Dad’s Brekkie

A cool and cloudy morning greeted the many dads, granddads and uncles on Wednesday morning at the Dad’s Breakfast. They were soon warmed up as they enjoyed sausage or bacon and egg sandwiches expertly cooked and served by the staff.

Once they had their breakfast, including juice and tea and coffee, many teachers were available to run various activities. To keep everyone warm and active basketball was held on the multi-purpose courts. Circus games on the grass and games with the parachute were popular. Many then took the opportunity to visit classrooms.

Thank you to all the dads who came along to support their children at school and also our school staff for organising and running the breakfast.

Never underestimate the impact you have on the lives of these young people.

Early Birds and the Early Birds Fair

Over recent weeks the Infants department have been hosting Early Birds sessions for children who will commence school in 2015. The Early Birds program is a way to introduce school life to our young people so that starting Kindergarten is not such a daunting experience when serious schooling begins.

Next Tuesday’s Parent Session, between 9:00 and 9:30am, will focus on the L3 Literacy Program with Mrs Cox.

This afternoon our school is hosting the Early Birds Fair for parents and children who will commence Kindergarten in 2015.

The afternoon’s activities will commence at 4:00pm in the School Hall with lots of information available and activities for parents and 2015 Kinder students to do together, including a Treasure Hunt around the school!

We look forward to welcoming parents and our Kindergarten classes of 2015 to our school this afternoon.
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

It was great to see so many in attendance at last Wednesday morning’s Dads’ Breakfast. While numbers were down a little on last year the dads in attendance appeared to enjoy themselves and it was very obvious that the children enjoyed having them at the school. We plan to continue the popular annual event in the future.

Equally pleasing were the results from this year’s U.N.S.W. Maths Competition. While I want to congratulate all award winners I want to particularly acknowledge the achievements of Max, Harry, Fergus and Hannah who did exceptionally well in gaining Distinctions for their efforts.

P&C News

The P&C would like to welcome parents and Kindergarten students to the Early Birds Fair on Wednesday afternoon. The P&C will have an information stall at the Fair and each new Kindergarten student will receive a complimentary school hat to be collected from Grace’s Uniforms.

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.

School Uniforms

If you have any school uniforms in reasonable condition that you would like to donate to the school, we would very much appreciate it.

The uniforms we seek are not part of the Uniform Shop. They are kept in Sick Bay and used for children who need a change of clothing whilst at school.

Australian Folklore

An informative and humorous look at the legends and heroes that make up our Australian identity.

For: Students in Year 2 to Year 6
When: Tuesday 4th November 2014
Where: Coonabarabran Public School Hall
Cost: $4.00 per student

Early Bird dates for your calendar

11th Nov: Last Early Birds with Presentation Assembly at 11:45am

Parent sessions - 9:00 - 9:30am
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?

Mon 20 Oct: 2015 Prefect Selection begins
Wed 22 Oct: Early Birds Fair - 4:00 - 6:00pm
Wed 22 Oct: Year 6 Maths Day at High School
Fri 31 Oct: Walkathon
Fri 31 Oct: Year 6 Science Day at High School
3 - 6 Nov: Prefect Speeches at morning assembly
Tues 4 Nov: CHS students visit Year 6 at CPS
Tues 4 Nov: Australian Folklore Performance at CPS
Wed 5 Nov: Year 6 Maths Day at High School
Fri 7 Nov: Prefect Elections
Mon 10 Nov: 2015 Prefects announced

Canteen News

This week’s special ...

Back on the menu for Spring and Summer!

Fruit Salad - $3.50

Coonabarabran Public School
Newell Highway, PO Box 169
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357
Ph: 6842 1771    Fax: 6842 2416
email: coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
**Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards**

| KH:   | Toby Schmidt                          | For great work in his reading group. |
| KH:   | Rylah Parkinson                       | For always trying her best!          |
| KS:   | Macey Harris                          | Trying her best in reading.         |
| KS:   | Brooke Neal                           | Being an organised class member.     |
| 1A:   | Blain Clark                           | For being so resilient this week.    |
| 1A:   | Savannah Robbins                      | Fantastic writing and editing.       |
| 1E:   | Elsie Kearney                         | For taking great care of Scruffy.    |
| 1E:   | Shammyra Gall                         | Thank you!                           |
| 2i:   | Makayla Thomas                        | For consistently being a five-star  |
| 2i:   | Paul Clarke                           | student. Well done!                  |
| 2N:   | Ben Phillips                          | Tryng hard in reading.               |
|       |                                       | For trying hard to finish his work.  |
|       |                                       | For great classroom discussion.      |

**Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly Awards**

| 3R/H: | Antoinella Park                      | For showing increased confidence in |
| 3R/H: | Chloe Schmidt                        | all areas, particularly PAN.         |
| 3R/H: | Eliza Walker                         | For her interesting and imaginative |
| 3R/H: | Dylan Varty                          | work.                                |
| 4M:   | Will Turner                          | For her improvement with her writing |
| 4M:   | Tim Bennell                          | tasks.                               |
| 4M:   | Matthew Wood                         | For great improvement with his writing |
| 4M:   | Jana Webb                            | tasks.                               |
| 3/4H: | Taylah Dawson                        | Having the confidence to climb Macha |
| 3/4H: | Roman Kershaw                        | Tor.                                 |
| 3/4H: | Lochlan Campbell                     | Being very helpful on the excursion. 
| 4/5A: | Jack Smith                           |                                           |
| 4/5A: | Josie Bartlett                       | Having the confidence to climb Macha |
| 4/5A: | Todd Kelly                           | Tor.                                 |
| 4/5A: | Heaven-Leigh McAway Davis            | Being very helpful on the excursion. 
| 5/6A: | Koben Watters                        |                                           |
| 5/6A: | Byron Ritchie                        | Showing confidence hiking in the     |
| 5/6A: | Milly McEvoy                         | Warrumbungles.                       |
| 5/6A: | Ellenah Wall                         | Settling in well to his new school.  |
| 5/6C: | Benton Ernest                        | Being a caring friend on the bush    |
| 5/6C: | Breanna Menz                         | walk.                                |
| 5/6W: | Mason Connell                        | Showing confidence hiking in the     |
| 5/6W: | Josh Bunting                         | Warrumbungles.                       |
| 5/6W: | Glenroy Jackson                      | Confidently attacking activities.    |
|       |                                       | Great test results in Spelling       |
|       |                                       | Mastery.                             |

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

Sponsorship collection sheets have been sent home with Year 3-6 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 will be held during normal sport time on Friday afternoon.

**This Friday’s Sport**

**Stage 2** will commence their new sport program this week.

The new program includes tennis and basketball at the town oval complex, cricket at school and the walking activity.

The students who chose walking will go to the Showground and then onto the Cross Country Course behind the Showground.

The children who chose cricket will stay on the school grounds. Students playing tennis or basketball will need to have returned a signed permission note.

**All students** will need to wear a hat and bring a water bottle. Sunscreen will be provided.

**Stage 3** students will participate in regular class sport activities this week.
The 2014 Moorambilla Program was a huge success. Incorporating over 200 performers, including the 180 remarkable regional voices in Moorambilla Voices (incorporating 50 of the youth ensemble MAXed OUT) along with professional musicians from Australia’s leading vocal ensemble, The Song Company; TaikOz drumming group and players from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. This diverse and talented team performed in large-scale events in Baradine and Coonamble to capacity audiences, many of whom had travelled long distances for the opportunity to be involved.

The students involved from your school acquitted themselves remarkably and the praise they received for their behaviour, performance and commitment has been well deserved. There were many comments about the superb level of their singing, dancing and drumming; their tremendous energy and focus in performance and how wonderful they looked on stage!

You must be extremely proud of your young people and we hope they will join us again when we begin the celebration of our 10th Anniversary year of continuous delivery in the North West region in 2015. We will be getting in touch with you regarding our locally based skill development workshops in March/April, the camps in August and the Performances in September. We hope that your school will be actively involved again in 2015 – it is our 10 year anniversary!

To really soak up the atmosphere and the experience of this year’s program the following sites give a good picture of events:

Moorambilla Blog - http://moorambillablog.wordpress.com
Moorambilla Website - www.moorambilla.com

Moorambilla is excited about the ABC national documentary Outback Choir coming to TV later this year, and ABC radio will also be broadcasting the Gala Concert performance. You can find out all the details via our website.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle Leonard
Artistic Director, Moorambilla Voices
Ph: +61 448 80 89 03
email: voicesadmin@moorambilla.com

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**Key points to remember around schools**

4. **Hold your child’s hand**

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath - it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

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This road safety information has been distributed by the NSW Government - Transport for NSW - Centre for Road Safety, and is the third in a series of articles published in recent school newsletters.
Class Focus: KH enjoying Term 4 Learning Centres
Coonabarabran Junior Cricket Season starts with Milo T20 Blast Schools Cup

Coonabarabran Public School and St Lawrence’s Catholic School participated in a T20 Blast Schools Cup at No. 3 Oval in Coonabarabran on Friday 17th October. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 participated in the day. Twelve teams of eight players enjoying the fun development games.

The day was hosted by Cricket NSW staff, Kath Barber, Regional Development manager and new cricket promotional officer, Adam Mansfield, who has just arrived in Tamworth from the UK to play for the North’s Club this summer. The games were looked after by students from Coonabarabran High School who did an outstanding job at coaching, umpiring and scoring the game. At times throughout the day they even got to play in the Year 3/4 games to help inspire the new cricketers to play the game.

In the Year 5/6 division, we finished with joint winners on five games each. Coonabarabran Public’s No. 1 team were led by Darcy Clifton and Coonabarabran Public’s No. 3 team led by Chris. Teams in this division made record scores of over 100 on many occasions in the T20 Blast modified format.

In the Year 3/4 division, Kyan’s Public School team were victors with Fred’s Public School team in second place. The first St Lawrence team in the finals was led by Ruby. It was amazing to watch the young Year 3/4 players improve so much throughout the day as they learnt more about the game and improved their batting and bowling skills.

Students who participate on the day are now invited to get along to the local cricket program which is also hosted at No. 3 Oval on Thursday afternoons from 4:00pm. For more details about the local program which is targeted to players aged from 5 to 15 years, please call Jeff Abbott on 0428 634 032. The local junior association is hosting a junior program for 10 to 15 year olds. It kicks off at 4:00pm with a net session and then those attending go out onto the turf pitch on play a T20 Blast game of 10 overs. For the 5 to 10 year olds there is a modified cricket program which runs for an hour between 4:00pm and 5:00pm, where skills and modified games are played.

Thank you to both schools for supporting the day and special thanks to the High School boys who worked hard all day to ensure the younger students had an outstanding positive cricket experience.

Kath Barber
Regional Development Manager, Cricket NSW

Life Skills with Mr Lowe

We have another exciting menu lined up for this term. Leading up to the summer, we will learn to make a few salads to go with our assessment in Week 9, where we attempt to put on a BBQ for our parents and guardians. There is also a treat planned for Week 10 for those students who have been cooperative and respectful all term—a visit to a real restaurant in town and have a meal there!

I also point out for the Wednesday Group that we will be shopping on a fortnightly basis (even numbered weeks) depending on how hot the weather gets. If it gets too hot and sunny, we will stay at school and make a dish.

For those not in the Life Skills groups, perhaps use these ideas to plan a meal with your children and let them do the majority of the food preparation and cooking.

Mr Lowe

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Girls & Boys
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Email your purchase request to:
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Sally Turner
0422 981 199

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 2783

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3.15 - 5.30pm Monday - Friday
at St Lawrence’s School
Coonabarabran Public School students
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You could pay as little as $6.50 per day with CCB
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Crane St, Coonabarabran

Join Little Athletics this summer!
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Register online now at
www.laansw.com.au
Information pack available from
Sole Impression on John Street
at the Coonabarabran
High School Oval
Fridays at 3:45pm
Contact Simone: 0429 421 438
for more information

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

Coonabarabran Physical Culture Club
Fun, Fitness and Friendship
Classes on Thursday
afternoons & evenings
for ages 3 through to Ladies
Contact: Leanne McWhirter
Phone: 0439 853 832

Coonabarabran Pony Club
Next Rally Day
Sunday 26th October
9:00am Gear Check.
Coonabarabran
Campdraft
1st & 2nd November
Lucy Evans
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