

Term 3
Week 4, 2019

NEWSLETTER

Cedar Creek State School



I am a Learner

I am Respectful

I am Responsible

I am Safe

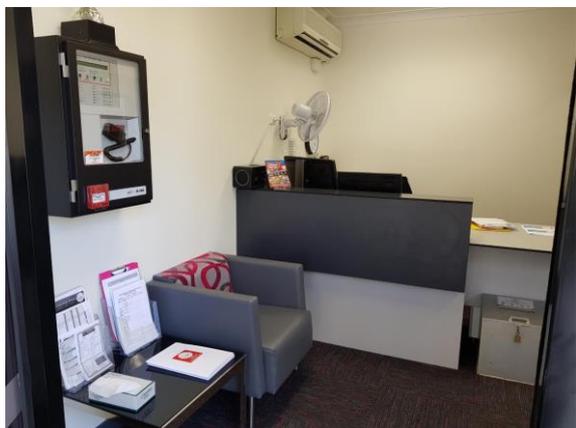
News from the Principal

New Admin Building

Office staff are all now working out of the new Administration area located beside the library. We are currently organising the school signs to be moved so they are pointing in the right direction. For families who are new to our school I thought I would share with you how and why our Administration area was changed.



Last year I was contacted by and met with South East Region (SER) facilities staff to discuss the facilities needs of our school. This discussion was not around the building of new buildings, but rather around refurbishment (due to the purpose of the funding sources available).



It was noted that an ongoing concern, was that the stairs restricted access to the Administration area by parents with prams and/or small children, elderly community members and parents, staff and students with physical impairments. (I believe this had been a concern of the school for many years.) We also discussed a plan to remove all of the old demountable buildings that contained asbestos.

The removal of these buildings would reduce the cost to the school for their ongoing maintenance. In order for the demountable buildings to be removed a further four classrooms would need to be built under B Block and the staffroom and book room would need to be relocated. Available spaces around the school for a new

Important Dates

Developing Strings Workshops
5 – 8 August

Ekka Public Holiday
Monday 12 August

Science Day
Wednesday 14 August

P&C Community Swap Meet
Sunday 18 August 10am- 2pm
School Oval

Scenic Rim Music Workshop
19 August for participating Strings
Students

Book Week Celebration Day
Wednesday 21 August

**Student Council Free Dress
for Story Dogs**
Friday 23 August

Vertec Adventures Final Payment
Thursday 22 August

Year 6 Bunnings Fundraiser
Sunday 25 August
Sausage Sizzle at Bethania Bunnings

Year 3/4 Incursion (Vertec Adventures)
29 – 30 August

**2020 Prep Enrolment Information
Session**
9am Wednesday 4 September

Year 6 Camp – Lake Ainsworth
Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 September

Term 3 Ends
Friday 20th September

Administration area, staffroom and bookroom were identified.

SER staff organised for concept plans to be drawn up in order to start the consultation process. Consultation with staff and the community commenced in 2018. Funding from the *School Infrastructure Enhancement Program 2018/2019* was allocated for the refurbishment of a new Administration area. We are very thankful to the SER staff for organising the funds, and for their management of this project. We would also like to thank again the members of the school community (particularly the staff and parents) who provided feedback as part of the consultation process.

Since moving to our easily accessible Administration area, we have had a reduction in the number of students tripping up the stairs, particularly our younger ones and we have received many positive comments about the change of Administration area. These comments have included:

- Parents commenting about how happy they are that they didn't need to leave their small child in a pram at the bottom of the stairs.
- Parents commenting that they didn't need to walk up and down the stairs, particularly when collecting a sick child.
- Community members commenting that they had a space to work when visiting our school.
- Students commenting that they like to have somewhere to sit when waiting in the office.
- Students commenting that we have a sick bay.

School Opinion Survey

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year's suite of School Opinion Surveys by providing their opinions about what our school does well and how we can improve. Each of the online surveys will be open until Friday, 23 August 2019.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home in a letter with students. The survey can be completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection.

Parents/caregivers who do not have access to the internet at home are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers/tablets will be available the new Admin building.

If you haven't received any survey access details by the end of this week or if your access details have been misplaced, please contact Kelly Hoffman on telephone 07 5549 7333 or email admin@cedarcreekss.eq.edu.au.

Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews

Thank you to the many parents who met with their child's teacher either during the Interview Evening or at an alternative time. It is important that we work with families to ensure students are getting the best possible education and we are catering for the needs of individuals. Please remember, you do not need to wait until advertised Parent, Teacher and Student Interview nights/sessions to discuss your child's progress or needs; you are welcome to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment at any time.

Prep 2020 – Enrolment Session – Wednesday 4th September

Was your child born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015?
Did you know they can start Prep in 2020?

Prep is the first year of school and provides the foundation for your child's education. It is compulsory for Queensland children to undertake Prep prior to Year 1. Prep is a full-time program in primary schools and has a defined curriculum. Children attend Prep, Monday to Friday, for the full school day. Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they enrol.

Uniform Shop | Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am
Tuckshop | Friday – First & Second Break
Absentee Line | 07 55497366

School Bank Details
BSB 064-401 | A/C 00090025
EFT & Cash | Thursday 8am

This year we will be holding Prep Enrolment Session on Wednesday 4th September at 9:00am. (A night session will be conducted at a later date). Enrolment packs will be available from the office at the start of August. As part of the enrolment process, **we must sight their birth certificate**. (This is an Education Queensland requirement for all state schools.)

Celebrating National Science Week

Next week is National Science Week and we are celebrating Science by holding our Science Day on Wednesday 14th August. Each class will spend the middle session (between 11:50 and 1:20) engaging in fun and exciting Science and STEAM activities. STEAM activities require students to develop and use knowledge and understanding as well as various techniques from Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics to complete set tasks and challenges. We welcome you all to come along to enjoy this session with your child and their class. More information will be sent home later this week.

P&C – Community Swap Meet – Sunday 18 August 10am – 2pm

This is a P&C social event, so please come along, either to have a chat and get to know other parents, swap or sell items or to just have a coffee and something to eat from one of the food vans.

Remember that this coming Monday 12 August is a public holiday for our school, so the school will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend.

Kind Regards

Jane

Jane Tuckett
Acting Principal

HOC News

University of New South Wales (UNSW) Global Assessments – ICAS Testing 2019

It's that time of year again, where students in Years 3 – 6 have an opportunity to sit the internationally recognised ICAS assessments (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) in writing, spelling, mathematics and/or English.

ICAS Assessments are assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level. (<https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments>)

These tests **are not** part of the school curriculum and are therefore **optional**. The tests take place on the following days:

- Writing: 11th September
- Spelling Bee 13th September
- English 18th September
- Mathematics 20th September

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This year, the ICAS tests will all be completed on computer, with the exception of Writing for Years 3 and 4. The cost for each test (whether digital or hard copy) is \$14.50.

Information and order forms will be coming home this week.

Lewis

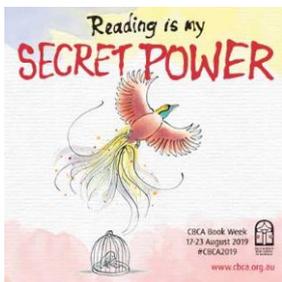
Lewis Parker
Head of Curriculum

Music – Choir Reminder

Choir is on every Tuesday morning at 8am in the Music Room. Students are expected to go straight to the Music Room as they arrive at school, even if coming from the bus or arriving late.



Book Week



On Wednesday 21st August we will be holding our annual Book Week Parade (commencing at 9:00am in Albert Hall) to celebrate Book Week! Students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character from a book they have enjoyed reading. The overall aim is to foster an enjoyment of reading and think about the characters in books. This Year's theme is "Reading is my Super Power" so you may even like to tie this in when considering dress-up ideas. On this day, classrooms will also run activities centred around books and reading. More information about Book Week will be sent home shortly.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The challenge is approaching the final weeks (concludes Friday 23rd August). Please support your child's reading and recording of books read on the Premier's Reading Challenge form. These forms are due back to school 23rd August so that your child's number of books read during this time can be registered on the website. If your child has misplaced their form, they can be issued with a new copy.

Both of these events highlight the critical importance of reading and fostering a love of books. It is never too early or too late to help your child build their reading skills.

Year 6 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – August 25

Come along and grab a snag from our Year 6 class who are fundraising for their end of year celebration. Bunnings Bethania, Sunday 25 August from 8am – 3pm.



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KEEBRA PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*Invites
current Year 5 students
out-of-catchment and in-catchment to*

**YEAR 7 2021
'HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY'
FRIDAY 9 AUGUST**

To register for the 'High School Experience Day'
contact Administration 5509 2555.
For further information contact
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