Stage 2’s Excursion to the Warrumbungles

As part of their unit of work on National Parks Year 4 enjoyed a two day, with an overnight camp, in the Warrumbungle National Park on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October. After much preparation of tents and food and the myriad of other things needed for an overnight camp for 38 Year 4’s the bus departed for the National Park.

Once the tents were pitched at Camp Walaay near the Environmental Education Centre we set off on our walk around Gould’s Circuit. The bus dropped us at Camp Pincham and we began the pleasant walk along Pincham Trail.

Everyone had a rest break and a snack before we turned left and began the climb up to Macha Tor. The walkers were excited by the increasing steepness of the trail and impressed with view of Belougery Spire and the Breadknife and wildflowers growing along the track. Once we reached the rise we could then see the Observatory and after a further short walk we were at the base of Macha Tor. Everyone scrambled to the top and we could see the amazing 360 degree view of the Warrumbungle National Park.

Lunch was eaten at the base before we began the walk back down. The students could now see the change in the environment caused by the bushfire as the trail was now very different to the walk to the top.

Back on the Pincham Trail we all appreciated the downhill walk back to camp. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing around the campsite or relaxing in tents. An exciting “Race Around The Camp” (ie, Treasure Hunt) was held and a sausage sizzle and fruit with custard were on the menu for dinner. After a trip to the showers, a campfire was held with singing, doughboys and marshmallows before it was back to the tents and lights out. Everyone was up with the birds the next morning and after a hearty breakfast and pack up we walked over to the Warrumbungle Environment Education Centre. Here we rotated through three activities. One was the popular dip netting in the nearby creek. Another was the creative arrangement of sticks and the third was the scientific investigation of UV radiation.

Back at the camp we had lunch, the tents were pulled down and the bus loaded. Once we got back to school we unpacked the bus and cleaned and put everything back away. Mr Adam, Mr Hardy and Mrs McKernan were extremely pleased and impressed with the behaviour of all students involved. Year 4 are grateful to the huge team that made their camping trip possible but would especially like to thank Mrs Mack, Mr Ginn and Mr Hannah for being such a great help.

We’re on the Web! View online at: www.coonabarab-p.sCHOOLS.nsw.edu.au
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

In a couple of weeks’ time the school’s annual walkathon will be held. This is the school’s only annual fund raiser held for the express purpose of supporting our sports program. Money raised goes towards things such as purchasing sports equipment and subsidising the costs of transporting students to sporting events. Involvement in many sports would be restricted for many students because of costs if not for the funds raised at the walkathon.

I ask that you support the walkathon and encourage your children to find as many sponsors as possible in the lead up to the day and then encourage them to walk as far as possible in the available time on the day. Remember all money raised benefits all students who do sport at this school.

P&C News

The P&C are preparing for the annual pilgrimage to the Crooked Mountain Concert on Saturday 8th November in the Warrumbungle National Park...our last fundraiser for the year. If you are going to the concert, P&C will have lots of glowsticks available for sale at their stall.

The Uniform Shop has a special on the older style Girls Summer Uniforms. They are $2.00 each. The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Canberra Excursion Fundraiser

Thank you to everybody who took part in the recent Commonwealth Games lunch deal.

The fundraising was very successful and will contribute a great deal toward the bus hire for our Canberra excursion.

A big thank you to Mrs. Meyers and her hardworking team for organising the fundraiser and making sure every student’s order was fulfilled.

Early Bird dates for your calendar

22nd Oct: Early Birds Transition Fair 4-6 in School Hall
11th Nov: Last Early Birds with Presentation Assembly at 11:45am

Parent sessions - 9:00 - 9:30am

21st Oct: Eliza Webster Speech Therapist
28th Oct: Looking at literacy program (L3) with Sharyn Cox
4th Nov: Helping your child with reading & numeracy at home
11th Nov: Getting ready for school

Please contact us if you have any questions.

What’s on at CPS?

15 - 16 Oct: PSSA Athletics @ Homebush
Fri 17 Oct: Cricket Fun Day @ No. 3 Oval
Fri 17 Oct: Year 6 Science Day at High School
Mon 20 Oct: 2015 Prefect Selection begins
Wed 22 Oct: Early Bird Fair - 4:00 - 6:00pm
Wed 22 Oct: Year 6 Maths Day at High School
Fri 31 Oct: Walkathon

Canteen News

This week’s Little Lunch Special ... Vegemite and Cheese Scrolls only .50c each
Icy Pole time, we have a new Paddle Pop flavour ... Dragon Popper - $1.60

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Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KH: Orlando Kershaw  * For a great first week in your new school.
KH: Willem Ernest  * For settling into his new class so quickly.
KS: Klancy Owers  * Always trying her best in writing.
KS: Lakiah Chatfield  * Fantastic efforts in reading.
1A: Charlee Strong  * A huge improvement in Reading and Maths.
1A: Nathanael Hartberg  * Being enthusiastic about problem solving.
1E: Sonny Bill Walker  * For being a persistent, hard-working class member.
1E: Jolyon Somerville  * For putting 100% effort into all L3 stations.
2l: Kamari Pettiford  * Beautiful work in Maths and Writing.
2l: Kayla Harris  * A fantastic information report.
2N: Wyatt Ernest  * Welcome to CPS and well done in your first two weeks.
2N: Celeste Magee  * Her wonderful attitude to learning.

Walkathon

This year’s Walkathon will be held on Friday 31st October.

Students in Years 3 - 6 participate and sponsorship collection sheets have been sent home with these students.

Please encourage and support your child in their participation in this activity. All money raised in the Walkathon goes toward our school’s sports program to buy new sports equipment and subsidise bus travel to sporting events throughout the year.

The Walkathon is held during normal sport time on Friday afternoon and students do laps around the school grounds, with each lap being recorded. Students really enjoy the Walkathon and look forward to it with enthusiasm.

SUMMER 6's

FOOTBALL, SUN AND A WHOLE-LOT-A-FUN!

Get out with a group of friends and play Summer 6s football. Play serious ... or play for fun, with Premier, Competitive or Social grades. 6 A Side Soccer

Mixed Social Competition starts October 22nd, 2014

Registration on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, between 6:30pm and 7:30pm at Coonabarabran Youth Club.

The competition will run between 22nd October 2014 to 1st/April 2015

Junior (ages 9 - 11): 5:00 - 6:00pm
Senior (ages 14 +): 6:15pm onwards

There will be 4 Junior and 4 Senior teams if numbers are adequate. Each team must have a minimum of 2 female players.

Cost:  $15 for Currently Registered Juniors
      $25 for Unregistered Juniors
      $30 for Seniors (age 13 & above)

Enquiries to Malcolm Harby, 0842 1163, or Rob McMillan, 0428 472 698
WANTED

North West SSA Representatives in 2014

Do you, or your parents, have any digital photos of you and/or your team mates representing North West in 2014? I am looking for a range of photos to use in a slideshow presentation to be shown at the 2014 North West Presentation Lunch.

If you do have any photos, and don’t mind sharing them, could you please email them to me at:

richard.rowlings@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your assistance.

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Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $67 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02
An insight into 5/6 A

Julie Anderson

Confidence is something the student’s in 5/6A are constantly working on, and the way they have returned to school in Term 4 is proof it is developing.

5/6A have developed their Confidence by encouraging each other to “have a go” when something is difficult or new, and by lending a hand to assist their school friend through a challenging situation. Class discussion informed me of other moments that develop Confidence which are; when you are noticed, achieving a goal, being rewarded, having your classmates cheer, and the list goes on........

Developing Confidence allows the students to be happy within themselves which leads to a much more productive and enjoyable learning environment.

Term 4 is going to be a very exciting term, and a time for Confidence building as it is orientation time at the High School. The students will be experiencing several High School lessons in Science and Maths which will assist Year 6 with their transition for next year. We also have an excursion to Canberra planned for Week 8 which ties in with our unit on The Australian Government. So far the students have found this an interesting topic which has created lots of fruitful discussion, research and creativity. 5/6A have worked artistically on a wonderful display of Caricatures of Australian Prime-ministers which they really enjoyed. Names and faces of leaders in our country are becoming more familiar for the students as we progress through the unit.

We have lots to do and only 10 more weeks to do it in, so, keep up the good work 5/6A and keep smiling because that tells me you have Confidence.
Next Wednesday the 22nd of October between 4 and 6pm Coonabarabran Public School will be hosting our Early Birds families in the school hall.

This is a great opportunity to meet staff, chat to the P&C, orientate yourself with the school environment and get your enrolment paperwork done.

To complete enrolments please bring Birth Certificate, immunisation details and proof of address (like a utility bill/license).

There will be a treasure map to fill in and a box of treasure to collect at the end! A light supper will also be available.

P&C Support K-2 Programs

The K-2 staff and students were very excited last Friday when our new Maths equipment, outdoor mats and hoops arrived.

The P&C have purchased this equipment for us and we are very thankful for their continued support of student learning.

Prefect Elections 2015

The Prefect Election process will begin on Monday 20th October with a grade meeting of all Year 5 students at 11:20am in the School Assembly Hall.

Following this meeting, all Year 5 students will be entitled to nominate 10 students they wish to nominate for Prefect selection.

On Thursday 22nd October the candidates will be announced and Mrs Pincham will then explain to those students nominated about the speech they are required to prepare and present to their peers in Years 3 - 6.

Speeches will be delivered in Week 6 and the election of prefects to take place on the morning of Thursday, 7th November.

Prefects will be announced at assembly on Monday 10th November.
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Email your purchase request to: coonapsuniform@gmail.com
including your child’s name and class. An invoice will be sent by return email and items sent home with your child.
Sally Turner
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Coonabarabran Town Bus Service
Free for Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2
Available to all students in the town limits.
Primary students have conditions applied depending on distance travelled.
Cost $1 per day if ineligible for free travel.
More info: 6842 2733

Coonabarabran After School Care
5.15 - 5.30pm Monday - Friday
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Coonabarabran Public School students catch the Rocky Glen bus.
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Information pack available from
Sole Impression on John Street
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Fridays at 3:45pm
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for more information

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Coonabarabran Amateur Swimming Club
Get ready to start the new swimming season!
Training times and dates to be posted soon!

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Fun, Fitness and Friendship
Classes on Thursday afternoons & evenings
for ages 3 through to Ladies
Contact: Leanne McWhirter
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Next Rally Day
Sunday 26th October
9:00am Gear Check.
COONABARABRAN
Campdraft
1st & 2nd November
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