There was some strange activity in the playgrounds of our school last week! Most students noticed odd footprints all over the school on their arrival at school on Thursday morning, showing definite signs of overnight intruders! The footprints were found on teacher's desks in their classrooms and even through Miss Skinner's window!!!

There were many theories circulating the school about the mysterious footprints until two strange figures, whose photograph is shown above left, were seen running and laughing through the playground holding baskets of chocolate Easter Eggs!

Later the two bunnies made their way into each classroom to deliver chocolate and good wishes to all students over the Easter break!

Later on Thursday morning, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 enjoyed Level 1 activities, including chalk drawing on the asphalt and concrete in the playground.

Level 1 activities are a reward for students who have displayed good behaviour and they enjoy some fun activities a couple of times each school term.

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Newton’s Lore

Coonabarabran Primary staff hope that all of our families had a wonderful Easter break, it was a bit of a rude shock coming back for two more weeks, even some of the students expressed their dismay at this on Tuesday. The good part of that is we have nine wonderful days left at Term 1 to finish off our current tasks and get ready for our two-week autumn break.

Pick up and Drop Off: this is always a busy time at our school and although we cannot avoid the shared nature with George Street being used for pedestrian, car and bus traffic, it is important to stress the rules to your children, especially if riding bikes and scooters. Children need to have a clear idea of how the crossings work for them, and many are under the assumption that all will stop no matter how quickly they scoot across the road; they think will be seen. Many are unaware that they need to walk bikes and scooters across the road. Please talk to children about this over the next few weeks.

Aiming for Excellence

Niamh Whittall

has received the Aiming for Excellence Award for the following reasons ...

Niamh is an outstanding young lady with a smile that lights up the room. She is an organised, hard-working student who puts in 100% effort.

Niamh consistently follows the values set out by the school’s ‘You Can Do It’ program and is a valuable leader and role model at Coonabarabran Public School.

Niamh continues to impress her teachers and her peers with her bubbly personality and she is a pleasure to teach.

Keep up the fantastic attitude, Niamh! Well done!

Personal Best Award

Ned Isedale

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Ned is maturing into a lovely young man and has shown huge improvements in his attitude towards school this year.

Ned is a helpful and friendly class member who is eager to please. His standard of work has improved greatly over the years he has spent in my class and it is a pleasure to work with Ned for the third year in a row.

Keep up the fantastic effort! Ned! Well done!

Personal Best Award

Chelsea McNeily

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Chelsea has tried extremely hard this term and always comes to school with a smile on her face. Chelsea endeavours to be Organised everyday, and she is Persistent with her work.

Chelsea gets along well with her classmates and teachers and has begun to show great Resilience throughout this term. She is showing increasing confidence with her participation in class and is a delight to teach. Chelsea is to be congratulated on receiving her Personal Best.

Strive to Achieve

Aroha Durand

has received the Strive to Achieve Award for the following reasons ...

Aroha is a kind, caring class member and is always helpful and welcoming friend setting a courteous, respectful and responsible example for all at her peers.

Aroha is an enthusiastic participant in all subjects and works very hard to complete all tasks to a high standard.

Congratulations Aroha for always having a bright and positive attitude and making 6/6M such a friendly place.

Personal Best Award

Maddison Shoobert

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Maddison has made a great start to the new school year with a fresh and positive attitude.

Maddison is settled in class and always tries to do her personal best at all set tasks.

Maddison listens carefully to instructions and works cooperatively in Groups.

Maddison is a kind and well mannered member of 5/6M, making her a pleasure to teach.

Personal Best Award

Nils Thomas

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Nils is a cooperative and polite student and is always organised for class.

Nils gets along well with others and is a kind and thoughtful friend.

Nils has been working well in class and is producing some pleasing work.

Congratulations on achieving your Personal Best!!

Personal Best Award

Hannah Evans

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Hannah is a determined and persistent learner. She always treats others with respect and is great at getting along.

Hannah always shows resilience at school and is to be commended for her efforts.

Hannah is a responsible and mature kindergarten student. She shows confidence when attempting all set tasks.

Personal Best Award

Jimmy Whalan

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Jimmy is a conscientious worker who is capable of producing work of a high standard.

Jimmy gets along well with his peers and is always polite and courteous to teachers.

Jimmy is a cooperative class member who is able to bring a smile and sense of humour to all activities he participates in.

Personal Best Award

Matthew Wood

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Matthew is a quiet and diligent worker who always tries to do his best. He has transitioned into Year 3 easily and has made progress this year in writing, spelling and mathematics, which shows his commitment to learning in the classroom.

Matthew has made a real effort this term to listen intently to instructions and begins work tasks with a minimum of fuss. He is building confidence in taking front of the class and joining in classroom discussions.

Matthew is a lovely young man who always remembers his manners and is a pleasure to teach.
Computer Network Changeover

Our school has had a computer network upgrade this week that has brought some minor disruptions to the classroom and office routine. This upgrade will bring our school into line with most other schools in the state and will lay the groundwork for future upgrades. We apologise for any disruptions or inconvenience this may have caused.

Class Focus on 2I

In 2I this term we have been learning about transport in HSE and in Art. We have been learning about what a transport system is and creating wonderful art works related to transport.

Students in 2I have surprised me with their fantastic art works and the wonderful artistic talents of the class overall is outstanding.

We were very lucky to have the Easter Bunny helpers come and visit us last Thursday. The Easter Bunny left a big footprint on Mrs Imrie’s desk and all over the carpet! We hope he apologised to the cleaner for making such a big mess! We were looking so forward to our special visitors, we made our own Easter hats so they would know where we were to give us some eggs.

2I was very lucky to have come 2nd in the school display at the Coonabarabran Show. We all drew something to do with our own houses. The end result is very colourful and is now an added attraction to our classroom.

Easter Raffle Winners

Mr Adam  C. Bowman
Darcy Clifton  T. Cacoi
Eunice Dickes  Rose Eriksson
Jesse Hawley-Bynnes  Michael Kincora
Michael Narcio  Michael Fink
Brett McGeer  Debbie Mason
Alley Richardson  Tristan Roberts
Ashleigh Smitt  Declan Stephen
Annette Vickery  Amanda Walton
Sophie Bunting  Chris Cole
Hannah Evans  Jo Isadale
Olivia Meier  Dusty Owens
Sharon Russell  Debbie Taylor
Grant Wood  Fanie Clarke

Lilly Burden  Daniel Crossen
Elisa Fearnley  Tegan Jackson
Hayley Petticord  Shabn Jelison
Atsuo Tsuchi  Ben Turner

The P&C would like to thank all students and their families who donated Easter eggs and Easter baskets toward the raffle prizes, and thank you also to all the people who purchased tickets in the raffle. Winners of Saturday morning’s Bunny Bazaar Raffle were Rechap (Leesa Kelly’s relative) and Jenny Webb. We hope the winners enjoyed their yummy prizes.

Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Competition 2013

Optional Theme: Wherever the Wind Blows

Closing Date: 30th June, 2013

Winner - $400, trophy & prize pack
Runner Up - $200 and prize pack

All poems must be student’s own work

Group poems accepted

Poems on any subject are accepted

Poems to be no longer than 80 lines, no illustrations, graphics or decorations to be included.

If you would like to write a poem and enter it in the competition, email it to Alison.Kurash@det.nsw.edu.au

Cross Country

Friday 3rd May 2013 from 9:00 - 11:00am @ Coonabarabran Golf Course

All students who are 8 years old and above will participate.

Order of Events:

12 & 13 year Boys
12 & 13 year Girls
11 year Boys
11 year Girls
10 year Boys
9 & 8 year Boys
8 & 7 year Girls

Soccer

Are you interested in playing Indoor Soccer during Term 2?

It is planned to be played at the Coonabarabran Youth Club on Wednesday afternoons commencing at 4.30pm for Infants teams and 5.00pm for Primary teams.

If you are aged between 5 and 13 years, you can register your interest to Nicole Goard by providing your name and DOB to:
nicole.goard@yahoo.com
or phone: 0429 617 273

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KS: Sonny Bill Walker  * Displaying resilience in the classroom.
KS: Damon Brezzo  * Showing confidence when presenting news.
KM: Lilly Burden  * Reading well to Mrs Salim.
KM: Travis Varly  * Reading well to Mrs Martin.
1A: Bonnie England  * Persistent work in counting by 2s and 5s.
1A: Josie Strong  * Writing great stories in her journal.
1E: Toby Mills  * Always trying his hardest with all school work.
1E: Tahleah Campbell  * A fantastic effort with home reading and homework.
2I: Indara Riley  * A fantastic weekend recount.
2I: Deon Andrews  * A wonderful effort with number work in maths.
2N: Kyan Howard  * An excellent recount on Easter!
2N: Klaira Chatfield  * Excellent sentence writing. Great use of describing words.
Netball News
Last Thursday, 28th March, Coonabarabran hosted a NSW Netball Schools Cup Day at the Coonabarabran Netball Courts. It is the first time Coonabarabran has hosted one of these days and it proved to be a great success.

Schools from Coonamble, Baradine, Walgett, Dunedoo and Coonabarabran were invited to nominate teams to play in a Round Robin competition. St Brigids Green from St Brigids Primary School, Coonamble, were successful winners of the day.

These ‘School Cup Local Days’ are an initiative by Netball NSW to encourage students from years 5 and 6 to enjoy netball in a fun, safe environment. Local winners will advance to Regional School Days, and then onto State Cup Finals to be played in Sydney in September.

The two teams from our school included six boys and eleven girls. All students enjoyed the day and showed sportsmanship while up against some very skilled and well drilled teams from other schools. The boys surprised everyone with their skill and enthusiasm for the game. Congratulations to the students who participated, who proved themselves to be great ambassadors for our school.

Thank you to Ashley Michael and Brittany Souza from Coonabarabran High School for umpiring on the day, to Denise, Anna, Paula, Deb and the ladies from the Coonabarabran Netball Association for organising and running the Canteen, and to Claudia from Netball NSW for organising the day. It would be wonderful to think we could make this an annual event.

What is Level 1?
As part of our Welfare Policy we have a 6 level behaviour code. At the start of each term all children will begin on Level 1. This level encourages and rewards students whose attitudes and actions meet school expectations. The fundamental assumption is that every child will be courteous, cooperative, responsible and a valued member of our school community.

Positive Consequences of Level 1:
1. Awards, praise and encouragement during class, buzzing stamps & merits. 10 merits can be traded for stickers on their “Buzz It Beehive” to be presented at assemblies.
2. Twice a term students on Level 1 will be rewarded in some manner, for example last week we saw students involved in chalk drawing activities and ‘Easter Egg hunts’ for Level 1 Reward activities.

Students who are placed on clipboard for inappropriate behaviour or behaviour contrary to our School Behaviour Code, will be placed on Level 2 or higher. This level remains current for 8 school days, after which students return to Level 1.

Students are also given 1 or 2 days detention time, which is designed to give students reflection time and withdraw them from the playground during lunch playtime.

Students may increment to higher levels if there is a second offence within a week, or for more serious behaviour offences. If students reach Level 6 it is usually for serious or dangerous behaviour, or after repeated uncooperative and disruptive behaviour. These students usually have shown little effort to improve their behaviour.

Level 6 can result in suspension, at the discretion of the Principal, who will contact parents to discuss their child’s behaviour. On return from suspension, students will return to school on Level 4.

If parents need any further information or clarification, they are encouraged to contact Mrs Silk or Mrs Pincham.
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Free for Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2
Available to all students in the town limits.
Primary students have conditions applied depending on distance travelled.
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More info: 6842 2783

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Coonabarabran Physical Culture Club
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Classes from tots to adults.
Contact: Leanne McWhirter
Phone: 0439 833 832

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* guaranteed 3 games per day
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* U6's, U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's
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Entries open for Coonabarabran Pony Club’s April CDCODE @
www.nominate.com.au
Next Rally Date:
Sunday 7th April
Contact Rebecca Moxham
ph: 6844 1609