Junior Team Runners Up at Richardson Shield
Rugby League Carnival at Dunedoo

Last week twelve junior students travelled to Dunedoo to play in seven-a-side rugby league carnival. The boys competed against the best junior students from public and private schools from surrounding towns including Coolah, Gilgandra, Gulgong and Mudgee.

The side’s first game was against Mudgee Public. The match was a fairly tight affair with the scores locked at 2 - 2 at half-time and 4 - 4 at full time. Try scorers for Coona were Charley Isdale and Darnell Dumas who scored two tries each.

The second game was against Coolah Central. The boys started very well and by half time Charley Isdale and Darnell Dumas had crossed for tries to one from Coolah. The boys continued from where they left off after half-time with Johnno Evans and Charley Isdale crossing again to one further try to Coolah, leaving the final score 4 - 2.

The side’s third game was against St Matthew’s, Mudgee. By half-time the boys had established a 4 - 2 lead and they scored a further two tries to nil in the second half to record a 6 - 2 victory. Try scorers were Charley Isdale (4), Johnno Evans and Darnell Dumas.

The side’s next game was against a second Dunedoo Central team. The team recorded its most emphatic win of the day, 8 - 1, after leading 4 - 0 at half-time. Try scorers were Charley Isdale (4), Blain Walker (2), Darnell Dumas and Matson Ayoub.

The results left the Coona team at the top of their pool and in a semi-final against a very capable Gulgong Central side. The game was locked at 1 - all at half-time but the boys lifted in the second half and emerged 3 - 1 winners, try scorers being Charley Isdale (2) and Blain Walker.

That win put the team into the final against St Matthew’s, Mudgee. The game was locked at 3 - all at half-time but the Mudgee side performed better in the second half and emerged 8 - 4 victors. Charley Isdale (3) and Darnell Dumas were Coona’s try scorers.

Other players who contributed on the day and haven’t already been mentioned include Tyson Heywood, Kyan Howard, Billy and Jack Rutland-Davey, Nash and Tallon Walker and Matthew Wood.

The boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and skill and were a credit to the school. Well done to all our boys and thank you to those parents who provided transport for the players to and from the venue.

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

It was great to see the success our rugby league players had at Dunedoo last week. All the boys involved performed more than creditably on the field but, more importantly, played their football in a fashion of which we should all be proud, showing good sportsmanship and a desire to put in for their team mates. Well done all of you.

As most of you are aware N.A.P.L.A.N. is being held this week. It is not something which either parents or students should fear. The results, when received late in Term 3, provide some valuable diagnostic information on how individuals and the school as a whole are performing in the subject areas tested. It lets staff know what we are doing well and what areas we have to focus on more in the future.

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**Library News**


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.

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**P&C News**

We would like to thank the families who supported our Mother’s Day Stall. All of the children were excited to buy gifts for their mums and grandmothers. We hope you all liked what you received.

Winners of the Mother’s Day Raffle were:
Jerone Andrews
Fred Kearney
Carlen Macfarlane
Isaac Menz
Benjamin Phillips
A big thank you to our helpers on the Mother’s Day Stall;
Raylene Bonello, Belinda Meier, Sallie Turner, Megan Clifton, Martha Meier, Leesa Kelly, Mandi Hawley and Alicia Macfarlane. Also to Oliver Kearney for his help on the day.

And thank you to the people who donated lovely gifts;
Cathy Lucas, Mrs Lauder and Heather Sharpe (Mr Adam’s mother-in-law).

The next P&C meeting will be held at Gecko Red Restaurant on Monday 19th May ... 6:50 for a 7:00pm start. Please feel welcome to come along and join in the work we do for our children and our school.

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**Personal Best Award**

**Elana Tuaoi** has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Elana is a very valuable member of 1A.

She has five-star manners and is a good friend to everyone.

Elana listens to all class discussions and participates enthusiastically in all aspects of school.

She always follows our five keys and encourages others to follow her example.

Congratulations Elana! You are an absolute pleasure to teach.
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1, 2 & 3 Assembly Awards

KH: Lochlon Dunn  * Being more confident during independent writing.
KH: Shae Darko  * Working hard in Reading groups.
KS: Andrew Gordon  * Trying his best in all areas.
KS: Thomas Richards  * Being an organised class member.
1A: Ella Atkinson  * Always being a very supportive and kind friend.
1A: Joshua Cummins  * Improving his handwriting and bookwork.
1E: Myah Cox  * Great improvements in her writing.
1E: Shaymyra Gall  * Having beautiful manners at all times.
2L: Cameron Whittall  * Being kind, respectful and always working hard.
2L: Kayla Smith  * Helping others and always doing her best.
2N: Luke Barkley  * Consistent effort with all work.
2N: Dustyn Owens  * Paying attention to the speaker.
2N: Ivolet McAway-Davis  * Always giving every task her best effort.
3/6P: Ben Hasson  * A great start to Term 2.
3/6P: Chris Abberton  * A great effort in Literacy.
3R/H: Ruby Connell  * Trying hard in all areas.
3R/H: Abbie Mitchell  * Being a kind member of our class. Thank you!
3R/H: Morgan Ryan  * His constant effort in class and happy personality.
3R/H: Tully Andrews  * Her ‘Confidence’ in being organised.
3/4H: Lachlan Campbell  * Continuously trying his best in class.
3/4H: Fred Kearney  * Always being organised and on task.
3/4H: Robbie Faitas  * Wonderful writing ideas in class.
4C/M: Jack Richards  * For always being organised and ready to work.
4C/M: Ed Chessell  * For settling nicely back into Coonabarabran Public School.
4C/M: Darnell Dumas  * For settling easily back into Coonabarabran Public School.
4C/M: Jared Menz  * For showing an increased amount of maturity in all areas of school life.
4/5A: Jordan Dicks  * Great reading skills.
4/5A: Maria Tuaol  * Always being organised for learning.
4/5A: Heidi Thompson  * Settled work habits.
4/5A: Marcus Colantonio  * Great answers during class discussions.
5/6A: Rebecca Frost  * Making a huge improvement in her work and attitude.
5/6A: Jessica Meldrum-Bandman  * Always being organised and enthusiastic with learning.
5/6A: Jemma Tilborgs  * Being very helpful in the classroom.
5/6A: Tomas Bowman  * Making such a big improvement with his work.
5/6C: Oliver Kearney  * A great explanation on the frog’s life cycle.
5/6C: Jacob Meldrum Bandman  * Making a great effort with homework tasks.

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The choir has travelled internationally since 1994 as advocates for the 47.5 million children in Africa, orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS, war, poverty and human trafficking.

WHEN: 6.30pm, Friday 30th of May 2014
WHERE: Coonabarabran Shire Hall
John Street, Coonabarabran
FREE ADMISSION
WWW.WATOTO.COM
Strive to Achieve Award

Isobelle Deshon has received the Strive to Achieve Award for the following reasons ...

Isobelle is a well-mannered and delightful student who has made the transition to primary school with great maturity. She works consistently in class activities and the effort that she puts into all tasks is commendable. Isobelle is a kind and caring student who not only strives to achieve in class, she aims to help others follow our school rules and be an excellent role model.

Congratulations Isobelle and thank you for being a wonderful student at Coonabarabran Public School.

Personal Best Award

Mark Johnson-Taylor has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Mark has made a really positive start to 2014 which is his final year at Coonabarabran Public School. Mark is showing a very positive attitude towards his class activities and is getting on with his work enthusiastically. If he is challenged by an activity he is finding alternative ways to tackle the task. Mark is demonstrating leadership in the classroom. Mark is following all the iK! Keys by listening, being organised, getting along with others, showing respect and playing sensibly so he and others are always safe.

Mark you have grown in maturity and are displaying a very positive attitude towards school. You are deserving of your PB. Congratulations and well done. Keep up the great work.

Personal Best Award

Kaitlyn Reynolds has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Kaitlyn has settled into our school and 5/6C very well since starting here at the beginning of the year. She is a hard-working and mature student who puts 100% effort into everything she does. Kaitlyn always completes set tasks and the work that she presents is always to a high standard. Kaitlyn consistently follows the school rules and sets a great example for others. She is very well-mannered and gets along with all of the students and teachers in our school.

Kaitlyn has proven to be a real asset to Coonabarabran Public School and we love having her in our class!

Congratulations Kaitlyn!

Personal Best Award

Ellenah Wall has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Ellenah is the type of student who deserves to be rewarded for her efforts at school. She is a very quiet student, however, she has great impact on her classes. She is never disruptive and contributes to class discussion with sensible answers.

Her teachers always notice her attentive nature across all KLA’s and her determination to produce excellent work.

Ellenah never hesitates to attempt tasks she may be unsure about, as her confidence with ‘having a go’ is really developing.

Ellenah is an absolute pleasure to teach in every lesson. Well done on receiving this award Ellenah, on may you continue doing well with your dedication to learning.
Kindergarten has been working very hard this semester. They have settled in well to school routines and are showing how responsible they can be. We have been focusing on a rich text each week to develop our literacy skills. This week we are reading “Two Summers” by John Heffernan. This story helps students to explore the concept of farm life and our changing Australian landscape.

This book has followed on from a previous text “A Year on Our Farm” by Penny Mathews and Andrew McLean. Kindergarten is really enjoying learning about the seasons and the lifestyle of children living on farms. We have been walking to observe the animals in the High School Ag Plot. In class we have made our own model farms and completed a range of literacy activities to develop our skills whilst developing a deeper knowledge of the environments we live in.

Our Literacy Centres provide a range of experiences for a range of abilities. Whilst students are completing learning centres Miss Skinner is working intensively with groups of three to help students develop their reading and writing skills.

In Mathematics we have been involved in a range of practical learning experiences. We often learn mathematics outside by exploring shapes and numbers in our environment. This helps to engage students and relate their learning to everyday experiences. On Friday we learnt about position by playing hide and go seek and describing our position in relation to the finder.

We are looking forward to book week next week and we are very busy getting our door reading for the competition!

Enter the Reading Oasis ... a cool place to discover hot books!

The annual Book Fair will be held next week. The Library will be open on Monday evening from 5.30 to 6.30pm during the ‘Moment with Mum’ activities.

The Library will also be open for Book Fair purchases between 8.30am and 4.00pm on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May.

Come along, get yourself some great books and help our Library get some great new books too!
We went to Stewart House for the first two weeks of this term. We went on a bus to Sydney and we had to get up early to catch the bus with other students from Mendooran, Binnaway and Coonamble. When we got there, we unpacked our stuff and got to choose which beds we could sleep in while we were there. There was a Games Room that had Playstations, Air Hockey, Pool and Table Tennis.

Some of the interesting things we did were visit the set of Home and Away, Taronga Zoo, the Powerhouse Museum and the Aquatic Centre at Homebush. We went to Curl Curl Beach and Bondi Beach and we went swimming in the surf pools.

We also walked over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the downstairs boys got to go to Maddock Mountain at North Head where there were tunnels. There was a castle there and there were robotic mannequins that walked around the hill. It was scary and fun! On the way home from North Head we got some free McDonalds because they like to support Stewart House. We also went to a Wave Pool. It is indoors and there is a maze in the pool but it was easy to find our way out of the maze.

We went to classes at Stewart House but they were nothing like our classes at school! We did things like woodwork, art and craft and made jewellery. We had lots of fun!

We loved the food that they gave us. We really enjoyed the chocolate mousse for dessert and fish and chips, pizza and garlic bread. We also made some great new friends and we really enjoyed our time at Stewart House. We would like to thank everyone who helped organise our holiday at Stewart House.

Amanda Cherry, Rebecca Kenyon, Nathan Whilton, Shane Whilton

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K-2 & Loom Bands

These items are becoming too much of a distraction so please leave the looms, bands and the made bracelets at home. Thankyou.

K-2 staff

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Coonabarabran Girl Guides Invite you to COME AND TRY GUIDES!

Sunday 25th May 2014
1pm - 3pm

For Girls aged 6 – 16 years old
Guide Hall – Cnr Edward & Namoi St

This will be a FREE FUN day jam packed with Guiding Activities – Indoors & Outdoors

Girls to wear warm clothes, hat and closed in shoes

Parents welcome to stay

Ring Vivian Evans 0429 424 335
to register and for further information or visit our website
http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

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A Moment with Mum

CPS Mums.
Come along to "A Moment with Mum" on Monday the 18th of May from 5:30pm–6:30pm and enjoy some quality time with your children in our school hall.

This year, we have tied the event in with the "National Month of Reading" so there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy reading with your child and you will also pick up some handy hints on how to encourage your child to read more at home.

There will be a couple of lucky door prizes and the "Book Fair" will also be open in our Library, so you will have the chance to purchase some great books!

Please come along with the kids and enjoy the evening while somebody prepares a nice, hearty meal for you to return home to!

We are looking forward to seeing our students enjoying some reading time with you!
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Coonabarabran Pony Club
Next Rally: Sunday 25th May 2014
Good luck to all Pony Clubbers participating in School Horse Sport activities over the next few weeks!
Contact Lucy Evans
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