



### **Principal's Message**

Welcome back to another exciting and busy school term. We hope all the students had a wonderful Easter break spending time with family and friends. Included in this week's newsletter is a term calendar with some important dates and events on it.

Relieving Principal  
Mr Lindsay

### **Welcome Mrs Price**

Mrs Price will be working with K-2 this term in the absences of Mrs Le Poidevin who has taken some Long Service Leave. Mrs Price will still be working with the 3-6 on a Thursday and Mrs Lowdewijks will work with the K-2.

### **MSSN Public Speaking**

During the last week of school, The MSSN Public Speaking Competition was conducted at Mudgee Town Hall. A huge congratulation to all students who performed their speeches on stage in front of students from many of the small schools in our network. Many of our students took out the major awards.



### **ANZAC Day**

Thank you to students, staff and parents who participated in the Kandos ANZAC Day March. It is important for our young people to take part in important community events. Well done to our captains, Jaiden and Blainey, who took part in the official ceremony. Thank you to Mrs Lowdewijks for arranging the wreath for the dawn service



### **Easter Hat Parade**

On the last day of Term 2 we had our Easter Hat Parade, Easter Raffle and Easter Morning Tea. The effort that went into making the hats was fantastic. Thank you to the P&C for conducting the raffle and congratulations to those who won one of the many prizes.

### **Opportunity "C" Class in 2018**

*To parents and caregivers of Year 4 students:*

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2018 is about to begin. The nearest OC Class is a Cudgegong Valley Public school in Mudgee. Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Important dates are as follows: Wednesday 26 April 2017: Online applications open Friday 12 May 2017: Online applications close Wednesday 26 July 2017: Opportunity Class Placement Test Parents will be able to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schoolsand-opportunity-classes/year-5>

### **Mother's Day Stall and Raffle**

Mother's Day stall will be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Presents range from 50c to \$6.00.

The Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Tickets will need to be back at school by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. There will also be a raffle just for students. Tickets are 50c each

A special thank you to our local businesses in Kandos and Rylstone for their donations towards our Mother's Day raffle. – Shine (Clothing and

Accessories), Cuts, Colours & Curls, The Lollypop Shop, Ned & Bels, Carolyn Williams and the Brown family.

### **P & C Meeting**

The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday (25<sup>th</sup> May) commencing at 5:00pm.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN assessments will be conducted during Term 2 Week 3, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May till Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May will be a catch up day for students who are absent and miss any of the assessments.

### **Cross Country**

Cudgegong Zone Cross Country will be held in Rylstone on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Students who are turning 8 years old this year and above will be provided with the opportunity to enter into their age race. 8/9 year olds will be required to complete the 2km course while the 10/11/12/13 year olds the 3km course. Transport and supervision is to be arranged by parents. Staff are unable to provide supervision for the students during the event as they are assigned tasks on the course.

### **Library**

Library borrowing will be on Thursdays this year. Please remember to bring a library bag (a pillowcase is ideal) to help protect our books. Please return books regularly.

### **Book Club**

Book club orders need to be back at school by 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Catholic**

Any baptized child from the Ilford area in 2017 who wants to receive first Holy Communion, reconciliation or confirmation please contact the Mudgee parish office on 63722122 or [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au). The parish is happy to help children and families with the Mudgee office overseeing the Kandos area.

Farther Tony Hennessy, Parish Priest.

### **Happy Birthday**



Happy birthday to Matthew who turns 10 on 1st May and to Lincoln who turns 7 on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## WHALE ESCAPE

Flippers in grey skin, whipping, whipping,  
Voices humming, sharp teeth chipping,  
Huge body pumping, air-hole blowing,  
Speed of blurry grey disappearing...

Stops, thinks,  
something's close  
Is the shark body that deadly?  
Can it smell you? Can it eat you?

Fast glide-  
Grey zoom-  
Escaped.

By Finn

## Sprinting Emu

Wings in brown feathers, sprinting, sprinting, beaks  
sharpened,

long necks standing, small eyes blinking, rough- feet  
jumping, coat of great brown blazing...  
Runs, jumps. Animals looking. Are the animal's eyes  
that big? Can they chase you? Can they kill you  
Fast sprint-brown prints- lost.

By Ziggy

## Mouse Moves

Whiskers in silver tips, twitching ,twitching,  
eyes moving, delicate feet pattering,  
long nose sniffing, sharp ears sensing,  
body of tree brown swishing...

Halts,watches.  
Someone's here.  
Is that noisy sound an animal?  
Is he being watched? Is someone here?

Fast run-  
it's done-  
disappeared.

By Reine

## Dates to Remember

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May – NAPLAN

11<sup>th</sup> May – Library Van

12<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day Stall

18<sup>th</sup> May – Zone X-Country

19<sup>th</sup> May – RDO

## VentiShadow

Eyes in grey clouds, shifting, shifting,  
Fingers twitching, jagged teeth clipping,  
Long arms stretching, crater-hands clamping,  
Cape of torn white slanting...

Halts, waits.  
Someone's near.  
Is the demigods aura so sincere?  
Does he know you?  
Can he help you?  
Dark stream-  
Faint scream-

Saved.  
By Jett