Maths Groups in Action!

Students at our school participate in Maths lessons in many and varied ways! Sometimes outdoors, sometimes quiet games with other classmates, but some classroom lessons can become quite loud and boisterous!

Students recently performed a Maths Rap under the guidance of Mrs Crawley and Miss Woods. Judging by the level of enjoyment, all students were engaged and participated with enthusiasm.

Miss Woods gave a rap demonstration to students in Stage 3!
They were delighted with their entertaining lesson!

The Infants Sports Carnival will be held on Friday 20th June on the High School oval (which is a smoke and alcohol free area).

Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours and parents and friends are welcome to come along and join in the fun. The P&C will be operating a BBQ. Helpers for the BBQ will be appreciated.

We’re on the Web! View online at: www.coonabarabran-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
**Pincham’s Pearl of Wisdom**

What a wonderful sight I was faced with at morning assembly! Not only could I see smiling happy faces, but children were all in school uniform and looking like they were proud to be a part of our school. Thank you to all those who make the effort to present themselves in the best way they can. However, I do need to remind everyone that the state and NSW jumpers are only Friday sport uniform.

Cärten MacFarlane was the winner of this week’s Uniform Draw.

Spellathon testing should have been conducted today and I wish all students happy times collecting their sponsorship money. There are lots of prizes to be won and the one that interests me most is the money order for the class who raise the most money overall. It is always interesting to see what the class will decide on to spend their money. Pizza, games, party??? I wonder??

The PSSA Cross Country is quickly approaching and I would like to wish all our representatives all the very best on Friday. Good luck to all.

**P&C News**

Good luck and good spelling to all students participating in the annual Spellathon. We hope you have asked all your family and friends to support your Spellathon efforts. All funds raised in the Spellathon go towards buying good stuff for our school!

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.

The next meeting of P&C will be held on Monday 16th June at 6:30pm at the Gecko Red Restaurant.

Contact: Sallie Turner - 0422 981 199

The Library is a great place to go at lunchtimes when sometimes it’s a bit cold outside. You can play Chess with Mr Lowe, use the iPads on various days, or simply relax and read a book in the comfort of the bean bags near the heaters.

Call in and see Mrs Meyers in the Library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to enjoy everything the Library has to offer!

**What’s on at CPS?**

Wed 11 June: Spellathon

Fri 13 June: Regional Primary & Secondary Cross

Mon 16 June: Semester 1 Reports delivered

Fri 27 June: Last day of Term 2

**Library News**

This week’s special!

Pluto Pup - $2.00

The canteen needs help on Wednesday’s between 9:00am and 1.30pm and for Friday Fruit Duty between 9:00 and 10:00am.

If you have time and could come for an hour or two please call into the canteen or phone 6842 1771.

**Canteen News**

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COONABARABRAN NSW 2357
Ph: 6842 1771 - Fax: 6842 2416
email: coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1, 2 & 3
Assembly Awards

KH:
Max Foster
* For always trying to do his best.
* For being confident telling his news.
* Great efforts in reading.
* Fantastic efforts with his writing.
KH:
Ebony Griffin
KS:
Macey Harris
* Great improvements in writing complex stories.
KS:
Britney Andrews
* For excellent results in Mathematics.
1A:
Savannah Robbins
* For a beautiful painting of a crad and its home.
1A:
Nathanael Hartberg
* Trying his best in Mathematics.
1E:
Michael Whittington
* Excellent work in reading.
1E:
TJ Matakitoga
2t:
Jamayne Clark
* A fantastic effort in sport.
2t:
Piper Walker
* Always doing his best work and being eager to learn.
2t:
Jack Foster
* Being a wonderful helper and always getting along with others.
2t:
Kayla Smith
* Working independently at learning centres.
2n:
Josie Strong
* Working independently at learning centres.
2n:
Ben Phillips
* For showing great ‘Resilience’ with his work chart.
3R/H:
Matson Ayoub
* For always being a wonderful person in class.
3R/H:
Venuri Herath
* For always giving her best in class.
3R/H:
Clare Schmidt
* For showing a great attitude towards his work.
3R/H:
Jack Rutland-Davey
3/4H:
Fred Kearney
* Following class rules.
3/4H:
Siarra Chatfield
* Fantastic work effort in all subjects.
3/4H:
Hayley Pettiford
* Always kind and respectful to others.
3/4H:
Eliah Bowmaker
* Always getting along with others.
3/4H:
Jerome Andrews
* Improved and consistent effort in class.
4/5A:
Yoey Jackson
* Great results in reading tests.
4/5A:
Joey Al Kready
* Improving his ‘Getting Along’ skills.
4/5A:
Todd Kelly
* Good manners and speaking respectfully at all times.
4/5A:
Eve Bartlett
* Always trying hard at whatever she is asked to do.
5/6A:
Shenae O’Brien-Dawes
* Showing ‘Resilience’ with friendships at school.
5/6A:
Kade Wightley
* Trying hard to get his writing done in 5/6A.
5/6A:
Matthew Duncan
* Working hard and creatively on is colonial house.
5/6A:
Nikita Trindall
* Working very hard in handwriting.
5/6M:
John Evans
* Always completing his literacy homework.
5/6M:
Cooper Hayes
* Always returning his literacy homework.
5/6W:
Chloe Clarke
* Getting along well with her peers.
5/6W:
Daniel Dicks
* A wonderful speech in Literacy.
5/6W:
Manisha Athula
* Always having wonderful manners.

The fun romance song of Don Gato and his fluffy white cat that does have a happy ending, performed by 3R/H at last week’s assembly.

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Personal Best Award
Phoebe Barac
has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons . . .

Phoebe has been a lovely contribution to our school since Term 1 this year.

She is a very respectful and well behaved student who has performed at her best every single day she has attended.

Phoebe has shown resilience by adapting quickly to her new school and new friends.

Phoebe is very popular with her peers and teachers. Every teacher thinks Phoebe is a lovely and rewarding student to teach.

You are very deserving of this award Phoebe. Keep up the wonderful attitude and aptitude. Well done!

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Personal Best Award
Tayla Harris
has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons . . .

Tayla is a sensible and well behaved student.

She is always organised and in the right place at the right time.

Tayla get along with her peers and does not fuss over things.

She has a go at completing her work.

Tayla is well mannered, reliable and a pleasure to have in our class.
School Reports

Semester 1 reports will be sent home with children by the end of this term. If you would like an interview with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment with the school, phone 6842 1771.

Australian War Memorial Soundscape

In August 2014, the Australian War Memorial will be launching the Roll of Honour Soundscape project, one of the many projects commemorating the Centenary of the First World War. Soundscape will enhance the iconic Roll of Honour in the Memorial’s Commemorative Area, while retaining a respectful and solemn experience for visitors.

Primary school students between the ages of 10 and 12, selected from across Australia, will be invited to record the name and age of one of the 62,000 Australians who died during the First World War. These voice recordings will be played in the First World War section of the Cloisters in the Commemorative Area.

A very exciting and historic event and our school has been lucky enough to be nominated. Thanks to Mrs Crawley, ten Year 6 students will travel to Dubbo to participate in the Soundscape. What a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students!

Boys Do Well at 11 Years State Rugby League

Darcy Clifton and Harry Willoughby represented North West at the 11 Years State Rugby League Carnival at Cronulla in Sydney last week. The boys played in a very competitive North West side against the best 11 year old footballers in New South Wales.

Darcy had an outstanding tournament, scoring a number of tries and receiving the award for being North West’s best player over the two days.

Well done both of you and congratulations to Darcy on receiving such a prestigious award.
This term 4M has been engrossed in China. We have learnt many new and interesting facts about all aspects of China, including facts about The Great Wall, their language, culture, tradition and fables, the Chinese Zodiac, the Chinese New Year, The Five Chinese Brothers and much, much, more.

Did you know that in China they do not speak Chinese? That is right, the two languages spoken in China are Cantonese and Mandarin!

Do you know why a Chinese bride wears red to her wedding and not white? In China red is a lucky colour and white is the colour of death. You wear white to your own funeral, but not to your wedding!

We have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and parading around in all sorts of Chinese attire – hats, coats, head dresses, fans, umbrellas, dragons and much more.

A big thank you to Mr Lowe for providing 4M with all that is Chinese. His knowledge and willingness to share has been unsurmountable.
We’re All Abuzz With The Spelling Bee!

I could spend the time here to discuss and debate the loquaciousness of our linguistic heritage and the appropriating nature of our verbal tongue to acquire diverse, off metaphorical vernacular from many other languages and their orthographic backgrounds...but it’s probably not the time nor place!

The Spelling Bee is on again – open to Year 3-6 students. After the Spellathon, students will have the opportunity in their classes to try out and become a finalist in this year’s school spelling bee. There will be 2 categories – Stage 2 and Stage 3, each with a winner and runner up who will have the opportunity to represent our school at the regional rounds of this year’s 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee.

The school finals will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 18th June, with the Stage 2 round beginning at 1:40pm and the Stage 3 round beginning at 2:20pm. Class teachers will hold their own class spelling bees to determine which students make it to the school final.

Do I have any tips about spelling?

- Use mnemonics, homophones, be aware of exceptions in spelling patterns.
- Try sounding out words in syllable chunks.
- Try and work out the meaning of a word for vocabulary and language development.
- Emphasise the comprehension of words and the acquisition of vocabulary: place words in sentences.
- Look at the most commonly misspelled words.
- Watch final rounds of high profile spelling bees like the Scripps National Spelling Bee (USA) to motivate your child (clips usually available on YouTube).

Mr Lowe

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Even if spelling is not your ‘thing’, analysing spelling in the English language is quite an interesting task. Here is a poem to prove the point:

Our Strange Lingo

When the English tongue we speak,
Why is break not rhymed with freak?
Will you tell me why it’s true
We say sew but likewise few?
And the maker of the verse.
Cannot rhyme his horse with worse?
Beard is not the same as heard
Cord is different from word.
Cow is cow but low is low
Shoe is never rhymed with foe.
Think of hose, dose, and lose.
And think of goose and yet with choose
Think of comb, tomb and bomb.
Doll and roll or home and some.
Since pay is rhymed with say
Why not paid with said I pray?
Think of blood, food and good.
Mould is not pronounced like could.
Wherefore done, but gone and lone -
Is there any reason known?
To sum up all, it seems to me
Sound and letters don’t agree.

This was written by Lord Cromer,
published in the Spectator of August 9th, 1902

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Mastered It When I Was Five

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccup, thorough, lough and through?
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps?
Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead: it’s said like bed, not bead -
For goodness sake don’t call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt).
A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there’s dose and rose and lose -
Just look them up - and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come, I’ve hardly made a start!
A dreadful language? Man alive!
I’d mastered it when I was five!

Quoted by Vivian Cook and Melvin Bragg 2004,
by Richard Krogh, in D Bolinger & D A Sears,
Aspects of Language, 1981,
and in Spelling Progress Bulletin March 1961,
Brush up on your English.
On a recent Wednesday afternoon, students who were on Level 1 were able to enjoy a Social in the hall as a reward for their good behaviour this term. Strive to Achieve!
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Email your purchase request to: coonapsuniform@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
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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

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Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union
Camp Wallaby will be held in the upcoming school holidays in Gunnedah for 8 - 14 year olds.
Contact: Megan Clifton
Ph: 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 Committee Meeting:
Wednesday 11th June,
7:00pm at ‘The Hut’.
Next Rally: Sunday 6th July
9:00am Gear Check
Contact Lucy Evans
ph: 6842 3636

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