NEW STAFF MEMBERS

This week we have some new faces around our school.

Mrs Trudi Roberts  Mrs Carmel Munns  Miss Jessica Skinner  Ms Catherine Drysdale

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS VISIT
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Last Wednesday I had the opportunity of going to Binnaway to watch the best swimmers from our school compete against the best swimmers in the district for places in the zone team which will swim at Armidale in mid-March.

The quality of the performances was pleasing but equally pleasing was the attitude and behaviour of those involved. They were a credit to our school and should be well pleased with both their achievements and the way they conducted themselves during the carnival. Congratulations to all of you but especially to Darcy Clifton and Fergus Atkinson who were Junior and Eleven Years Boys Champions on the day.

On a totally different note I’d like to welcome Mrs Trudi Roberts, Mrs Carmel Munns, Miss Jessica Skinner and Ms Catherine Drysdale to our staff. Mrs Roberts will be replacing Mrs Barkley as one of our Assistant Principals. In her first year she will only be working three days per week and to fill the other two days per week in the assistant principal role Mrs Silk will also join the executive. Mrs Munns, Miss Skinner and Ms Drysdale will fill various roles in the school.

Canteen News

Volunteers are needed to help in the canteen to assist with making the children’s lunches. If you have time to help between 9.30 and 10.30 please call the canteen to let us know what day is suitable for you. Thank you.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 28th February
Friday 1st March
Monday 4th March ............J Wallace
Tuesday 5th March ............Z Smith
Wednesday 6th March
Thursday 7th March
Friday 8th March

Whats on at CPS?

Mon 5 Mar: Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Mon 5 Mar: Zone swimmers of to Armidale
Fri/Sat 6&9 Mar: Coonabarabran Show
Thurs 21st Mar: Grandparents Day
Wed 3 April: School Photos

P&C News

Coonabarabran Public School P&C held their AGM on Monday 18th February and the following executive positions were filled.

President: Sallie Turner
Vice Presidents: Leesa Kelly and Venessa Houley
Secretary: Raylene Bonello
Treasurer: Sarah Jackson

We are accepting donations of Easter Eggs for this year’s Easter Egg Raffle. Please leave your donations at the school office. A big thank you to Amanda Hoffman for her help with the raffle tickets.

The P&C provide many services and conduct many fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for the school. We can only continue to do this with our wonderful parent and carer volunteers. We understand that parents and carers are busy and may not be able to join the committee and attend meetings but we would still appreciate those people who would be willing to assist in certain fundraising events. Our events for Term 1 are Grandparents Day and the Bunny Bazaar Stall.

If you are able to assist and would like to be put on a list of people we may ring for volunteers, please complete the form below and return to the school office. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact Sallie Turner, 0422 981 199, or Raylene Bonello, 6842 5882, to discuss where you could help.

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Name: ________________________ Phone: ________________________

Where I can help: ________________________
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KC  Blain Clarke  Painting an interesting monkey.
     Hannah Evans  Making a pattern in maths.

KM  Kayla Campbell  Giving great news.
     Samuel Johnson  Fantastic artwork.
     Jolyon Somervaille  Trying hard and doing his best work.
     Ella Atkinson  Recognising some of her turtle words.

1A  Aleah Martin  A great start to Year 1.
     Isaac Menz  For being a very settled class member.
     Kayla Smith  Being a very responsible 1A member.
     Dakota Dumas  Knowing all her sight words.

     Connie McGlashan  For being a ‘5 star’ student and producing ‘5 star’ work.
     Allwyn Park  Having beautiful, neat book work.
     Demeeka Watters  Confidently settling into her new school.

2I  Toralee Watters  For settling into school well.
     Chloe Schmidt  Doing all her work beautifully.
     Darryl Hollis  Being a beautiful quiet, hard worker.
     Erin Devenish  Being a quiet worker and always doing her best.

2N  Alex Rice  Welcome to CPS.
     Ella Hammond  Welcome to CPS.
     Emma West-Kuras  Wonderful Knight’s recount.
     Jerome Andrews  Persistence with all of his work.

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Coonabarabran Public School Parent Teacher Conference

Date: Wednesday, 6th March, 2013
Time: 4pm - 7pm
Where: Your child’s classroom

All Teachers and Executive Staff will be available
• Bringing your child is optional, but they remain with you.
• No appointments, you will have about 10 minutes with your child’s teacher
• Go over your child’s learning plan.
• See your child’s Maths Teacher as well as any other Learning Support Teacher.
• You have an opportunity to make an appointment for a longer appointment at a later date if you need to.

At the conference, Parents
• Remember that interview time is limited (usually about 10 minutes).
• Come prepared with your questions or concerns.
• Avoid small talk.
• Discuss serious concerns immediately.
• Request specific examples to illustrate any concerns the teacher has outlined.
• If you are not clear about what the teacher has just told you, ask for an explanation.
• You can always request another time on another day to discuss your child further.
On the 20 February the Newcastle Knights came to the school to help with the bushfire appeal. The Knights arrived in style in a Westpac rescue helicopter. They hopped out and introduced themselves, Kirt Gidley, Wayne Bennett, Jarrod Mullen, Matt Hilder, Robbie Rochow, Chris Adams, Jeremy Smith, Allan Tongue “Tongue“ and Willy Mason.

We got split into groups to do different activities such as scoring tries, races while passing the ball through your legs etc. Then they gave us all a signed hat. After that if you had brought a gold coin you could get a sausage sandwich and a drink. All of the money was donated to the bushfire appeal.

We all had a great day with the Knights and lots of fun.

By Angus Lambert.

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**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

*Bring some gloves this Friday!*

To help keep our environment clean, and to raise awareness of the importance of keeping our environment clean, Coonabarabran Public will be joining in the annual Clean Up Australia Day this Friday 1st March 2013.

Please encourage your child to bring a pair of suitable gloves on Friday.
Library News

Library Days
All students are able to borrow on the following days, students in K,1 and 2 will need a library bag

KC & KM - Thursdays
1A & 1E - Mondays
2N 2I - Thursdays
3A - Wednesdays
3H - Tuesdays
4S & 4K - Wednesdays
5/6W & 5/6M - Tuesdays
5/6C - Wednesdays

Dance Group
If you're interested in dance and would like to join in a fun activity on Thursdays - second half of lunch - come along and join the Dance Group in the hall. We'll be practising with a view to a performance on Grandparents Day and then the Gunnedah Eisteddfod.

No experience necessary.

Uniform Shop News

This year the uniform shop will be doing something new, I will be still opening on Thursday mornings between 8.45 and 10.00, but this year I will also be taking orders via email and accepting payments via PayPal as well.

So if you send an email to coonapsuniform@gmail.com, with items required, size, child's name and class and I will send you an invoice, which you will then pay and I will send the items home with your child.

Also I will no longer be taking any old style girls summer uniforms or jumpers, and I'm desperately seeking girls shorts, winter tunics, long sleeved shirts and long pants size 4 - 6.

Thanks, Sallie Turner

Coonabarabran Junior Rugby League and Netball Registrations
Thursday 28th February & Thursday 7th March
At Youth Club 4pm – 5.30pm
Cost $5.00
Training every Friday 3.45pm
Play – every 2nd Sunday 10 am to 12.30
Guaranteed 3 games per day.
U6's, U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's
5/6 M Class Focus

This term we have been busy learning all about Space through a range of both directed and student led activities. In groups students are working together to create a wall display by researching a planet each. These are starting to look very colourful and include all sorts of interesting information about the planets.
5/6M have also been putting their creative talents together to create a master piece for this years Coonabarabran Show display, make sure you look for our canvas.

This week’s key to success is resilience and our class key captain is Rya Cain, she will be responsible for changing the “Key to the door of success” this week and encouraging her class mates to be resilient.

In class we are studying Colin Thiele’s classic novel Storm Boy, everyone is enthralled in the story and has lots of questions about what will happen next. The unusual names of the characters has raised some great discussions and we are yet to find out the names of the three pelicans. Can you name the 3 P’s?
SPORT NEWS

The PSSA Zone trials will be run a little different this year in that a number of trials will be run on the same day. The first of these days will be held on Friday of this week in Mendooran. The children will have school trials the same as years gone by but will travel to one venue for the zone day. This Friday will see the trials for Hockey, Tennis and Basketball. Friday the 8th March will see another trial day being held at our school. The trials for this day will be touch footy, netball, League and Soccer in the afternoon. Again school trials will run at our school prior to the day. The children who are chosen to represent our school at these trials will be given a permission note. After the trials a zone team or individuals will be chosen and notes given out with organisation to the next level.

SPORT THIS WEEK

Stage 3 will stay at school this week and participate in school trials or skill based activities. Stage 2 will go to the pool for water activities. Stage 2 children will need to bring their swimmers, towel, money for entry to the pool, sunscreen and hats.

Swimmers Show Their Style at Binnaway

Last Wednesday Binnaway Pool was the venue for this year’s P.S.S.A. Zone Swimming Carnival. The day was very warm as the best swimmers in the zone showed their wares in ideal swimming conditions.

Our school provided two champions on the day, Darcy Clifton (Junior Boys) and Fergus Atkinson (11 Years Boys), both of whom swam beautifully.

Other successful swimmers from our school, who now have the opportunity to compete at the Area Carnival at Armidale in March in individual events, include Marcus Colontonio, Charlie Isedale, Robert Evans, Harry Willoughby, Johnathan Evans, Briama Tighe, Tessa Smith, Sappirah Knight, Jemma Tilborgs, Matilda Harris, Hannah Deshon and Hayley Duncan.

Additionally, the Junior Boys and Girls and Senior Boys and Girls Relay Teams all earned the right to compete at Armidale with their performances.

Keep training hard. We wish all the competitors the best for that day.
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Lots of bargain boxes!
Contact: Sally Turner
0422 981199

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Free for Kindergarten,
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Available to all students
in the town limits.
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Cost $1 per day if ineligible for free travel.
More info: 6842 2763

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of fun and good times with
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Gold coin donation

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Phone: 0439 855 832

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Good luck to all Pony Clubbers
this show season!
Contact Rebecca Moxham
ph: 6844 1609

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River Road
Ph: 6842 1292
every Friday afternoon
3:30 - 5:00pm