ANZAC Day

Coonabarabran Public School was well represented on ANZAC Day with a large group of students who chose to march and acknowledge our brave service men and women.

The students all wore a sprig of rosemary for remembrance and several students were proudly wearing the medals of their Grandfathers or Great Uncles.

Our School Captains laid a wreath on behalf of our school and Luke Bonello read the Prayer of Remembrance.

Thank you very much to all of the students who represented our school so proudly and gave up your holiday time to acknowledge such an important and significant day.

Cross Country

The Annual Cross Country is this Friday 2nd May. All children aged 8 years and older will participate. It will be held at the Coonabarabran Golf Course between 9:00am and 11:00am. Parents and friends are welcome to come along to the Golf Course.

Students are to attend school first and will be transported by bus to and from the Golf Course.

Chris and Di Nash of the Town Bus Service are providing this service to our school and we thank them for their generosity.

The order of events will be as follows:

1. 12 & 13 year Boys
2. 12 & 13 year Girls
3. 11 year Boys
4. 11 year Girls
5. 10 year Boys
6. 10 year Girls
7. 8 & 9 year Boys
8. 8 & 9 year Girls

On the morning of Friday 9th May, our school will host the Gala Rugby Union, Softball and Netball Trials.

The Trials will be held on the Coonabarabran Public School grounds.

Successful students will progress to the next level of selection and we wish them well!
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Welcome back. I hope all those who took holidays had a refreshing break.

The school calendar looks fairly packed for this term, the school cross country this Friday and N.A.P.L.A.N. testing for Years 3 and 5 in Week 3 amongst the events listed for the early part of it. I wish all the cross country runners all the best. I hope all of you have taken the time to train a little during the holidays.

I would like to commend all those students who made the effort to participate in this year’s A.N.Z.A.C. Day March last Friday. It was great to have so many present on that special occasion. Well done to our captains, Luke and Hannah, who had a small but significant part in the service and performed what they did to a very high standard.

LIBRARY NEWS

May is National Reading Month! See page 6 of this newsletter to register and record your reading achievements!

The latest issue of Book Club has been distributed this week. Book Club orders are due on Friday 16th May.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May, between 8:30am and 4:00pm. Come along and buy some great books to enjoy!

Book Fair Hat Parade

On Wednesday 21st May we will be having a ‘Book Character Hat Parade’. Students are invited and strongly encouraged to design and make a hat that represents one of their favourite books or book characters.

We will have a parade after morning assembly on this day.

Winners in each grade will receive gift vouchers to be used at the Book Fair.

Canteen News

This week’s special

Chicken Noodle Soup with bread - $3.00

The Canteen needs help on Wednesdays between 10:30am and 1:30pm. If you have the time to volunteer, please call into the canteen or phone 6842 1771. Thank you!

A big thank you to all the families who contributed to this year’s Monster Easter Raffle.

Our lucky winners were:

Mark Andrews  Matt Ayoub  Charlie Baker
Anna Barkley  Tammy Bartlett  Claire Cole
Hayley Duncan  Doug Durant  Max Foster
Chris Frazer  Cooper Hayes  Alex Harris
Venessa Houley  Isedale Family  K Jones
Selina Kuras  Oliver Lucas  I McAlway-Davis
Milly McEvoy  Dean Mills  Brad Mills
Jo Milsom  Sarah Pennell  Emma Regan
Thomas Richards  L Ritchie  Bear Salisbury
Chloe Schmidt  Felicity Simmons  Helen Smith
Linda Walker  Jack Webster  Jessica Wham
Maddison Wightley

And the Bunny Bazaar raffle winners were:

Pat Bunting  Trish Tighe
Mandy Suller

P&C News

Our next fundraising event will be the Mother’s Day stall. It will be held at the school on Thursday 8th May.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 19th May 2014 at the Gecko Red Restaurant, 6:20pm for a 6:30pm start. Parents and friends of our school are welcome and encouraged to come along.

What’s on at CPS?

All of May:
Fri 2 May: National Reading Month
Fri 9 May: Cross Country at the Golf Club
Fri 16 May: Gala Rugby Union, Softball & Netball
Fri 16 May: NAPLAN testing
Mon 19 May: Last day for Book Club orders
Mon 19 May: ‘Bach to the Future’ Musical Performance
20 & 21 May: Book Fair in the Library
Wed 21 May: Book Fair Hat Parade

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Coonabarabran Public School Anti-Bullying Plan

Coonabarabran Public School is implementing an Anti-Bullying Plan that has been developed through consultation with teachers, students and parents. The CPS Anti-Bullying Plan is available for viewing on the school’s website or as a hard copy from the front office. There are some helpful suggestions regarding what bullying is and how you can support your child. This plan will be effective from Term 2, 2014. Please contact the school with any comments or questions regarding this plan. The information below is from the NSW Department of Education and Communities Policy and Procedures intranet site and is included for your information.

Anti-bullying Information for Parents

The Department of Education and Training recognises that schools exist in a society where intimidation and harassment occur. Students have the right to expect that they will spend the school day free from the fear of bullying, harassment and intimidation. Bullying is a serious matter and is not acceptable in any form.

Bullying can be defined as intentional, repeated behaviour by an individual or group of individuals that causes distress, hurt or undue pressure. It can involve all forms of harassment (including sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender), humiliation, domination and intimidation of others. Bullying behaviour can be:

- **verbal** e.g. name calling, teasing, abuse, humiliation, sarcasm, insults, threats
- **physical** e.g. hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- **social** e.g. ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- **psychological** e.g. spreading rumours, glaring, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

Bullying can devalue, isolate and frighten young people. It has long-term effects on those engaging in bullying behaviour, those who are the subjects of bullying behaviour and the onlookers or bystanders.

All schools develop, implement, monitor and review anti-bullying plans as consistent with the Department of Education and Training’s Anti-bullying Plan for Schools (Anti-bullying Plan for Schools). The plan recognises that teachers, students, parents, caregivers and members of the wider community have a responsibility to work together to address bullying. It provides information for school community members to identify bullying behaviours and provides clear procedures to report bullying.

The Anti-bullying Plan includes strategies utilised by the school to deal effectively with bullying behaviour. Schools implement strategies which best reflect individual school needs.

Parents and caregivers can support young people by:

- assisting them to understand and identify bullying behaviour as outlined in the school’s Anti-bullying Plan
- responding to incidents of bullying in a manner consistent with the school’s Anti-bullying Plan
- supporting all students in the school to deal effectively with bullying through strategies in the Anti-bullying Plan.


If you would like more information about your school’s Anti-bullying Plan, please make an appointment with your school principal. If you require assistance to make the appointment please ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450, ask for your language and ask them to telephone the principal of your child’s school. This service will be free of charge to you.

**BULLYING NO WAY!**

SAFE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS TOGETHER

Statement by the Minister for Education and Training
Rugby Players Perform Solidly at Dubbo Carnival

Late last term ten Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Dubbo to play in seven a side rugby carnival. The boys competed against the best Year 5 and 6 students from schools in and around the Dubbo area.

The side’s first game was against Dubbo Public. The match was a very close and exciting affair with the sides finishing three tries each after the scores were locked up at two tries each at half time. Try scorers for Coona were Fergus Atkinson, Oliver Kearney and Lachian Sutherland.

The second game was against St Mary’s, Dubbo. The boys started very well and by half time Mott Duncan (3), Evan Suter and Fergus Atkinson had crossed for tries while holding the opposition scoreless. The boys went on with the job in the second half with Oliver Kearney (2), Brad Fuller and Evan Suter adding further tries to one by the opposition, leaving the final score at nine tries to one.

The side’s third game was against last year’s winners, St Augustine’s, Narromine. They proved to be a very formidable opposition and our boys were outclassed five tries to one after trailing three tries to nil at half time. Harry Willoughby scored the side’s only try in a game where injury problems made things difficult for the team.

The results left the side in a playoff for third and fourth on the day, a commendable achievement given there were over a dozen sides involved. Although they battled bravely with a number of players carrying injuries into the game the boys were well beaten eight tries to one after trailing four tries to nil at half time. Fergus Atkinson scoring the only try for Coona.

Other players who contributed on the day and haven’t already been mentioned include Johnno Evans, Brock Howard and John Martin. The boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and courage and were a credit to the school. Well done to all of you and thank you to Angus Atkinson and Brad Evans for assisting with coaching, managing and providing transport on the day.
We have begun the term running and I am impressed with how settled Kindergarten was on their first day back. Well done! We have begun our theme based work on the concept of ‘friendship’. We will be studying various texts in class, the first being ‘Sylvia and Bird’ by Catherine Raynor (Author/Illustrator). This is a gorgeous text regarding an unusual friendship between a dragon and a bird. Although a deceptively simple text it is a lovely story about belonging and its illustrations are something to cherish. Some other titles we will be studying are below.

Last term, KH were lucky enough to be awarded a ‘Highly Commended’ for our classroom recycled art project of ‘Robbie the Robot’. Students enjoyed our discussions on recycling and are looking forward to ‘Robbie’ keeping an eye on what KH does to keep waste to a minimum and to re-use what we can. I was also impressed with Kindergarten’s efforts in our Science Fair and Recycled Art section. It is wonderful to observe some budding scientists in the making and also how excited Kindergarten was on our Mad Scientists day. The costumes definitely assisted Kindergarten think scientifically and problem-solve 😊.

Students in Kindergarten will also be beginning their project in class, ‘My Place in the world’. This project coincides with work on ‘People live in places’ and we will be using ‘Google Earth’ to investigate known places in our community and country.

Mrs Bonnie Hain
National Family Reading Month

You could WIN $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family AND books for your classroom teacher!

1. Hang this Reading Log on a wall, your bedroom door or on the fridge. (Make sure you ask your parents first!)
2. There are 31 Cheese wedges on this sheet, representing 31 days in May. Read for at least 10 minutes every day in May and write on a cheese wedge the time spent reading.
3. On the 1st of June, total up your Reading Minutes for May and go online to www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay and enter the competition.
4. All winners will be announced on the website by the end of June!

To enter the competition, lodge your total minutes online by the 14th of June.

Holy cheese! I read for a total of minutes in May!

Your total

Day 1
Day 2
Day 3
Day 4
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Day 24
Day 25
Day 26
Day 27
Day 28
Day 29
Day 30
Day 31
Active kids are healthy kids

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 23 May 2014

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Download the FREE APP
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Girls & Boys
Summer & Winter Hats, Jumpers & Coats
Email your purchase request to: coonapsunifor@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
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

Coonabarabran After School Care
5:15 - 5.30pm Monday - Friday at St Lawrence's School
Coonabarabran Public School students catch the Rocky Glen bus. You could pay as little as $8.50 per day with CCB. You only pay the gap.
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Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union
Training will re-commence on Friday 2nd May 2014 at No. 3 Oval
Walcha Carnival
Sunday 4th May
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 4th May
9:00am Gear Check
Working Bee in preparation for Expo - this Saturday & Sunday, 3rd & 4th May ...
bring your paintbrushes!
Contact Lucy Evans
ph: 6842 3636

Coonabarabran Junior Golf
Coonabarabran Golf Club
River Road
Ph: 6842 1292