Principal’s Note
What a busy week we had last week! Students practising for NAPLAN tests, cross country races, thinking about art ideas for the CLC Art Exhibition, Mother’s Day poetry, touch football trials—the list goes on.

This coming week is another busy one. Lue students have so many opportunities to shine in many different ways, whether it be academic skills, sporting events, artistic flair or just by being a model example to others (and we have plenty of those in our school).

Caron McDonald
Relieving Principal, Lue Public School

Music Lessons for students in years 3 to 6
Subsidised guitar lessons begin this coming Thursday for students in years 3 to 6. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the attached permission slip and return it to school with payment.

NAPLAN
Students in years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN tests next week. An information session for parents/carers will be held on Thursday afternoon straight after school to answer any questions you may have about the tests.

Cudgegong Zone Touch Football Trials
I had the pleasure of taking Bryce Robinson, Jackson Griffin and Zac Stewart to participate in the Cudgegong Zone Touch Football Trials last Friday at Glen Willow in Mudgee. The boys had a super afternoon, developing their skills and trying out for a team position amongst students from many other schools. Decisions will be made in the next few days about which students made it onto the team. Whether they do or don’t, our Lue boys gave it their best shot and were an absolute credit to our school. Well done Bryce, Jackson and Zac.

Mobile Library Van
The Mobile Library Service will be back at school this coming Wednesday. Please make sure your child brings their library books back to school. We are encouraging all our students to make an extra effort to read at the moment as they are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Have a look at the ‘why read at home’ snippet below to see just how much of a difference 20 minutes reading each night can make to reading skills and vocabulary levels.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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✰Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
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✰Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(May and Hamle, 1932)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.
Live Life Well @ School

Being active is an important component of a healthy lifestyle. After a long day at work and school, it’s often the last thing we really feel like doing but encouraging those important messages now results in healthy habits for your children as they grow older.

Why reduce television time?

Studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still. TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours. TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity. There is an association between TV watching and being overweight. 40% of children aged 5 – 12 years report watching an average of two hours or more of television or DVDs a day.

Screen-free things to do

Limit your child’s screen time to no more than one to two hours a day. This includes television, electronic games and computer games. Offer alternatives to watching TV, until new, healthy habits are created. Some alternatives are:

- listen to music
- draw a picture
- ride a bike
- make a scrap book
- jump rope
- do a crossword
- learn to juggle
- play hopscotch
- go to the park
- play cards
- read a book
- hula hoop
- play with your pet
- learn a magic trick
- plant some seedlings
- learn to knit

Important Dates

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Oskar Sander

Oskar has been trying really hard in school. Well done, Oskar!

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P&C Meeting this week

Our first P&C meeting for term 2 will be held this coming Wednesday (6th May) at 3:30. Look forward to seeing you there!