Dear School Community,

It was very remiss of me not to welcome our new student in our last newsletter. Welcome Oscar McNiece! Oscar has settled in very well at Currawa and we are very happy to have him. He even gets Mr Cleary’s bad jokes!

Week four of Term 3 is upon us already and our final four weeks will be dominated by camps, sporting days and excursions. This leaves you three weeks of relative normality before our six Grade 5/6 students head off to DOXA Urban Camp for the week… Please check the calendar for further details.

Our Sporting Schools Program, run in conjunction with Dookie Primary School, has begun and has been organised as well as we possibly could have in the time we have been given. We only found out that funding had been approved in the second week of this Term and I think organising two different sports (AFL & Hockey), both during and after-school, and in this short period of time, has showcased what we can do when we put our minds to it. Having said that, there have been some issues with timely communication and family logistics and I would ask for your patience and willingness to support us until these issues get ironed out. We do envisage that the Sporting Schools program for Term 4 will be organised much earlier and give families time to make this great initiative work.

Currawa participated in a CSIRO Science Cluster Day last Wednesday at Katandra West Primary School. The presenters (CSIRO scientists), hosts (KWPS) and the ‘toys’ that our children got to play with were amazing and included infrared thermo-cameras (valued at $20,000), light meters, energy usage meters, wind turbines, light globes, solar panels, switches and a carbon dioxide measuring device. The theme was ‘Sustainable Futures’ and focused on themes such as ‘reduce, re-use, recycle’, energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, the evolution of ‘seed to plate’ and all of the renewable and non-renewable energy that is required along the way. Our children had a fantastic day of socialising and learning and I am happy to report that not only our lime green beanies were commented upon favourably – the science knowledge of our students stood out just as much!

I would encourage all parents to pay final amounts owing on our upcoming camps and I need to know by tomorrow, final student and parent numbers for Mt Hotham. Please let me know if the information listed below is not correct:

- Blackmore – 1 Student + 1 Parent,
- Boyd – 2 Students + 1 Parent,
- Davidson – 2 Students + 1 Parent,
- Chauhan – 2 Students + 1 Parent,
- Hamilton – 1 Student + 1 Parent,
- Helps – 1 Student + 2 Parents,
- Holland – 2 Students + 1 Parent,
- Jhajj – 1 Student + 1 Parent,
- McNeill – 1 Student, and
- McNiece – 1 Student + 1 Parent.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.

* Teamwork * Curiosity * Enthusiasm *
CALENDAR

AUGUST
- Tues 4th - Opera Cluster Day
- Wed 12th - MARC (Library)
- Tues 18th - Open Day Dookie Children’s Centre
- 24th to 28th - Cluster Camp (DOXA Urban Camp: Grades 5 - 6)
- Wed 26th - MARC (Library)

SEPTEMBER
- 1st to 4th - Cluster Camp (15 Mile Creek: Grades 3 - 4)
- Wed 2nd - School Council meeting
- Mon 7th - MARC (Library) swap
- 8th to 10th - Mt Hotham Camp (Whole school)
- Fri 11th - Athletic Sports
- Tues 15th - AFL 9’s Cluster Day
- Wed 16th - School Photos
- Fri 18th - BPACC Performance ‘The Owl’s Apprentice’ / Last day of term 3

OPERATION CLUSTER DAY
Tomorrow (Tuesday, August 4th) we will be involved, on campus, with a performance by Opera Australia of Hansel & Gretel. The remainder of the day will include BluEarth activities and a visit from a Paralympian athlete.

EGGS
Our chooks have been quite productive, so we have for sale eggs @ $5 per dozen.

HOT DOG/DIM SIM LUNCHES
Student lunches will continue to be run on Wednesday this term.

DOXA CAMP (Grades 5-6)
DOXA Camp is fast approaching and we require all forms and the payment of $210 to be returned as soon as possible.

15 MILE CREEK CAMP (Grades 3-4)
The cost for 15 Mile Creek Camp has been finalised at $200 per student. Could you please organise the payment of this amount as soon as possible.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Parent Opinion Surveys were sent home with the last newsletter. Thank you to those families who have completed the survey and returned it to school. We have prided ourselves with 100% returns over the last few years, so we would appreciate all families participating once again. For those families who have yet to complete one, we have until the end of this week for them to be returned. If you have misplaced the survey we do have some spare ones at school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The school is participating in this program - so keep collecting your ‘Earn and Learn’ stickers from Woolworths.

Leo for following periscope instructions, creating a fantastic graph and for keeping a neat science journal.

Ted for performing his collaborative learning team role as speaker extremely well.
Kellie's kitchen involved making a stir-fry and rice paper rolls - using fresh ingredients from our school garden and adding some fresh chicken and prawns that Kellie provided.