Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Education Week**

Last week we celebrated our school's efforts to improve teaching and learning as part of Education Week. This year the theme for Education Week was local heroes. Mr Chomicz presented an entertaining talk at our school assembly about being a volunteer firefighter with NSW Rural Fire Service. We also reflected on how our students are heroes by taking risks everyday with their learning. Our K-2 students self-direct their own learning by choosing literacy activities that they complete independently and our 3-6 students show collaboration, critical thinking and resilience when facing challenging inquiry questions.

We also took the time to acknowledge our staff as local heroes. All of our staff are willing to give up their time for our students and are extremely caring. They are constantly seeking out ways to improve learning experiences for students and make school fun. This was evident in the wonderful educational experiences that were occurring during our open classrooms.

Finally we recognised the heroes that get our students up and ready for school everyday. It is our parents and carers that help their children with homework, ask about their school day and develop their child's love of learning. Our parents also do a wonderful job fundraising through the P&C, volunteering as helpers in our classrooms, run the canteen, organise the uniform shop and have started school banking.

**New Learning Spaces Opened**

Our new flexible learning space has opened in the double classrooms closest to the staff car park. This learning environment provides classes with a multipurpose space. There is a variety of furniture including large pillows, back packer seats, low tables, stools, jelly bean tables and ottomans. The furniture can be moved around to allow students to work collaboratively, think creatively and use their imaginations. The space supports our students to take greater accountability for their learning.
School Library Mini Makeover
Dinosaurs aren’t the only new things to liven up our library. Mrs James has been extremely busy changing the library to offer students a flexible learning environment. New furniture, coloured mats and of course - more quality books have flooded the library, making it an exciting learning space for everyone.

Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers
Congratulations to our parents who completed the PaTCH program for 2015. These four parents have demonstrated a strong commitment to developing their own knowledge of to support children with their learning. The parents completed a formal training program and worked within classrooms to support student learning. These women are excellent role models for lifelong learning and advocates for all children. Well done!

We have so much to be proud of as a school community. Great work CPS!

Celebrating your achievements and applauding your triumphs is a sure way to refuel your enthusiasm and keep yourself motivated for future endeavors -Roopleen.

Ms Nicole Wade
Principal

Safe School Pick Up and Drop Off
It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents are displaying unsafe driving behaviours when dropping off and picking up their children before and after school.

Please ensure that you DO NOT:
• double park, perform illegal u-turns or speed through our school zone,
• park your vehicle on Burkhart Place. This street is actually an entry and exit point for emergency vehicles into our property and needs to remain clear in the case of an emergency,
• drive into the school car parks. This car park is for staff only and delivery trucks.

Also remember that the school is a smoke-free zone. Some parents have been smoking in the pathway leading to the school gates from Underwood Street.

I appreciate your support in keeping our children safe before and after school.

Ms Nicole Wade
Next Wednesday is our annual Book Week Parade and the scholastic Book Fair will be running Monday to Wednesday next week! Hope you are madly sewing and gluing or have been online ordering some fantastic book week character costumes to parade in! The day will run as follows:

8.30am - 9.00am – Library open for browsing/purchasing books from the Book Fair.

9.00am - 11.00am – Students in class as normal.

10.50am - 11.20am – Picnic lunch with our parents/caregivers – The P&C are putting on a fantastic sausage sizzle so make sure you pre-order!! Order forms were sent home with this newsletter.

11.20am - 11.30am – Parents find a spot around the COLA to watch the parade while the students return to class and get ready.

11.30am – We are done – BOOK PARADE TIME!! Each class will take a turn parading around under the COLA with a book or a sign in their hand showing who they are. After each class has had a go, best costume for each class will be announced and certificates given. Winners of the colouring in competition will also be announced.

Students will then return to class to continue their learning.

***MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FILLED OUT YOUR PARENT SURVEY BECAUSE THE GIFT VOUCHERS WILL BE DRAWN !!!***