School Swimming Carnival

The annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday with tremendous results and sportsmanship displayed by all students in attendance. The competition was very close with the Champion House winning by only one point! Congratulations to all who participated and performed well on Friday. All the best for this Friday in Binnaway!

The high achievers at the carnival were:

- Junior Boy Champion: Charley Isedale
- Junior Girl Champion: Olivia Meier
- Senior Boy Champion: Fergus Atkinson
- Senior Girl Champion: Tessa Smith
- 11 Years Boy Champion: Darcy Clifton
- 11 Years Girl Champion: Tameka McGlashan
- Champion House: Asteroids
- Spirit Trophy: Satellites

Novelty Carnival this Friday

This Friday, students in Years 3 - 6 who are not participating in the Zone Carnival in Binnaway, will enjoy a Novelty Swimming Carnival at the Coonabarabran Town Pool.

The fun and games will begin at 1:40pm when children will walk to the pool under the supervision of their teachers. Students will enjoy a variety of novelty events in and out of the water in a their house teams, before returning to school in time for buses at 2:55pm.

Children will need to bring:
- swimmers
towel
hat
long sleeved lightweight shirt or rashie
sunscreen
$2.50 Pool Entry Fee or their Season Ticket Number

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Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Congratulations to all those competitors who performed so well at last Friday’s swimming carnival. The effort and the attitude of all present on the day should be commended. Particular congratulations go to our champions, Charley, Olivia, Darcy, Tamika, Fergus and Tessa on a job well done.

This Friday the best of our swimmers travel to Binnaway to compete against the best swimmers in the district in the P.S.S.A. Zone Swimming Carnival. Keep training hard for that event. I wish all competitors the best for that day.

Student Absences

Please ensure if your child misses a day of school that a note explaining that absence is sent to school with your child on their return. Departmental policy indicates that unexplained absences are unacceptable. Even explained absences may come to the attention of senior Departmental officers if they become excessive.

At the end of each term the school has an attendance draw with a prize of a scooter going to the person whose name is drawn out. All students whose attendance record is satisfactory for that term go into the draw and have a chance of winning the scooter. Excessive absences and unexplained absences will rule your child out of the draw.

P&C News

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 24th February at 6.30pm in the School Staffroom followed by a General Meeting.

All executive positions will be declared vacant.

All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come along, join the committee and help contribute to providing services and raising funds for our students and our school.

Library News

This year the Library will be open at lunchtime.
The roster is Monday: Chess with Mr Lowe
Tuesday: Quiet reading and drawing
Wednesday: Quiet reading and board games
Thursday: Chess with Mr Lowe

This year Ms Mayes & our Library and Library lessons will be taught by Ms Mayes, Ms Clifton and Mr Whyte.

Students may borrow from the Library during their lesson and/or on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes.

What’s on at CPS?

Fri 21 Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival @ Binnaway Town Pool
Fri 21 Feb: Novelty Swimming Carnival @ Coonabarabran Town Pool
Fri 28 Feb: Basketball, Tennis & Hockey Trials @ Coolah
3 - 6 March: PSSA Boys Cricket in Sydney
T1, Week 10: Science Fair

Canteen News

This week’s special

Canten Pie and Focus Sport Water - $4.00

If you would like to help in the canteen to cut up fruit or make sandwiches, please call into the Canteen and let us know what day is best for you. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Mrs Coe

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We’ve jumped straight into Term 1 with great enthusiasm and we’re ready for a fantastic year in the OC.

We spent the first few days getting to know one another and preparing ourselves for the weeks ahead. Some great games were played in our classroom to help us learn one another’s names and to make our new class members feel welcome.

Mrs Crawley has already started setting a few challenges for us. We spent one afternoon working in groups to build a newspaper dome. Sounds easy… but we were only allowed to use newspaper and sticky tape and of course, there were specific requirements.

- It had to be self-supporting and stand at least 150cm tall
- A student had to be able to sit inside it

One group really impressed us with their construction, building the base out of rolled up newspaper first, and then building the outside by constructing triangles and joining them together.

All of 5/6C are partaking in ‘Reading Cats and Dogs’ this semester which is a great little challenge that Scholastic are running. For every ten minutes we read, we are earning books for children in less fortunate countries and it feels great to know that we will be helping them enjoy something that we all love!

We are about to start reading the ‘Once’ series by Morris Gleitzman and Mrs Crawley is confident that we will all love the four books. We are studying them in conjunction with a ‘Global Connections’ unit which focuses on Australia’s links with other countries and the basic human rights of all human beings.

Science is all about ‘Micro-Organisms’ this term and we are all very keen to learn about this topic which has been introduced to Stage 3 with the new curriculum.

It won’t be long before the CPS Radio Shack is up and running again so keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter for broadcasting times.

We look forward to sharing more about our class in future editions of the school news!

Photographs:

Top: Carlen and his group showing their impressive building skills
Bottom: Harry and his group trying to tackle the difficult task
Dear Parents,

In a few weeks Coonabarabran Public School will be having its tenth Science Fair and we look forward to having as many children from K-6 participate as possible. It will be on display during Week 10 of this term (March 31st - April 4th) in our school hall.

What is a Science Fair? *A place where children get together to show everyone the science projects they have done.*

What is a science project? *An investigation you do to find the answer to a question.*

- Think of a QUESTION.
- Make an HYPOTHESIS: a guess about what you think the answer might be; you may need to do some research first.
- MATERIALS: make a list of things you will need to test your hypothesis.
- Plan out a PROCEDURE for testing your hypothesis: List step by step directions of what you did.
- You should test more than once.
- Record your OBSERVATIONS of what happens.
- Your answer to your question is your CONCLUSION.

**QUESTION**......................Question about what I want to find out  
**HYPOTHESIS**..................My guess  
**MATERIALS**....................What I used  
**PROCEDURE**....................What I did  
**OBSERVATION**..................What happened?  
**CONCLUSION**...................Answer to my question.

Each child participating will be given a suitable display board and display space on which to present their investigations, models, observations, conclusions, etc. Children will be expected to work on their investigations at home. The completed entry needs to be mainly the child’s effort, but family assistance is encouraged.

NB. No investigations should take place involving animals if they are likely to be harmed.

The entries will be judged and prizes awarded.

**Closing date for entries will be Thursday, 27th March, 2014.**

The Science Fair will be open for viewing between 31st March-4th April, 2014.

There will be a Science Theme Day in Week 11 (between April 7-11) where students will participate in science themed demonstrations and activities, and at the end of that day, a special assembly held to award prizes from the Science Fair.

For further information please contact Mrs Hain or Mr Lowe.
10th BIENNIAL SCIENCE FAIR

There are TWO new features to this year’s Science Fair. Continue reading below...

'RECYCLART' EXHIBITION

There is an awful lot of trash and unwanted goods that are thrown out and left in tips and dumps around the world. A large proportion of waste doesn’t even make it to the tip and is left in the natural environment where it harms wildlife, pollutes waterways and oceans, and reflects a lack of respect toward the world we live in.

Awareness of wastefulness and a longing to renew an interest in respecting our environment and resources, we have come up with a new category to coincide with our Science Fair.

AIM: To produce a piece of art using only unwanted materials that can be reused, repurposed or recycled.

CRITERIA: All students are able to participate in this exhibition. The artwork is to reflect the theme: SPACE AND ASTRONOMY. Submitted pieces will be judged according to how resourceful students are in using unwanted materials to create a space-themed art work.

FORM: This is open to the creativity of the student. It can be a 2D display; a sculpture, even digital media (with evidence that it is the student’s own work). It must be portable enough to be displayed in our school hall.

NOTE: Please be mindful that while using unwanted materials is a good thing, we also have to emphasise safety and good hygiene. Please clean all materials before using them!

So be creative; let’s recycle it! RECYCLART.

Closing date for entries will be Thursday, 27th March, 2014.
The RECYCLART EXHIBITION will be open for viewing between 31st March-4th April, 2014. For further information please contact Mrs Hain or Mr Lowe.

INVENTORS CORNER

Ever wondered where Blu Tack® came from? Or that Post-it® note you use to write shopping lists? How about the idea of ‘paying it forward’?

Inspired by shows like the New Inventors and global conferences like TED (Ideas Worth Spreading), we have opened a new category to coincide with our School’s Science Fair to celebrate the inventiveness and resourcefulness of student ideas.

Open to students in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6), they are to design and create something that may address a need, perhaps a shortcut that makes doing a task easier, or present an idea to solve a problem they see in the world around them.

Entries need to be CLEAR about WHAT problem is being addressed and HOW they intend to solve it or make it easier.

Closing date for entries will be Thursday, 27th March, 2014.
The INVENTORS CORNER will be open for viewing between 31st March-4th April, 2014. For further information please contact Mrs Hain or Mr Lowe.
K-2 Assembly
On Tuesday 25th February, K-2 will conduct their first assembly of the year. The assembly will include a presentation from the Commonwealth Bank about school banking.

There will be a School Banking sign-up table under the K-2 shelter on that afternoon between 2:45 and 3:30pm. Come and sign up your child and get their banking habits started early. Our school benefits as well, so the more money banked, the more money CBA give our school! There are loads of prizes to win as you bank each week!

Coonabarabran Junior Rugby League & Netball
Registrations for Junior Rugby League and Netball will be held on Saturday 1st March from 9:00am to 10:00am and again on Thursday 6th March from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Coonabarabran Youth Club. Second hand netball dresses to buy or sell will be arranged for Registration Day.

New football registrations will require players to bring their Birth Certificate.

The competitions will begin on Saturday 5th April 2014.

Netball Representative Trials will be held in Gilgandra on Saturday 22nd February.

Road Safety
Our school intersects a busy rural highway and a residential street that is a bus zone for school. Please take care and ... please take me to the right side of the road
Don't leave me on the wrong side of the road

Child pedestrians are at greater risk of injury than adults.
- After school, meet your child at the school gate. If driving, park the car safely and legally, get out and walk to the school gate.
- If you are unable to meet your child, arrange for another trusted adult to meet them.
- Until they are at least eight years old, hold your child's hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road. Until they are at least ten years old, hold your child's hand when crossing the road.
- If your child comes home on the school bus, meet your child AT the bus stop, before choosing the safest place to cross.
- Talk with your child about what to do if you are late.
- Reward your children with lots of attention and praise for good road safety behaviour.
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Kindergarten,
Year 1 & Year 2
Available to all students
in the town limits.
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depending on distance travelled.
Cost $1 per day if ineligible for free travel.
More info: 6842 2783

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Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union
Sunday 23rd February at
Gunnedah Rugby Park
Central North Junior
Rugby Representative
Trials for Under 12’s
9:00am kick-off
Contact: Megan Clifton
6842 8259

Coonabarabran Physical Culture Club
Fun, Fitness and Friendship
Classes on Thursday afternoons & evenings
for ages 3 through to Ladies
Contact: Leanne McWhirter
Phone: 0439 833 832

Coonabarabran Pony Club
Next Rally:
Sunday 2nd March 2014
Guest Instructors
9:00am Gear Check
Contact Lucy Evans
ph: 6842 3636

Coonabarabran Junior Golf
Coonabarabran
Golf Club
River Road
Ph: 6842 1292
every Friday afternoon
3:30 - 5:00pm