Stage 2’s Excursion to Crystal Kingdom

Last week Stage 2 travelled to Crystal Kingdom as part of our National Parks unit. Students learned about the local area and the volcanic activity that occurred here millions of years ago that formed the wonderful crystals that were on display. Some students were surprised to learn that crystals like the ones they saw form part of our every day lives and can be found in watches and computers.

Students were able to purchase some of the crystals found in our local area, many of which have healing properties such as alleviating aches and pains and headaches.

This excursion was a great experience for students to learn about the local area and Warumbungle National Park before departing for an excursion out there early next term. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Bredereck for sharing your extensive knowledge of crystals with us.

Stage 2 teachers.

Library News

It’s Book Week!
Monday 18th through to Friday 22nd August

Thursday is Character Dress Up Day
On Thursday 21st August dress-up as your favourite book character. We will have a parade straight after assembly on this morning in each designated area. Please note that this is not a competition and each participant will receive buzzies of encouragement.

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

It was great to see so many students enjoying the out of season cricket fun day held at the town’s No 3 Oval last Friday. Our school was represented by about fifty students who played games against students from Coolah and Premer as well as games between themselves.

The number of girls participating was especially encouraging and the skill level displayed by a number of those there on the day was quite high.

The cricket season will start early next term. It would be great if the town could find enough adults to run either weekend or after school cricket coaching to nurture the talent that was on display last week. If you’re interested in helping in this area please let me know.

P&C News

The Uniform Shop is desperately seeking girl’s uniforms. If you have any girl’s uniforms that are outgrown and are in reasonable condition, please consider donating them to the Uniform Shop.

The next P&C Meeting will be held at Gecko Red Restaurant at 6:30pm on Monday 25th August. Please come along and join the P&C. Together we can have a great time making good things happen for our school and students.

Canteen News

This Week’s Special Meal Deal!

Pumpkin Soup with Garlic Bread and a Hot Chocolate - $5.00

The Canteen needs a volunteer each Wednesday from 9.00am to 10:30am. If you could help on any Wednesdays, please call into the Canteen or phone 6842 1771.

What’s on at CPS?

18 - 22 Aug: Children’s Book Week
Thurs 21 Aug: Book Character Dress Up Day
Fri 29 Aug: North West Athletics Trials
Fri 29 Aug: Binnaway 4-Way Sports
1 Sept - 4 Sept: Stage 3 Water Safety
Thurs 11 Sept: Performing Arts Night (PAN)
Fri 19 Sept: Last day of Term 3

Aiming for Excellence

Hannah Meier

has received the ‘Aiming for Excellence’ Award for the following reasons …

Hannah is a confident, organised and hard-working student.

She consistently puts in 100% effort and achieves great results. Her work is always presented to a high standard and she excels in everything that she attempts.

Hannah consistently follows the school’s rules and demonstrates the Five Keys to Success. She is fulfilling her role as School Captain to the best of her ability, showing great leadership skills each and every day.

She is a fantastic role model for her peers and she should be extremely proud of the efforts she has made as a student at Coonabarabran Public School.

Congratulations on your achievements in ‘Aiming for Excellence’ Hannah!

Personal Best Award

Macey Harris

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Macey is an enthusiastic and hardworking student. She always tries her best at all set tasks.

Macey gets along well with her peers and is always willing to help others. She is consistently organised and tries her best to complete all her work.

Macey is a pleasure to have in the classroom. She always follows the five keys and strives for success.

Well done Macey, you are a fantastic member of KSI!
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KH: Jazmin Webster
KH: Stirling Hippisley
KS: Klancy Owers
KS: Lakiah Chatfield
1E: Sonny Bill Walker
1E: Jolyon Somerville
2l: Makayla Thomas
2l: Piper Walker
2N: Ava Nguyen
2N: Allwyn Park

* For working independently in learning centres.
* For writing two great sentences about family.
* Getting along well with her peers.
* Fantastic efforts in writing.
* For a great piece of writing about ‘changes in my family ...’
* For trying his hardest to write more during writing tasks.
* Wonderful writing.
* Always trying her hardest and trying new things.
* For wonderful fluent reading.
* For wonderful fluent reading.

and Stage 2 & 3 Assembly Awards

3R/H: Tully Andrews
3R/H: Erin Devenish
3R/H: Rhys Parkinson
3R/H: Deon Andrews
3/4H: Ruhannah Brown
3/4H: Thalia Davis-McKechnie
3/4H: Levi McElhinney
4M: Billy Rutland-Davey
4M: Hannah Sutherland
4/5A: Charlize Griffiths
4/5A: Graham Bell
4/5A: Tayla Harris
4/5A: Cooper Hayes
5/6A: Finlay McElhinney
5/6A: Ally Richards
5/6A: Argyle Park
5/6A: Hannah Bennell
5/6C: Jimmy Whalan
5/6C: Anna Goad
5/6C: Myah Sullivan
5/6W: Daniel Dicks
5/6W: Tessa Smith
5/6W: Milly Smith
3/6P: Courtney Abberton
3/6P: Gloria Romans

* For showing great ‘Resilience’ after her accident.
* For always being a positive and helpful class member.
* For always working to the best of his ability.
* For continuing to work hard and to the best of his ability.
* Trying so hard in English this term.
* Being a wonderful class member. Good luck at your new school.
* Trying hard to finish work and never giving up.
* Working consistently well in story writing.
* Being resilient.
* Excellent sporting ability.
* Always working sensibly in class.
* Always doing the right thing.
* Being more resilient when work is hard.
* Showing resilience in athletics in order to succeed.
* Showing great personality in her rainbow artwork.
* Being productive and efficient during art.
* Being enthusiastic in literacy discussions and writing.
* Showing resilience when working on the computers.
* Being consistently cheerful and willing in class.
* Being very helpful with the class pets in 5/6C.
* Being creative with recycled materials.
* Being creative with recycled materials.
* Being resilient with crepe paper.
* Being resilient.
* Good work habits.

Personal Best Award

Rebecca Kenyon

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Rebecca has started Semester 2 with a fantastic attitude towards learning.
Her involvement and input to class discussion is great.
Rebecca’s behaviour in the classroom is wonderful and she has learnt that a positive behaviour towards learning, along with settled and matured approach to work impacts her schooling life in a positive way.
She has shown her teachers our school’s five keys for success. She is organised, persistent, resilient, is getting along well with her classmates and shows confidence in everything she does.
It has been wonderful to see a positive change in Rebecca this semester and she should be proud of her own efforts and receiving her ‘Personal Best’ award.

Personal Best Award

Tameka McGlashan

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Tameka has settled into Coonabarabran Public School and the OC very well since starting here at the beginning of the year.
She is an organised and enthusiastic student who is always keen to participate and try new things. In class, she is a hard worker and she tries her best to present her work to a high standard.
She consistently follows the school rules and demonstrated the Five Keys to Success. Tameka is a great citizen of our school and a fantastic role model for her peers.

Well done, Tameka! Congratulations on your achievements thus far!
Cricket Fun Day Enjoyed By All

Last Friday a cricket fun day open to all students in Years 3 to 6 was held at the town’s No 3 Oval. Our school entered five teams which played games against each other as well as against teams from Coolah and Premer.

The day was run by Kath Barber, the Development Manager for Central Northern Region from Cricket N.S.W. There was an emphasis on fun and skill development rather than competition and the skill level displayed by a number of our students was quite high.

It was a most enjoyable day. Thank you to Kath and her assistant, James, the high school students who did a great job scoring and umpiring and Woolworths who generously provided some fruit for the cricketers to eat during the breaks between games.

Writers Wanted!

$1000 cash and your choice of a

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2014 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by Sunday 31st August 2014.

Go to www.write4fun.net for more information.

COONABARABRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
EARLY BIRDS FOR 2014

The Early Bird catches the worm.

You are invited to enrol your child in the Early Bird Program at Coonabarabran Public School and get them off to a great start for their school career!

This program is open to ALL children who are considering starting Kindergarten in 2015.

Outcomes for your child:
- to provide a successful transition to school
- to create familiarity with the school staff and routines
- to learn early Kindergarten skills, and
- to have a positive, happy and smooth start to school.

The Early Birds program will be held in the K-2 area with qualified and experienced teachers every Tuesday beginning on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014 from 9am-12pm

Please ring the school before Tuesday, 2nd September on 68 421 771 to register your child.

For further information contact Melissa Newton, Assistant Principal.
As a part of our Science curriculum this term, Year One have been on a "School Yard Safari". This has been a very exciting unit of work as it has involved digging and fossicking around in our schoolyard to find all sorts of critters! The following poem is called "Insect Safari" and was created by 1A.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

**Insect Safari**

by 1A

We went on an insect hunt,
A Safari was its name.
They did not make a sound or noise,
And some were not the same.

A centipede has 100 legs,
Although we did not find one.
A butterfly can lay her eggs,
We found one basking in the sun.

A jumping spider, we dug out
It was long and skinny.
It was in the vegie garden,
It was very mini.

A Witchetty grub did slither our way,
It was white, fat and juicy.
It wriggled and wriggled and wriggled away,
We decided to name it Lucy!!!

Our safari had now come to an end,
The digging, scratching and fussing,
We put them in our magnifying jars,
For close looking and inspection!!!!!!

Written and spoken by 1A, Coonabarabran Public School

Li Yeun, our new School Chaplain, has been out and around our students, playing and talking to them in the playground. Here is what the students have to say.

**Li Yeun is**

- Demeeka: pretty
- Jacob: Chinese
- Mahdi: cool
- Darnel: nice
- Adyele: nice and confident

At recess and lunch, Li Yeun...

- Sonny Bill: comes to eat with us
- Kiera: is down at Infants at recess
- Jana: plays handball with me
- Holly: plays with us

**Li Yeun likes**

- TJ: to eat vegetables
- Jacob: to eat apple
- Demeeka: to help us learn

About our new School Chaplain
How ClassMovies works
for schools chosen to participate in one of the six focus programs

News from Stage 1
In the K-2 we are making a movie to showcase the great work that is happening in the classrooms. Students have taken home a ‘Personal Release’ form for approval, signature and return by parents and/or carers so they can take part in the collection of footage to be used.

We hope to make the movie in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Please see Mrs Cox if you would like more information, have any concerns, or require another Personal Release form.

For more information, visit:

Pre-production
Selection
Principal agrees to school’s participation.
DEC program manager and teacher discuss the short video’s focus area.
DEC program manager emails a Partner Code to the teacher.

Getting started
Visit www.classmovies.com/docus
Click Make my Documentary button
Click Make my Portal Documentary, then select your Portal area of focus
Click Login to Order Online
Click Register Here, then order your starter pack using the Partner Code.

Preparation
You will be sent your Starter Pack and a USB stick within seven days.
Starter pack includes everything to help you get your movie started.
Explore other online resources including the Filmmaker Lounge.

Production, editing & approval
Video shoot
Film short video.
Upload video footage to USB stick and send to ClassMovies for editing.

Editing & approvals
ClassMovies editor returns first draft of the short video for review.
Teacher sends as many changes as required to ClassMovies.
Teacher and principal approve the final video.

Production & captioning
ClassMovies produces final video with captioning.
Teacher, principal and program manager receive Quicktime link.

Final approval
Program manager approves short video for online publication.

Your ClassMovie
Short video is published on ClassMovies TV and DEC YouTube channels.
School to nominate number of DVD copies (up to 30) required.
ClassMovies to send copies of short movies to the school.

Science feeding the world!
A RESOURCE BOOK OF IDEAS FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2014

It’s National Science Week 2014 and the theme is
Food for our future: Science feeding the world.
The theme was inspired by the International Year for Family Farming and can include topics like food security, agricultural sustainability and innovation. The resource book supports teachers with lesson plans based on the theme. – See more at:
http://www.scienceweek.net.au/schools/#sthash.Moi5Vlgm.dpuf
Last Wednesday 13th August, students at our school helped celebrate the 100th birthday of the Australian Red Cross by wearing red and making a gold coin donation to the Red Cross organisation. The Australian Red Cross has been helping families across Australia since the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914.
CPS Uniform Shop
Girls & Boys
Summer & Winter
Hats, Jumpers & Coats
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
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
3.15 - 5.30pm Monday - Friday
at St Lawrence's School
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catch the Rocky Glen bus.
You could pay as little as $4.50 per day with CCB.
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Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union
Inverell Carnival
Sunday 24th August
Armidale Carnival
Sunday 31st August
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
Camp Forms available!
Camp commences Sunday 21st September 2014.
Contact Lucy Evans for Camp Forms to be emailed to you.
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