The 2014 Tenth Biennial Science Fair has finally been packed up. We thank all those parents, guests and students who came during the week to have a look at the efforts of our very clever students. This year also marked the inaugural RecyclART Exhibition which had a good number of entries. Some exceptionally creative students entered remarkable sculptures and art pieces pertaining to the theme of Space and Astronomy.

The judges found it quite a challenge to decide the winners, but a decision had to be made. The criteria for judging was based on a combination of perceived student effort and input, scientific relevance and consistency (or sticking to the recycling theme in the RecyclART) and the overall presentation of the entry (WOW factor).

Students are welcome to come to the school hall and take home their science experiments or artworks. Some have been selected to be displayed in the Town Library this fortnight and will be available for pick up after the holidays.

We thank the judges for their expert opinions and time. We thank the High School for the use of their tables for displays and for the few people who donated prizes. We also thank the staff who assisted with the set up and pack up of the hall.

Lastly we thank those students who made the effort to submit an entry. Whether you came first or not, we hope you learnt from your scientific discoveries. It’s not always about winning, but about growing in your understanding of the world around you and being able to use that knowledge to serve for the good of our community.

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**ANZAC Day**

Our school will hold an ANZAC Day service at school on Friday 11th April in the school hall.

Our school will also participate in the ANZAC Day Service on Friday 25th April. Students wishing to represent our school on that day are to meet Mrs Kearney at 10:30am in the carpark behind the Shire Hall, wearing full summer school uniform, including the school hat. A school jumper is permitted if the weather is cool.

We're on the Web! View online at: [www.coonabarab-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.coonabarab-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Last week our best soccer players made the long trip to Armidale for soccer trials from which the North West side is selected. While none of our players made the North West team I had excellent reports about the attitude and sportsmanship they exhibited on the day. Well done to all involved.

ANZAC Day this year falls towards the end of the upcoming school holidays. As is always the case our school will have students involved in the parade. We would like as many students as possible from Years 2 to 6 to be involved. If you have a child in Years 2 to 6 please encourage them to be there.

Finally, I’d like to wish everyone a refreshing and safe holiday. Enjoy whatever you do during the break. School resumes for students on Tuesday, 29-04-14.

LIBRARY NEWS

All Term 2 library books are due back to the Library by this Friday 26th April 2014. Please bring your books and put them in the ‘Returns’ Trolley.

Start saving for our School Book Fair which will be held very early in Term 2. We will have loads of books for sale.

The holidays start on Friday. Reading is a great pastime and something you can enjoy through the holidays and everyday!

Some great reads include ...

* Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Hard Luck by Jeff Kinney
* Diary of a Wiuld be Princess by Jessica Green
* The Seventeen Rabbits by Morphey Williams

or if you’re looking for a laugh, try Morris Gleitzman, Andy Griffiths or Paul Jennings books will get you giggling.

What’s on at CPS?

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Canteen News

This week’s special

Hot Cross Bun - $1.00

The Canteen is needing help on Wednesdays between 10:30am and 1:30pm. If you have the time available please call into the canteen or phone 6842 1771 and let us know! Thank you!

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held on Friday 2nd May 2014 from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Coonabarabran Golf Club.

Students should attend school first. They will travel to and from the Golf Club by bus transport, kindly donated by Chris & Di Nash of the Town Bus Service.

Students aged 8 years and above are expected to participate. Please ensure your child’s Cross Country Permission Note is signed and returned to school by this Friday 11th April.

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Keeping kids safe in a cyber world:  
an excerpt from INSIGHTS by Michael Grose

Social media sites have taken cyber bullying and harassment to a new level. Here’s how to keep your kids safe when online.

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest safety issues facing young people today. Bullying and harassment online is now commonplace.

The emergence of social media sites has seen cyberbullying go to a new level. Message and images can now spread like wild fire reaching a huge potential audience in the time it takes to upload an image or shoot off a text message.

Once the family home offered young people an escape from schoolyard bullies. Now the cyber world is so invasive that their bedrooms offer no guarantees of safety any more.

The cyber world is enticing. Young people have always wanted to escape from their parents’ world. In the past they hung out in shopping centres and pool halls. Parent tried their best to keep an eye on where their children were and what they were doing.

The online world is now the shopping mall of the 21st century. Parents have the same responsibility to help kids stay safe in the online world as they do in the real world. ‘Stranger Danger’ and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world.

Parents should use the same offline preventative strategies to maximise their children’s online safety as they’ve always used. These strategies include: teaching children about the right way to behave online; don’t let them spend all night in the cyber world; and ask questions about what they are doing and where they are going when they’re online.

Parents need to remind kids that things in the online world can spin out of control very quickly. A written message or an image can be circulated electronically so rapidly that the scope and scale of cyber bullying can be greater than any other form of bullying.

The following seven key messages form the basis of an online safety strategy for kids. They should be taught to kids so they become second nature, just as the messages about ‘Stranger Danger’ were absorbed by an earlier generation.

1. **Respect others:** Make kids aware that what they send can offend. Discuss with kids the types of messages and images that can cause harm to others when sent. Teenagers often walk a fine line with what they do and say to each other offline, yet it’s relatively harmless. The same type of behaviour online however, can be a different story.

2. **Think before you send:** Remind kids cyberspace is a very public and permanent forum. A text message or image sent to just one person can be passed to a potentially unlimited number. Once they are sent, they’re almost impossible to erase and take back.

3. **Treat online passwords like your house key:** Teach kids to keep passwords guarded at all times. Young people can be incredibly trusting of each other, which is to be encouraged. However there are some things, such as online passwords that they don’t share, not even with their best friend.

4. **Block bullies:** Teach kids to block bullying messages. They can filter out message and addresses online. Similarly, they can block text messages from bullies as well.

5. **Don’t reply to harassment:** Bullies can retain proof of your response, which can further be spread around. Besides responding to bullying behaviour often simply encourages the bully to continue.

6. **Save the evidence:** If kids are bullied they should keep the picture and offending messages. These can be used as proof if the bullies are brought to justice.

7. **Tell someone:** The insidious part of bullying is that kids on the receiving end often don’t seek help, as they think there’s something wrong with them. Talk with kids about going to a trusted adult, when they feel their rights or safety have been violated. They should, with your help, report online bullying to the appropriate service provider.

Sticking the proverbial head in the sand regarding kids’ use of communications technology is no longer an option for parents. Savvy parents need to learn as much as they can about children’s and young people’s online lives so they can respond to situations appropriately.

Further information about Parenting Ideas can be found on the internet at: www.parentingideas.com.au

on facebook: facebook.com/Parentingideas.com.au

on twitter: twitter.com/michaelgrose

You can also become a member of www.parentingideasclub.com.au for articles, videos, guides, how to’s and book reviews.
HOLIDAY FUN DAY

Wednesday 23rd April
Coonabarabran Tennis Club
9am-3pm
Cost $20
(Please bring a packed lunch)
All children welcome from 5yrs and any ability.
You do not need to be an existing School of Tennis
Student to attend.
Come along for a fun filled tennis day!
Prizes and giveaways!

Aboriginal Artefacts explained to Stage 2

Students in 3R/H and 3/4H had a special visitor, Paddy Chatfield, to their classrooms recently. Paddy gave a talk to everyone about showing respect, especially our elders.

Paddy also shared some very old Aboriginal artefacts with us. He explained that they had been handed down to him, entrusting him to share his heritage and knowledge with local children.

The artefacts included cutting utensils, grinding bowls which may have been used hundreds or possibly thousands of years ago.

The children enjoyed and benefitted from Paddy’s talk and we look forward to more visits in the future.

Paddy has so much knowledge he can share about our local history.

3R/H and 3/4H would like to thank Paddy Chatfield for visiting and sharing his knowledge. We would also like to thank Mr Cain for organising Paddy’s visit.

LOOMING FOR
LEVEL 1

All students in Years 3-6 who are on Level 1 will be rewarded with an afternoon of ‘Looming’ on Thursday the 10th of April.

Students are asked to bring along their looming supplies to enjoy in the classroom.

Some supplies will be available from classroom teachers for those students who do not have their own.

In advance, CPS would like to thank all of the students who are on Level 1. It’s great to see a majority of our school following the 5 Keys!

Easter Kid’s Club

When: Friday 11th April
Time: Commencing at 3:15pm
Where: Presbyterian Church

The Easter Kid’s Club for students in Years K - 6 will be held on Friday 11th April.

Students will walk, with supervision provided by the Presbyterian Church, from school to the church for games and friendship between 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Families are invited to join the activities between 5:00 and 6:00pm for a free barbecue.

Permission notes are available from the Primary School office. Parents should complete the permission note to be given to the Kid’s Club coordinator on the afternoon.

For more information, contact: Kristian Hartberg on 0420 550 573
Class Focus: 3/6K with Mrs Kearney

3-6K are a small class who enjoy hands-on and creative activities. This term Malik made a fantastic “Footy Pass” game which relies on precision passing to score lots of points. The finished product looks fantastic and we’re sure lots of students will enjoy playing this game.

We have been enjoying a “Drum Beat” program with Ruth Arnold from Mission Australia and will continue to do this next term. We’re not sure if the classes next door are as excited about this as we are! We have been experimenting with the different base and tone sounds a Djembe drum makes and our room gets pretty noisy when we ‘rumble’.

This week we have been cooking a variety of things as a fun way to finish the term. We have enjoyed cinnamon toast and pancakes and we cooked up an exciting experiment for Crazy Science day.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we are looking forward to a positive and productive Term 2!

Awesome at Armidale

On Friday 4th April, Jack Burns, Luke Bonello, Oliver Kearney and Joey Al Kredy went to Armidale to play soccer and represent our zone.

When we got there we gathered a team with Armidale, Gunnedah, Tamworth and Coonamble. We got put in a pool with Tamworth, Quirindi and Narrabri. We finished up 3rd on the ladder.

We had a great day. No one made it but we made lots of new friends and had a great time. Thank you Lesley Burns and Daniel Bonello for transport and thank you Mr Adam for organising.

by Luke Bonello and Jack Burns
Friday 23rd May is ‘Walk Safely to School Day’.

Miss Woods is offering some great prizes for the winning entries in the colour-in competition on the next page. Submit your entry to the Library by Monday 19th May. Make sure you write your name and class on your entry.
Active kids are healthy kids

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 23 May 2014

Take the Challenge. walk.com.au
Download the FREE APP