From the Principal’s Desk

School Improvement Review

On Tuesday 9th August our school completed our 2015/16 School Improvement Review. The review was completed by the School Improvement Unit (SIU) based in Brisbane. A team from the unit visited every three months over the past year to ensure a narrow and sharpened focus on our key priorities including attendance, reading and building staff capability.

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, Regan Neumann, Noel Searight and Allan Whitfield spent two days in the school observing and working with students and staff to gain a clear understanding of what we do to ensure success at school. At the end of the day the review team provided us with a verbal report about their findings. It was pleasing to hear the feedback which included many positives and recommendations for ongoing success.

As a leadership team we are looking forward to the final report being sent in a few weeks’ time but a big congratulations to all staff and students for their hard work. Let’s keep the good work happening so we can achieve to our highest standards in everything we do.

Principals’ Cluster Meeting held at Cunnamulla P-12 State School

On Monday 8th August 11 Principals from our cluster, Andrew Brandon (Assistant Regional Director), Steve Francis (Happy Schools), Roger Cavanagh (Data), Cass Ahern (Cluster HOC) and Cecily Zeppa (Head of Curriculum/Coach) all attended our cluster meeting which was held in our school library.

The meeting enabled all visitors a chance to experience great Cunnamulla hospitality for the day. The meeting agenda focused on cluster moderation, the cluster HOC role, a data session with Roger and our guest speaker, Steve Francis, led us through two sessions on leading an Effective Change Process and Effective Team work in Schools.

It was a very informative day with a lot of professional dialogue around our key priorities and how to ensure we are catering for every child in our schools.

Our next Principal meeting will be held in Eulo.

Dates

22/8—26/8
Book Week

22/8—2/9
Performing Arts visit

24/8
Surf Lifesaving presentation: P–6

26/8
C’mulla Fella Festival Morning Tea

31/8
School photos

1/9—2/9
Regionals Carnival—Chinchilla

**Week 6 Winners!**

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**Week 6 Most Improved!**

Tarni Thomas

Back from left: Kelliani Maxwell, Peppa
Student Interview:

Peta Kirby

Peta is in the Prep/Year 1 class, and is known for her vibrant personality.

What is your favourite colour? blue
What is your favourite football team? Bulldogs
What is your favourite food? fish & chips
What is your sports? soccer
What do you like doing after school? Going to the pool.

Teacher Interview:

Mrs Jessica Vos

As of the 5th August, Mrs Vos has been on maternity leave; all of us at school wish her well on her current venture!
Before she left, she was interviewed by Jemma Thomas.

What is your favourite movie? ‘Requiem for a Dream’
How long have you been at Cunnamulla state school? 18 months
What is your favourite Music? Indie
What is your favourite Football team? West Tigers.
What is your favourite colour? Yellow.
What do you like about Cunnamulla state school? It’s always fun!
During Week 5, Term 3, the Optometrist Michael Young conducted vision screens for students. All students behaved admirably and should be proud of their following our school expectations. Michael will contact families directly if your child or children require further vision assessment. If you do not hear from Michael, you can assume that your child’s vision was fine on the day of testing.

In Week 6 of this term, Dakota, an audiologist from Clarity Hearing Solutions, conducted follow-up hearing assessments for students who required reviews, or are new to the school. Cunnamulla is very fortunate to have this support for our students, as hearing plays a massive part in the learning and language development of our children. Audiology reports will be sent home with students as soon as we receive them. Dakota will visit again in November.

Did you know…..

... continual ear infections, leaking ears or re-occurring perforated ear drums, can cause permanent hearing loss?

Did you know……

.... recommended follow-up with the GP can assist with the treatment of glue ear, and other ear infections.....

......which can help your child with their learning and language development.
On Monday 15th August, students from Years 4 to 7 were invited to train with the Western Bulls cricket team. They spent time increasing their batting, fielding and bowling skills with these athletes, finishing with a short game. All students showed great enthusiasm for the sport, displayed wonderful comradery to their team-mates and followed all of Cunnamulla P-12 State School’s expectations. It was an enjoyable day, and we hope that we see all the wonderful lads from Western Bulls sometime in the near future!

Several students have gone on the second shearing camp for the year. Koli Tangi-Tangi, Tristan Drury, Brett Murphy and Steven Mitchell went to Clover Downs with Laurie Bateman for two days. During this time, they increased their skills in shearing, wool handling and lamb marking. This camp aims to increase students’ ability to work in teams, gain confidence in their personal skills, and create future goals, alongside the shearing. When interviewed, Brett said the best thing about the camp was the food.
The Year 10 students attended this evening to be informed on possible subjects and future prospects entering into their Senior years. They were privileged to have Pauline Peters discuss what was required of students to gain a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12, with the aim on every student succeeding. Cody Crawford from Queensland Health and Craig Egan, the Director of Nursing at Cunnamulla Hospital, discussed various traineeship opportunities for these students—of which quite a few are available in the community currently. All students left the information session with a decision to what subjects they would undertake during their final years of schooling and head-start their future career ventures!
The ‘Deadly Sports’ day was run last Tuesday, 16th August as part of the Toowoomba PCYC Indigenous Sport and Recreational Program and South West Indigenous Network (SWIN). The delivery of this sporting program is to increase sportsmanship, learning athletic skills and building self-esteem, while being inspired by successful athletes in a variety of sports. Students in Years 3 to 7 from the Cunnamulla P-12 State School, Sacred Heart and Thargomindah State School were invited to participate in this event. The day included eight rotations of different sports, including Basketball, Netball, Indigenous games, Tennis, and Football. Each rotation was run by an athlete who has had competed, or is still competing, at a National or International level. Some of the students’ favourites were Beryl Friday,

Yr4/5/6H are pleased with their awards from cricket super-star Anna Paton.

Yr4/5/6B impressed softballer Kelly McKellar-Nathan with their sportsmanship.

Beryl Friday watches on while the Yr7’s show-off their netball skills.
Cate Natalie Campbell was born on the 20th of May 1992 in Blantyre, Malawi. She is 1.86m tall and weighs 67kgs. Cate is a freestyle swimmer and her coach is Simon Cusack. Her family moved from Malawi to Australia in 2001 and she took up competitive swimming. Cate has 5 siblings and is the oldest, and all the girls compete together. Cate has been competing at Olympic Games since 2008, and has won two bronze, a silver and two gold medals. She has been successful during this year’s Rio Olympic Games, bringing home two of those medals.

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The final medal tally for this month’s Olympic Games in Rio ended well for Australia, coming in ninth place out of the 205 participating countries.

Michael Phelps, the 23-time Olympic gold medallist, has finally announced his retirement after five Olympic Games. The thirty-one-year-old’s inspiring journey is drawing to a close after starting his career in the 2000 Olympics, where he was the youngest male to make the United States Olympic swim team in 68 years at the age of fifteen. Finishing off on a high at this month’s Rio Olympic Games, Phelps has decided to retire.

Fun fact: Phelps is 193cm tall, but his arms extend out to 204cm! The average shoe size for a person the same height as Phelps is 12 – but he is two sizes larger by being a size 14 – giving him a competitive advantage.
Congratulations to all the students who have been following our school expectations, and received awards on assembly this week!

Jazara Hooper and Shelbee McAuley-McKellar are always keen to read!

Heidi Jones and Pipah Collins working hard with Susan Morcom.
THE PELICAN RIDDLE:

I am the beginning of everything, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end, and the end of every place. What am I?

Answer in the next Edition of the Pelican

Student Work! Featuring: P/Yr1

Mitchell Biggs, Charlie Marshall and Pippa Osborne with the P/Yr1’s underwater creation.
Name: ____________________