Dear Parents/Guardian

Tomorrow, the school photos for 2013 will be taken. These photos are for all children and they will be taken by Cliff Dykes Photography. There will be class photos, individual photos and family photos for those who request them. All students are to be in full summer uniforms for the photos. Any class who has P.E. on the day can bring their P.E. uniform to school to change into after their photos. Photo envelopes have been sent home and these must be handed in tomorrow. Any enquiries about photos after Thursday, will need to be directed to Cliff Dykes Photography.

**Swimming**

Recently, the Cowra District Swimming Carnival was held at Grenfell and our students did particularly well with many broken records and personal bests as well as several District Champions. Many of our students gained representative places in the District squad.

This Friday, 8th March, the Western Region Carnival will be held in Dubbo. Good luck to all the students from Mulyan who will be competing at this event. We look forward to hearing about their personal triumph when they return.

**Cowra Festival of International Understanding**

This week is the Cowra Festival of International Understanding and we will once again be taking part in this community event. We will have our work displayed in the windows of Harvey World Travel and Collins Shoe Store, highlighting the host country, Sri Lanka and we will also be represented in the Festival Parade on Saturday morning. We would like as many students as possible to join us for this parade and be a part of the float. Notes have already been distributed with details about this event but, as a reminder, all students who wish to join us, need to meet our float near Brougham Park at 11.30am. They can wear clothes in the colours of Sri Lanka or cricket whites. Some children will be on the float and some students will be walking. The parade commences at 12 noon and after going down the main street, will conclude at River Park at approximately 12.30. All students are to be picked up from this area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

**School’s clean-Up Day and Waste –Free Lunch Week**

The School’s Clean Up Day was due to take place last Friday but unfortunately, due to the poor weather, we have had to postpone it till this Friday.

Hopefully, the weather will be kinder and we will be able to clean up the school and the local area. Children are encouraged to bring gloves on this day to help with the clean-up. As well this week, we are encouraging all students to bring their lunch and morning tea in containers that can be recycled or re-used. In this way, we are hoping to reduce the amount of waste in our school. Please encourage your child to use containers that are re-usable or recyclable.

**Star of the Month**  
*February*  
**Hannah Stone**

**Young Achiever of the Month**  
*February*  
**Jamaica Prouse-Mallie**
**Hockey Gala Day**

On Friday, 15th March all of our students in Stages 2 & 3 will be taking part in a Hockey Gala Day at the Cowra Hockey fields. This will be a great opportunity for our students to take part in a sport that many of them have not taken part in before. Notes have been sent home already and parents are more than welcome to come along and join in the fun.

**P&C**

At last week’s P&C meeting, it was decided that the Annual General Meeting will be held from now on at the March meeting. At the Annual General meeting, all positions will need to be filled.

The P&C plays a very important role at our school in not only raising funds for much needed “extras” but also supporting and highlighting the school in the local community. Some of the “extras” that have been purchased as a direct result of P&C fundraising activities include - each class has an interactive whiteboard, a class set of iPads which all children use, numerous readers and reading books, subsidising all children to visit the Life Education Van, sports equipment including gym mats etc. and beautification of the school grounds plus many more.

The P&C can only function effectively with the support of parents so I urge you to come along and get involved. The Annual General meeting will be on Wednesday, 27th March in the staffroom.

**District Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the Mulvan Swim team who had an extremely successful time at the Cowra District Schools Swimming Carnival held at Grenfell on Thursday, 21st February. We came away with 4 out of 6 age champions and most of the children continually received 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their events.

Age Champions were:

- Hugh Gillhan - Jnr Boys
- Chelsea Apps - 11 years Girls
- Jade Browne - Snr Girls
- Ben Gillham - Snr Boys

The team that will now travel to Dubbo on the 8th March for the Western Region Carnival include:


At the carnival, Ben Gillham broke the following District Records:

- 8-13 years All Age 100m freestyle
- 12 years boys 50m freestyle
- Boys 12-13yrs 50 breaststroke
- Boys 12years 50m backstroke
- Boys 12years 50m butterfly

A member of the Senior Boys relay team.

**Primary Disco**

**When:** Wednesday, 13th March

**Time:** 7pm to 9pm

**Cost:** $5 drink, entry & treat included

**Theme:** Tropical or Bright

NB: Parents please pick your child/ren up promptly at 9pm.

**Random Act of Kindness Awardees**

Allie Melhuish
Brayden Turner

**Dates to Remember**

- 7th March: School Photos
- 15th March: Hockey Gala Day
- 13th March: Stage 2 & 3 Disco
- 21st March: 5/6 Netball
- 27th March: Infants Hat Parade
- 29th March: Public Holiday
- 1st April: Public Holiday
- 4th & 5th April: Stg 2 excursion
- 9th April: Peachey/Richardson Shield
- 12th April: Last day of term

**Junior Netball Competition**

**Where:** Col Stinson Park

**When:** Saturdays starting from 6th April 2013 5-7 yrs 11am -
12noon, 8-12 yrs 10.30am-12noon Uniform: Cowra Netball shirt. Black netball skirt. Cost: 5-10 yrs $50, 11-12 yrs $95
5-10 years olds will be part of our NetSetGO program and will also receive a participant pack. Registrations will be taken on Saturday 9th March at River Park following the Festival Parade and Saturday, 23rd March at Col Stinson Park from 11am to 2pm.

**Soccer**
Cowra District Soccer team trials are being held at Col Stinson Park on Tuesday, 12th March at 4.30pm with Chris Baratto.

**Friends of Meal on Wheels**
Meals on Wheels are looking for people to become ‘Friends of Meals on Wheels’ & are hoping to get 1000 friends. Please help us achieve our goal by completing the Friends of Meals on Wheels form and returning it to Cowra/Grenfell Meals on Wheels. (form can be collected at school) or visit the Facebook page. Contact number is 6342 4165.

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**Canteen News**
Hello from the Canteen!
I would like to thank all of the parents, carers and teachers for baking and donating scrumptious home made goodies for our last Red Day. Without your generosity and baking skills, the day would not have been the success that it was! A special thank you to Megs Licious Cakes who donated 2 dozen gorgeously decorated cupcakes - the Mulyan School Crest cupcakes were the most sought after treats of the day.

Speaking of donations, the canteen is looking for donations of glad wrap, foil, baking paper, lunch bags and plastic cutlery. Tinned (& jars) items such as salmon, fruit, milo and vegemite are also needed plus fresh fruit and vegetables. Without your support, the canteen would not be able to keep our prices down and even the smallest donation is appreciated.

Thanks

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**Book Fair**
The All Star Book Fair will be held all next week:
- Monday 11th March till Friday 15th March.

The Book Fair will be open:
- before school
- 2nd half of lunch
- after school till 4pm

**Bookclub**
Bookclub orders are due back at school on Tuesday, 19th March
The Mulyan Public P&C is a great support for our school, providing much needed equipment such as readers for classes, interactive smartboards for every classroom and a class set of iPads for children to use. Without its support, the school could not run as many educational programs that we do.

Swimming Caps Donation
Some of the Mulyan Swimming team modelling their new swim caps which were kindly donated to the team by Mrs Jane Gillham

Mrs Murray took a small group of Mulyan students to the ceremony for the unfurling of the Aboriginal Flag which is now permanently flying at the Civic Centre.

MAYOR SPEAKS TO OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

Mayor Bill West spoke to our School Captains and Vice-Captains about being a mayor and the responsibilities of the job. He also gave them hints on being good school leaders. We thank Mayor West for his time.