Meeting of the Cunnamulla P-12 State School P & C Committee was held this week with the following Office Bearers elected:

- **President:** Penny Pyke
- **Vice-President:** Roz McCormack
- **Secretary:** Carolyn Ramsay
- **Treasurer:** Jo Woodcroft

The next General P & C Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th April at 5:30pm.**
All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Correspondence addressed to the P&C Committee should be directed to the Secretary via email **cturn240@eq.edu.au** or mailed to the school address, PO Box 74, Cunnamulla.

**Successfully complete the maze, show Mrs Vos and receive a smart card and a prize!**
Easter Word Hunt

Basket
Chocolate
Faith
Hunt
Bunny

Easter
Festivity
Celebration
Eggs
Holiday
HAPPY EASTER!
Easter Fun

Please join us for some Easter Fun!

Easter Crafts
Easter Egg Hunt
Stories
Song and dance

Cost: FREE
Who: 3yr to 6 yrs
Date: Thursday 24 March
Time: 9 am—10 am
Where: Early Years building Cunnamulla State School

Organised by KEYS and Cunnamulla State School Early Childhood Class