From the Principal’s Desk

Lachlan O’Connell (Acting Head of Department—Curriculum)

Unfortunately Andrew Bates our Head of Department – Curriculum is on sick leave until the end of Term 2. We wish him well and hope he has a speedy recovery. We look forward to his return to school in Term 3.

Lachlan O’Connell will be joining our team on Tuesday 2 May as Acting Head of Department (HoD) Curriculum. Lachlan will focus on the senior students to ensure success in the classroom and at school in general. In addition to his leadership role as HoD he will be teaching Maths A, 9/10 Math, 7/8 Numeracy and Year 11/12 Study.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May, students will undertake the 2017 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

If you would like further information about NAPLAN please contact the school or access the parent-carer support link: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support
During the last week of Term 1, 10 students (three girls, seven boys), Laurie Bateman and Mrs Ramsay headed out to Tinnenburra to participate in the first shearing camp for the year. The students participating are enrolled in a Certificate II in Rural Operations in which they will be learning many of the skills required to work in a shearing shed.

There was little downtime as the camp operated according to a working shearing shed timetable. Camping in the shearer’s quarters, every day started with the ringing of the cow bell (thanks Laurie!) before starting work at 7:00am and finishing at 5:30pm.

We sheared 76 sheep in total for the week. Every participant got involved in the shearing and by Thursday morning, most of the group were shearing by themselves. We also helped with general shed duties such as drafting the sheep for shearing, lamb marking, wool handling and wool pressing.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from an ABC reporter who interviewed the students for a segment to go to air in the next few weeks. We’ll keep you posted! Other visitors during the week included wool agents and the Elders.

The biggest hurdle we had for the week was the warm weather! Earlier in the week, the temperature hovered around 40 degrees and the students showed plenty of heart working in the heat.

Each day, an award was given to a participant to recognise their efforts based on their behaviour, teamwork, and number of sheep shorn. Thank you to Landmark for donating the shearing singlets which were the prizes.

Thank you to Carol and Lindsay Godfrey for allowing us to use their facilities and sheep, and a special thank you to Carol for the mouthwatering food she provided for breakfast, lunch, dinner and smokos!

The students will continue working throughout the term on their theory modules before going back out on camp during the last week of Term 2. More information will be provided to them closer to the date on where we will be going.

Lastly, but definitely not least, a very big thank you to Laurie for getting behind this program and providing the training.
Program coordinators, participants and elders.

Participants listening to Laurie Bateman.

Shania McKellar working hard.

Josh McKellar-Waye shearing a sheep.

Tristan Drury being guided by Laurie Bateman.
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Every day counts!

Cunnamulla P–12 State School Goal: 90% attendance

Week 1 Attendance Winners!

- 100% Attendance: Green class
- Secondary winner: Charity Jones
- Primary winner: Taliesha Hearn

TRY FOR 5! GIVE THEM A GOOD START

Your Challenge
Make sure your children attend school on time, every day!

TRY FOR 5! EVERY DAY COUNTS

Your Challenge
Strive for 100% attendance for your children!
Cunnamulla P – 12 State School students were well represented in this year’s ANZAC march through the town. Various students from all grades participated in their full school uniform and sat respectfully through the services of the morning. A highlight of the event was when Charity Jones, Year Seven student, read “New Generation Veterans”. Year Eight student Jarib Branfield-Bradshaw did an excellent job at both dawn and the day service of lowering and raising the flag. School Captain, Jacob Vider said, “It was good to see the kids from both schools, wearing their uniforms, behaving and showing respect.”
DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH MAY 2017

WHAT'S HAPPENING

GAMBLING HELP - LIFELINE
Wednesday 17th May 2017

ELDERS DINNER
Tuesday 16th May 2017

CUNNAMULLA RAMS ARE SUPPORTING FWIFVS AND THE "NOT NOW" "NOT EVER" CAMPAIGN BY WEARING BLACK ARM BANDS TO ACKNOWLEDGE WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO D&FV.

PROMOTIONAL STALL
THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2017

Come along to any of these events to help FWIFVS stop Domestic and Family Violence in our town
CUNNAMULLA RAMS SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INC

Cunnamulla Rams will be having their first home game.

When: 29th April 2017
Where: JKP (Footy Oval)
Time: 4pm

There will be a Bar and Canteen available
Come along and support the Rams for their first home game of the season.
Prep Teacher Aide: Jess Elliott

Where did you grow up?
Auckland, New Zealand

Why did you move to Cunnamulla?
My husband got a job here as a police officer.

What do you like about the school?
The parades.

What are some of your hobbies?
Dancing, reading and playing with my dog.

What's your favourite movie?
Tangled

What's your favourite subject?
Maths

What is your favourite food?
Potatoes

What is your dream holiday destination?
Canada

Do you have any pets?
One dog

Jess Vos: Secondary Maths Teacher

Where did you grow up?
Sunshine Coast

Why did you move to Cunnamulla?
For work, to teach at the school

What do you like Cunnamulla?
Because every day is different

What are some of your hobbies?
Reading and cooking

What's your favourite movie?
Requiem for a Dream

What's your favourite subject?
Literacy Media

What is your favourite food?
Chicken

What is your dream holiday destination?
Canada

Do you have any pets?
One cat called Biscuit
Practice:

- Say one nice thing to a different person every day this week.
- Write a note to a family member thanking them for their role in your life.
- Replace “I can’t” with “I will try”
Classroom Profile: 3/5/6 Green

Mackenzie Boyd spoke to Mr Birchley to find out what his class has been up to so far this term.

What are you learning about in English and Maths this week?
In Maths we have been learning to count on 1 and in English we are practising reading.

What is something interesting that has happened in this class recently?
We are working together to make a tree for the show.

What is something that has made you proud?
Every student has come to school every day this term.

Student Snapshot

Lawrence Widgell

What grade are you in? Year 7
What do you like about this school? The sport
What is your favourite subject? HPE
Do you like the new uniform? Yes
What's your favourite TV show? Looney Tunes
What's your favourite food? Apples
Colour in the picture and bring to Miss Vos to enter the colouring in competition.
Cross Country

**Time & Date:** The day will start with Assembly at 8:30am on Friday 5th of May

**Where:** Cunnamulla P—12 State School. The track goes around the nature walk over the bridge.

**When:** The seniors run from 8:50am to 10:00am, juniors run from 11:00am to 12:40pm, ball games from 1:15pm to 1:55pm and a teacher and student Tug O War at 2:15pm

**The Track:**

![Cross Country Track Map](image-url)