Year 5 & 6 Students Win Peacheys Cup Rugby League Carnival at Dunedoo

Earlier this month eleven of our senior students travelled to Dunedoo to play in seven-a-side rugby league carnival. The boys competed against the best Year 5 and 6 students from public and private schools from surrounding towns including Coolah, Gilgandra, Gulgong and Mudgee.

The side’s first game was against last year’s carnival winners, Dunedoo Central. The match was fairly tight in the first half with Coona coming off at half time with a 2 – 0 lead after a couple of late tries. The boys went on with the job in the second half and finished 5 – 1 victors. Try scorers for Coona were Darcy Clifton (3), Wally Walker and Brad Fuller.

The second game was against St Matthew’s, Mudgee. The boys started very well and by half time Darcy Clifton (2) and Brad Fuller had crossed for tries while holding the opposition scoreless. The boys continued from where they left off after half-time with Wally Walker, Malik Chatfield, Darcy Clifton and Fergus Atkinson adding further tries to one by St Matthews, leaving the final score at 7 - 1.

The side’s third game was against Gilgandra Public. The game was a high scoring affair with Coona going to the half time break leading 6 - 2, tries being scored by Darcy Clifton (3), Malik Chatfield, Fergus Atkinson and Wally Walker. Scoring slowed in the second half but the boys still added another 3 tries, one each to Brock Howard, Wally Walker and Darcy Clifton, leaving a final score line of 9 - 2.

The side’s next game was against a second Dunedoo Central team. After leading 2 – 1 at half time the boys went on to score a 5 – 2 victory, try scorers being John Martin, Lachlan Sutherland, Brock Howard, Harry Willoughby and Evan Sulter.

The results left the Coona team at the top of their pool and in a semi-final against a very strong Gulgong Central side. The boys held a slender 1 – 0 lead at half-time by virtue of a try to Darcy Clifton but went up a gear in the second half to finish emphatic 6 – 1 winners, second half tries scored by Darcy Clifton (4) and Lachlan Sutherland.

The win put the team into the final against Mudgee Public. In the best game of the day Mudgee started well and led 4 - 3 at half time, Coona’s tries scored by Darcy Clifton (2) and Wally Walker. As good as Mudgee had been in the first half they had no answers to our boys second half effort which saw them add another six tries to one to complete the game 9 – 5 winners. Second half tries were scored by Darcy Clifton (4), Wally Walker and Fergus Atkinson.

The other player who contributed on the day and hasn’t already been mentioned was Matthew Duncan. The boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and skill and were a credit to the school. Darcy Clifton was awarded “Player of the Carnival”, an outstanding achievement given the number of players participating on the day. As a result of that victory the team has qualified to play in another day at Dubbo against the winners of other carnivals across western N.S.W. at the end of this term.

Well done to all our boys and thank you to those parents who provided transport for the players to and from the venue.

Mr Willoughby
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

I have been asked several times in the last few days about the effects of the Federal Budget on our school. While any removal of funding will have an adverse impact on any organisation I am unable to give a definitive answer on what impact it will have here simply because all that has been speculated upon is light on for specific detail. As information is provided to the school on the matter I will pass it on to the community.

This Friday we have over forty of our students going to Coolah to compete against the best long distance runners in the district in this year’s P.S.S.A. Zone Cross Country. I want to wish them all well. Those who finish in the first six at Coolah earn the right to compete against the best runners in north-west N.S.W. at the regional Carnival later this term.

P&C News

Next week we will be preparing to print the North West Equestrian Expo programs for the competitors who will begin to arrive in late May.

Printing the program is a great fundraising activity for our P&C and we all benefit, especially Expo, who are now able to have the programs printed locally when previously the job was outsourced to a Newcastle firm and some very tight deadlines!

We encourage and welcome all parents, carers, grandparents and friends of Coonabarabran Public School to come along and join the P&C. Our aim is to provide extra learning opportunities and resources for our students and we do this through several fundraising activities and support with programs offered at school.

Contact: Sallie Turner - 0422 981 199

Library News

May is National Reading Month! You can register and record your reading achievements! Go to:

This week has been very busy in the library with our annual Book Fair. Thank you to all those people who have visited and purchased books. All your purchases help raise money for our school.

Keep your eye out for all the hat parade winners and colouring competition winners in next week’s newsletter.

Mrs Meyers

What’s on at CPS?

20 & 21 May: Book Fair in the Library
Wed 21 May: Book Fair Hat Parade
Fri 23 May: Zone Cross Country @ Coolah
Mon 26 May: Primary Northern Rugby League Trials
Fri 30 May: Final Primary Rugby League Trials
Mon 2 June: Final Primary Netball Trials
3/4/5 June: PSSA 11yrs Rugby League @ Cronulla
Wed 4 June: UNSW Science Competition
Mon 9 June: Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
Tues 10 June: Primary Girls Regional Softball Trials
Wed 11 June: Spellathon
Fri 13 June: Regional Primary & Secondary Cross Country @ Coolah
Mon 16 June: Semester 1 Reports delivered

Canteen News

$1.00 Specials this week!
Vanilla Paddle Pops
Hash Browns
Potato Scallops
Strawberry Tubes

Anti-Bullying

Our school’s behaviour focus for this week is Speaking Nicely / No Teasing. It is a reminder to all students that respect to one another must be shown at all times. Each fortnight students from Years 3 - 6 meet in the hall to discuss a specific behaviour focus.

We encourage parents to discuss these rules with their children and together we can make our school a cooperative community and a safe and happy place for all students.

Coombs P.S.

Loom Bands

Loom bands are causing a lot of disruption and injuries at school.

Students may not bring loom bands, the looms, or the completed bands to school.

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email: coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Early Stage 1, Stage 1 & Stage 3 Assembly Awards

KH: Kylie Angel-Naden
  * Always trying to do her best.
  * A great improvement in his writing.

KH: Jack Harris
  * Trying her best to get along with others.
  * Great listening skills.

KS: Amelia Rayner
  * Great listening in all class discussions.
  * For fantastic maths work!

KS: Maddison Wightley
  * Wonderful writing and answers on the Noni the Pony sheet.
  * For trying his best in reading groups.

1A: Nathanael Hartberg
  * Excellent spelling and always working hard.
  * A great start to Term 2!

1A: Phoebe Menz
  * His wonderful manners.
  * Her kind thoughts.
  * Her beautiful manners and kind words.

And apologies to the following students who were omitted from last week’s newsletter Assembly Award list.

5/6C: Hannah Meier
  * A fantastic explanation on the frog life cycle.

5/6C: Madison Heywood
  * Always being organised and ready to learn.

5/6W: Milly Smith
  * Winning Term One’s Homework Challenge.
  * Always keeping on task.

5/6W: Manisha Athula
  * Always keeping Miss Woods organised.

5/6W: Arcil Gilson-Watson

Over the past few weeks classes have been busy decorating their classroom doors as part of the ‘Book Fair Celebrations’. Classes had to decorate their door based on a favourite class book. The doors look fabulous! Congratulations to all classes and their teachers on your creativity and inspiring decorations. Winning classes will be announced at the next Yrs 3-6 assembly.

... more photos page 5.

The Classroom Door Competition
Boys Perform Creditably at Touch Football

Three of our boys travelled to Armidale last Friday to participate in the P.S.S.A. Regional Touch Football Trials. Brad Fuller, Wally Walker and Harry Willoughby combined with some boys from Coolah and Mendooran and played a series of games against the best touch footballers from other parts of north-west N.S.W.

While none of the boys were selected on the regional team they all acquitted themselves very well against some very good opposition on the day and were a credit to the school.

Zone Cross Country Carnival

We would like to wish ‘Good Luck’ to our students who will be participating at the Zone Cross Country competition this Friday, 23rd May. The event will be held at Bowen Oval in Coolah. Students are to wear their full school sports uniform. There will be full canteen facilities available at the venue.

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Spellathon Alert!!!

The Spellathon is approaching and sponsor sheets have been distributed to students.

The Spellathon will be held on Wednesday 11th June.

Students, make sure you learn those spelling words!

Life Skills Lessons with Mr Lowe

As part of our school's policy of informing parents when we have excursions and trips out of school, I have included the planned lessons for the remainder of this term. The Tuesday lessons with 3-6P will remain in school and have a cooking skills focus. The Wednesday group will have two shopping trips down to Woolworths in weeks 5 and 7, where we will practise road safety, purchasing groceries and general manners when greeting people.

These lessons are subject to change or alteration depending on weather, student behaviour and other unforeseen circumstances that may arise.

Here is a summary of the skills focus for each week for the remainder of this term.

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Although not all students get to have these lessons, perhaps you as parents can get your children involved in some cooking at home. Above are some suggestions of simple meals that children can learn to do independently.
Class Focus: 1A

Term 1 was a very busy and long term. Our whole class worked very hard in all areas. A highlight of Term 1 was our Science Fair and our special ‘Mad Science Day’! Everyone participated with such enthusiasm. We conducted experiments in our classroom to test for ‘Static Electricity’ and we used some fantastic resources from the High School. Many students in 1A participated in the Science Fair and received various awards.

Well done 1A!!

We were also very lucky to have Mrs Cox working with us in Mathematics. We especially enjoyed the Large Domino game. We will continue working with Mrs Cox in [TEN], Targeting Early Numeracy this term. Year One have started this term with full force. I have been amazed as they settled back in so eager to be five star learners! We have already started assessments and are very busy learning about our new topics on Sounds and Communication and Changing Families.

Mrs Abbott
Bach to the Future ... Return of the Synth

On Monday afternoon Mr Lionel Robinson regaled about 150 students from our school and the high school to a very interesting history of the keyboard. He began by telling us about the origins of the piano and for each period he provided a famous song or tune. We heard some Bach, The Entertainer, Hey Jude and countless other pieces from blues, jazz, the synthesiser and every musical period imaginable.

Mr Robinson declared his great love of music and particularly the keyboard throughout the entire performance. He got Graham Bell up and assisted him to play a simple scale which Mr Robinson tuned into great music. We were also entertained by many students including Ella Atkinson, Monique Bragg and our own talented pianist Lawrence Little.

There was much clapping and laughter from his sound effect finale. Everyone enjoyed the performance.

Parents & Carers

Parents and Carers of school age students on the autism spectrum are invited to attend workshops that will be held in Mudgee or Dubbo in late June.

The workshops aims to deliver information that will lead to:

* a greater understanding of the impact of autism, both at home and at school
* knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
* specific strategies on how to:
  * advocate for your child
  * support your child’s participation at school
  * develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
* information about your local school system’s processes
* opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
* opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

For more information, contact the school. We can provide you with contact details, times and venues of these workshops. Ph: 6842 1771

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through Helping Children with Autism Package.

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
Mums and their children came along to school on Monday evening to spend some time doing activities together. Students enjoyed reading and playing board games with their mums. Hannah Evans made sure she didn’t miss a shopping opportunity with her mum and stocked up on her reading supplies from the Book Fair!

We hope all the mums enjoyed their evening out with their children.
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