Dear Parents & School Community,

Our new school uniform has been ordered and sent away for embroidery and I must say that I can’t wait for them to arrive! I think they will be a very smart addition in preparation for our Centenary celebrations. In addition to these new school polo shirts, polar fleeces and jackets, we have also decided on a new winter tunic for the girls. We have included pictures of our very own model to display these new tunics and order forms have been distributed with this Newsletter. Thanks to Katrina for the work she has done providing samples and helping with the orders.

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to the Jhajj family on behalf of the Currawa school community. Neeta has accepted a job as the new Lab Technician on campus with Melbourne University and has enrolled her son Deep at Currawa. Dave will be joining the family soon from Sydney and we wish them all the best settling into life on the Dookie Campus.

We also have some new school pets that will be starting school sometime this week. Kellie and Max have been busy over the weekend building a new chook pen to house two school hens. We will allocate monitors to look after our new enrolments, feed them our lunch scraps and to eventually collect the eggs. We have also just planted our autumn/winter crops in the Vegetable Gardens so omelettes may be on the menu for Term 2. Thank you to Kellie and Max for their huge contribution to our Kitchen Garden. Thanks must also go to Pam and Jack for their help with preparing the garden beds last week and with finishing the sorting of our school library.

Our Currawa students were lucky enough to participate in a Cluster AFL clinic last week that saw four Carlton players visit Congupna Primary School. Students prepared questions to ask the players, competed in a Cluster handballing and kicking competition, got their signatures and had a school photo taken with the players. The players were Carlton captain Marc Murphy, Dennis Armfield, local Kyabram rookie Nick Holman and Cameron Wood. The players were very generous with their time and answers, and all students enjoyed the day.

We have some important dates coming soon so please put them in your diaries:

* Rosalie and I will be attending The Patch Primary School in the Dandenong Ranges on Monday 16th March to see first-hand an exemplar Science School. This date will be a Curriculum Day,
* The School Council Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th March and this meeting will include School Council elections and tabling a draft of the school’s Strategic Plan for 2015-2018,
* We have our Term 1 Welcome Barbecue on Friday 20th March. During this Welcome Barbecue we will also be farewelling one of our parents, Surinder, who is returning to India to complete his study commitments, and
* We have a number of excursions coming up in the following weeks that will build on what we have learnt in Science this Term. Please see the Important Dates section in this Newsletter.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to encourage all school council members, parents and members of our school community to pledge their support in running our Centenary Celebration weekend. The Centenary Organising Committee has been working very hard in the lead up to the event and it is only seven weeks until the first weekend after the Easter School Holiday break. All preparations are in order but the Committee would like to be reassured that we will have ‘all hands on deck’ to help with things like setting up, decorating, catering for afternoon tea and cleaning up.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.
## CALENDAR

**MARCH**
- Mon 2nd - MACC Art
- Thur 5th - Dookie Greenstone Excursion
- Mon 9th - Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 10th - Responsible Pet Ownership
- Wed 11th - MARC Library
- Thur 12th - Sacred Stones Workshop
- Fri 13th - Aquamoves Cluster Day
- Mon 16th - Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)
- Wed 18th - School Council AGM @ 6pm
- Thur 19th - The Rockery Gem Museum
- Fri 20th - Welcome/Farewell barbecue
- Wed 25th - MARC Library
- Fri 27th - End of Term 1

**APRIL**
- Mon 13th - First day of Term 2
- 17th, 18th & 19th - Centenary

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### WELCOME / FAREWELL BARBECUE

The Term 1 Welcome/Farewell Barbecue will be held on Friday, March 20th starting at 6:00pm. Catering arrangements are as follows:

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### FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT

The wind on Neptune is so fast it breaks the sound barrier.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

The School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00pm. All office bearer positions (President, Vice-President and Treasurer) will be declared open for nomination and an election will take place.

### AQUAMOVES CLUSTER DAY

A cluster fun day will be held on Friday, March 13th at Aquamoves. This is a day for our students to socialise with the students from the other schools in our cluster. A permission form is attached outlining the details for the day. Please return the permission form by Friday.

### WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP - MT HOTHAM

A whole school camp to Mt Hotham in September is being run in conjunction with our Primary Connections Science Program. We will be attending with Undera Primary School. The draft itinerary looks fantastic and will give our students an affordable opportunity to visit our amazing Alpine environment. We require a (non refundable) deposit of $100 for all students and parents attending. This deposit goes towards the accommodation costs for the camp and needs to be paid by Friday, March 20th. Thank you.

### The Evolution of AVA AND ANDY

**Friday 30th January**

**Friday 13th February**

**Friday 27th February**
Scientist of the Week
Feb 23rd

Maisie for her fantastic contributions in group discussions and her magnificent labelled diagrams.

Leo for the pride he takes in his science journal and for always using a title and date.

Gardener of the Week
Feb 23rd

Hannah H. for being very helpful in gardening and listening carefully to instructions.

Scientist of the Week
Feb 27th

Fletcher for his excellent contribution to class discussion on erosion and landscapes.

Dhairya for performing his role very well in his collaborative work team.

Gardener of the Week
Feb 27th

Dhruv for being a good gardening monitor.
Girls Winter Uniform

Currawa Chook Castle
Cluster AFL Clinic

Vegie Garden