Book Week Celebrations

Last week we celebrated Book Week at our school. This year’s theme is:

‘Reading to Connect - Connect to Reading’

All classes from Kindergarten to Year 4 enjoyed stories shared by Mr Gary Furnell from the Macquarie Library. Due to the rainy weather, only some of these classes had the opportunity to visit the town library and other classes enjoyed Mr Furnell’s stories in our school library. Thank you Mr Furnell for your time and enjoyable story reading.

Book Character Day

On Thursday we saw many of our favourite book characters parading around our school. Thank you to all the students who came dressed as their favourite character. You all looked fantastic and certainly added some colour and spark to our playground. Congratulations also to the teachers for your wonderful costumes!

The Whole School Story

During Book Week our school wrote a story from Kindergarten to Year 6. Each class wrote a paragraph of the story and it was collated and illustrated by Mrs Evans who also read this very entertaining and adventurous story at a special assembly. Thank you Mrs Evans for organising this book and reading it to us. You can read story of ‘Tooloola in Trouble’ on page 6 of this newsletter and there are some more great photos from Book Week activities on page 7.
Evans’ Excellent Endeavours

This week brings the start of lots of exciting things happening at our school. Our rehearsals for PAN have started in the High School Hall this week. It gives me a buzz to think that we can provide our students with the opportunity to perform in front of a large crowd on a grand stage with lighting, music and all things ‘drama’.

Following PAN, on Friday 12th September, we will be hosting our very own Commonwealth Games. A dedicated group of primary teacher have been working together to make this day an enjoyable learning experience for all students K-6. There will be more details to follow on the Commonwealth Games.

And to finish my first newsletter entry, a quote from Denis Waitley … ‘The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.’

Have a great week!

Mrs Evans

---

P&C News

Make sure you set aside the evening of Thursday 11th September to attend the annual Performing Arts Night. The P&C will be selling tickets at the door and providing a supper for parents and friends after the performance. Donations of cakes, slices and sandwiches will be appreciated. You can deliver your contribution to the canteen on the morning of Thursday 11th September, or directly to the High School when you arrive for the performance.

A matinee performance will be presented on the at 10:00am on Thursday 11th September for residents of Cooninda, BreakThru, Yuluwini Kids, St Lawrence’s School and community members who don’t want to go out on a cool September evening. Please come along.

Our children love to sing and perform for their family and friends.

The cost of the performance will be $10.00 per adult and $5.00 for aged pensioners and high school students. We request that no prams or strollers are taken into the hall during the performances.

---

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.wrire4fun.net for more information

---

Library News

Book Club

The latest issue of Book Club has gone home with students and is due back at school to the front office by Friday 15th September.

Please be sure to thoroughly read the Book Club catalogue as there are some competitions that students can enter and some great prizes up for offer.

---

Performing Arts Night

Thursday 11th September
at 7:00pm in the High School Hall

Cost: $10.00 adult
$5.00 aged pensioner
$5.00 high school students
Primary/Infants children free

---

Coonabarabran Public School
Newell Hwy, PO Box 169
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357
Ph: 6842 1771 - Fax: 6842 2416
email: coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

- KH: Thomas Lawson
- KH: Jasmine Watton
- KS: Maddison Wightley
- KS: Zane Regan
- 1A: Ella Atkinson
- 1A: Damon Brezzo
- 1A: Phoebe Menz
- 1A: Rebekah Dicks
- 1E: Katie Richards
- 1E: Jack Clarke
- 2L: Blade Burrell
- 2L: Piper Walker
- 2N: Isaac Menz
- 2N: Dustyn Owers

- For always writing interesting sentences.
- For a great improvement in reading.
- Being an organised class member.
- Fantastic efforts in writing.
- Working hard in Learning Centres.
- Being so enthusiastic about our science lessons.
- Working consistently in all areas.
- Working consistently in all areas.
- Being a confident member of 1E.
- Getting along with others.
- Being a new and energetic member of the class.
- Always doing beautiful neat work and being respectful towards others.
- Confident and fluent reading.
- Confident and fluent reading.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Last Wednesday, 20th August, Year 6 went to the High School as it was National Science Week and we are preparing for a new chapter in our schooling lives by participating in a program called Transition to High School.

At the High School we organised ourselves into groups of four and worked out how we would build a strong bridge or a tower.

We were provided with limited equipment to work with. The items available to us were:

- 30 x 30cm balsa wood sticks
- 4 x pieces of sticky tape, and
- 15 x thumb tacks.

We tested our bridge-building skills on a train track that the High School Science teachers had built. Unfortunately our team didn’t succeed but other groups did. The winning team’s bridge could hold 8 x 250g sandbags!

by Tessa Smith

Students also participated in transitioning activities with cooking classes in the High School Food Technology classrooms. Malik, Wally and Chris all prepared, cooked, ate, washed up and packed away during their lesson with Mrs Doyle. They enjoyed their pikelets served with jam and cream and look forward to attending High School next year!
Road safety
around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you.

Transport for NSW
Centre for Road Safety

Drop off and pick up by car:

* Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
* Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
* Look for buses pulling out - watch for flashing wig wag lights.
* Always park and turn legally around schools.
* Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
* Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
* Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous - they may run to you without checking for traffic.
* It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school:

* Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
* Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
* Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
* Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
  
  STOP! one step back from the kerb.
  LOOK! for traffic to your right, left and right again.
  LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
  THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

* Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

This road safety information has been distributed by the NSW Government - Transport for NSW - Centre for Road Safety, and is the first in a series of articles to be published in upcoming school newsletters.

---

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 9:00am - 12 noon. Please ring the school before Tuesday 2nd September on 6842 1771 to register your child.

For further information contact Melissa Newton, Assistant Principal.
We have been learning about bugs in the playground for Art and Science.

Reading lots of different Dreamtime stories in L3 and doing activities about them in our stations.

Here is one group's typed story summary for

**How the Birds Got Their Colours**

One day there was a little dove flying through the sky trying to find some food to eat. But while the little dove was flying, he hit a big and sharp stick that stabbed into his foot.

He lay there in pain for days and the other birds came to try and help him. They came with beaks full of water. Everybody was trying to help except for crow. He was just sitting there watching the other birds.

Then parrot swooped down and with his sharp beak, he pecked it. Colours spread everywhere. Some red, brown and green went all over the birds, except for crow. Crow didn't get colours because he was standing back, not wanting to help.

---

Legacy is a unique organisation that stands by the dependants of veterans who gave their lives or health in the service of their nation. Legacy cares for the families of defence force personnel killed in war or other hazardous service, in peacekeeping operations or in accidents whilst training for war, and those who have died subsequently or are incapacitated. We help organise housing, education, medical expenses and important special things, like simple companionship. There are over 200 widows and dependants in Mudgee/North West Division who depend on Legacy.

You can support our local Legacy group on **Legacy Day, 5th September**. Badges will be available in $2.00, $5.00, $10.00 and larger denominations. Pens, wristbands and Army, Navy and Air Force bears may also be purchased.
Mrs Evans: Once upon a time there was a pink fluffy goat named Tooloolaa. Tooloolaa was always looking for a new adventure; she was a very brave but sometimes silly goat. On this particular day Tooloolaa decided that she would ...

KS: ... go to the river and go fishing. When she was at the river she fell in the water. Tooloolaa cried out for somebody to help her. The Ninja Turtles came to her rescue. Tooloolaa climbed on their turtle shell and they helped her out.

KH: She got out of the water. She then thanked the turtles and went over the bridge to find some fresh green grass. There she found some friends to play with.

1E: While she was over playing with her friends they started to play a chasing game. When they were playing ‘chasies’ Tooloolaa’s friend, Isaac Echidna, scared her and gave her a big fright! Tooloolaa screamed and all of the birds in the trees screeched and flew away.

2N: Tooloolaa cried “Don’t fly away birds I’m sorry for scaring you”. The birds returned to the tree and started a partée. They did the chicken dance together while the birds sprinkled flowers over Isaac and Tooloolaa.

2I: The birds all stopped because they saw a wolf robber coming towards them. He wanted to spoil their party and take Tooloolaa to his cave.

1A: Back at his cave the wolf robber locked Tooloolaa in a tiny cage that hardly had enough room for her to move. Isaac, the birds and all her other friends decided to find the Ninja Turtles so they could help rescue Tooloolaa.

3/6K: The birds whistled their unique ‘Ninja’ calling song and the turtles promptly arrived. They staked out the wolf robbers cave and waited for him to fall into a deep sleep.

3/6P: While the Ninja Turtles were waiting Tooloolaa sat quietly in her cage drifting off to sleep. She started to think about the party and all of her friends and how worries they would be. While she was thinking, a strange feeling came upon her and she became angry and felt stronger. She started to turn green and grow and grow. She became that big and strong that she broke the cages roof. She was free and had become The Hulk.

3R: Tooloolaa heard a big noise and woke up and realised that turning into The Hulk was a dream. When she focused on the noise it was the wolf snoring. The Ninja’s heard his snoring and snuck into the cave and quietly lifted the cage up and took it outside. They used their swords to crack open the lock and they ran away really quickly.

3/4H: When the wolf wakes up he sees that the cage is gone. He got very angry and let out an almighty roar that echoed all the way down the valley to where the turtles and Tooloolaa were and they started to shiver with fright. The wolf hopped on his death cycle and started chasing them.

4M & 4A: Tooloolaa and the turtles cleverly and quickly created a trap for the wolf. They set the trap in a sneaky spot and went and hid behind a rock waiting patiently. The wolf robber came pelting down the hill when suddenly ...

5A: A rock fell on him and squashed him like a pizza. Kids came out and ate him. He was delicious. He tasted like KFC, pancakes and cheese. But some of the kids felt sick and started to expand when ...

5/6W: ... they popped and splattered on everything including the Ninja Turtles. It looked like a bomb of food went off. The wolf robber started to reform into Spiderman. The battle of the superheroes had begun ...

5/6A: Tooloolaa watched in horror as the wolf robber turned into Spiderman. She shook, bounced and leapt around knowing he had to do something radical, very quickly for her survival, so she used her special powers and turned into ‘Pink Goatzilla’. Bleating loudly at Spiderman he stood frozen in shock.

5/6C: Spiderman whimpered in fright of Tooloolaa’s magical ability. He begged for forgiveness but pink Goatzilla was not forgiving. She called the Ninja Turtles to help her finish off Spiderman. They fought and defeated him and imprisoned him in his own cave forever more.
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
Coonabarabran Public School students
catch the Rocky Glen bus.
You could pay as little as $6.50 per day with CCB
You only pay the gap.
Check your CCB subsidy by ringing 130160.
Enrol at Family Support Services Centre
phone: 0849 2222
Affordable - Fun - Safe

Coonabarabran Physiotherapy
Matthew Rouse
Physiotherapist B.App.Sc
68 Cassilis Street
COONABARABRAN
02 - 6842 2881

Grace’s Uniforms
For all your school uniform needs
From hats to socks,
backpacks and shoes.
Shop 3/48 Dalgarno St
Phone: 6842 1670

Newton’s Mechanical Repairs
Daedong Tractor Sales
For all your mechanical needs
Truck or Tractor Repairs
On-Farm Service or Workshop
- Hardi Sales & Service - Hydraulic Repairs
- Air Conditioning - Rego Checks
- Spare Parts - Consignment Sales
6842 1167
Crane St, Coonabarabran

XLR8 promotions
For all your promotional products and apparel
Trophies Clothing Embroidery Bags
Printing Headwear Graphic Design Signs
Sporting Equipment Uniforms
(02) 6842 3663
Email: info@xlr8promotions.com.au
www.xlr8promotions.com.au

N & L Computer Repairs
Coonabarabran
Norm Arkell
Ph: (02) 6842 6197 Fax: (02) 6842 6855
Mobile: 0414 421 697
Email: nandl@macmilli.com.au

Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union
Last Carnival of the Year!
Armidale
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 commences
Sunday 21st September.
Next Rally: Sunday 7th September - 9:00am start
Committee Meeting:
3rd September - 7:00pm @ ‘The Hut’
Lucy Evans
ph: 6842 3636

FOX Electrical Installations
Sebastian Fox
Licenced Electrician
0407 805 164
A/H 6843 4495
foxelectrical@outlook.com