Performing Arts Night is finally here!

The show will commence at 7.00pm and students must be at the High School Maths Rooms by 6:00pm for face painting and costuming. Please make sure your children have tea before they arrive for the evening.

The admission cost is $10.00 per adult which will include a sumptuous supper from the P&C. Aged pensioners and high school students pay an admission of $5.00 whilst children in primary school or younger are admitted free!

This year the show is taken from the famous Wizard of Oz which is celebrating its 75 year anniversary. Mr Hardy has reworked some of the original songs and included some new ones to create a lively and action packed hour of talent.

Mrs Jenna Flood has kindly donated her time to instruct the students in professional dance moves. Mrs Flood began her own dance career at the age of 5 and has been instructing for the last 22 years, including many productions for the Elite Maree Walton-Mahon Dance Academy in Newcastle. She intends to open a dance school in Coonabarabran in the future to share her passion with local inspiring young dancers. Mrs Flood has worked tirelessly, encouraging and supporting our students as they learn new steps and moves to interpret their class item. Her choreography, like the music, is a blend of traditional and modern themes.

Each class has an outstanding dance and spectacular costumes made by themselves and their class teachers with which to interpret the different parts of Dorothy’s and her friends journey down the yellow brick road.

Mrs Flood has been watching and valuing our many enthusiastic dancers and will present a Rising Star Award on Friday at a special assembly to be held at school. These awards will recognise the most diligent and willing students.

We look forward to welcoming all parents and community members in to the audience for a matinee rehearsal at 10:00am and/or the show under lights at 7:00pm on Thursday 11th September.
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

This Thursday, the 3 - 6 section of the school will provide the school’s showcase public performance for the year when we hold our Performing Arts Night at the Coonabarabran High School Hall.

A huge amount of preparation has gone into the performance and the efforts of all concerned should once again ensure another excellent quality night.

I encourage you all to come and support your children and enjoy the evening. It should be a night not to be missed!

Student Absences

Please ensure if your child misses a day of school that a note explaining that absence is sent to school with your child on their return. Departmental policy indicates that unexplained absences are unacceptable. Even explained absences may come to the attention of senior Departmental officers if they become excessive.

At the end of each term the school has an attendance draw with a prize of a scooter going to the person whose name is drawn out. All students whose attendance record is satisfactory for that term go into the draw and have a chance of winning the scooter. Excessive absences and unexplained absences will rule your child out of the draw.

P&C News

Don’t forget your date on the evening of at 7:00pm, Thursday 11th September to attend the annual Performing Arts Night at the Coonabarabran High School Hall.

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 would 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.

The cost of the performance will be $10.00 per adult and $5.00 for aged pensioners and high school students. Parents, please leave prams and strollers outside the hall.

On special at the Uniform Shop!
Older style Girls Summer Uniforms - $2.00

Library News

Return Library Books
With the school holidays approaching, please make sure you return all library books. That way, we can start Term 4, (can you believe it!), with a well-stocked Library for everyone to enjoy.

Library Board Games
We have many new board games that students are welcome to come and use at lunchtimes in the library. Get your friends together for a friendly lunchtime match in the Library!

Dads’ Brekkie

The kids of CPS invite all their dads along to our annual Dads’ Brekkie.

When: Wednesday 15th October
Where: Primary Courtyard
Time: 7:30am

A donation on the morning would be greatly appreciated in helping to cover the costs.

Canteen News

NEW to the Canteen with the LICK-A-PRIZE Sticks

Dragon Popper Paddle Pops $1.60

Two quick messages...

• There will be no K-2 Assembly in Week 10.

• If you would like your child to be able to purchase Happy Harold merchandise, please write your child’s name and class, along with the description of the desired item, on an envelope. Enclose the correct money for the total purchase and hand it in to the Office.

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Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KH: Jarrod Wood
    • For a huge improvement in his reading!
KH: Zoe Wark
    • For her beautiful handwriting.
KS: William Fuller
    • Great efforts in writing.
KS: Britney Andrews
    • Fantastic efforts in reading.
1A: Joshua Cummins
    • Trying to improve his handwriting.
1A: Phoebe Menz
    • For great counting and estimating.
1E: Samuel Johnson
    • For trying his best at all times and producing great work.
1E: Myah Cox
    • For great answers in a class discussion about ‘Enora and the black crane’.
1E: Sonny-Bill Walker
    • For handing in homework. Well done!!
2t: Austin Alberts
    • Working hard in maths and reading.
2t: Western Peck
    • Using his manners and being an excellent mathematician.
2N: Ivolet McAway-Davis
    • Very settled start to Week 9 and being helpful.
2N: Celeste Magee
    • For her confident, five-star classwork.
2N: Josie Strong
    • For her persistence with all her class work.

Personal Best Award

Ignatius Blackman

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Iggy is a hard worker who is trying really hard to show big improvements in reading and writing.

He has become a self driven student who always keeps his work neat and tidy as he takes pride in all tasks completed in class.

Personal Best Award

Amara Watton

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Amara always works hard to complete her work neatly, and almost always finishes tasks even if not given adequate time.

She keeps her books neat and tidy, showing pride in everything she does.

Amara is always kind and respectful towards other students and is a delight to teach.

Chess Results … a close call!

Last Wednesday, four teams of three were sent to represent our school at the Gunnedah One Day Tournament. Twenty seven teams from six schools played eight rounds on the day and it was an extremely tight match. The scoreboard leader changed many times with only half a point difference between the top teams. It was going well for our A team until the fifth round when the team got hit by a fierce Manilla team. After that it was a neck to neck race between four teams. What made it more tense was that in the seventh round our C team dealt a blow to our A team which compromised their position, gaining some frustrated groans from spectators.

After some quiet conferencing the teams got together and worked as a School front with the B team sacrificing their points to the A team so that our school would make it on top as champions by half a point. We scored eighteen points out of a possible twenty four while Manilla A team and St Xavier’s Gunnedah came equal second with a score of 17.5. We have made it to the Finals round to be held in Sydney at the end of November. Our A team, consisting of Fergus Atkinson, Harry Willoughby and Lachlan Meier did remarkably well – especially Fergus, who was unbeaten champion on the day.

Our B team and C teams came fifth (14.5 points) and sixth (14 points) respectively, and our D team came in at twenty two with a score of 11. I commend the team spirit of the players on the day, especially Chris Reynolds, Luke Bonello, Nils Thomas, Daniel Dicks, Jacob Bandman and Carlen MacFarlane, who played strategically to allow the A team to progress to the next round. As a vote of thanks, I will declare all positions on the Sydney finals team open for play offs, so that anyone from those teams will get a fair opportunity to try out and represent our school. We want the best and strongest players to represent the school and we also want to be transparent in our selection process. An encouraging mention of our D team, Eliza Border, Nicholas Wham-Campbell and Madison Heywood, who played at their first chess tournament. I’m sure they enjoyed their time and learned a new trick or two.

Finally, I’d like to thank Mr Angus Atkinson and Mrs Samone Meier for assisting with transport on the day. Without volunteers it would be much more difficult to send our school students to events like this. We’ll keep you informed about the finals in a couple of months. Our Chess Club is on Monday and Thursdays, second half of lunch, and we have also been introducing other board and card games for any students who wish to learn new games and practise getting along socially with other like minded students.

Mr Lowe
NSW PSSA Rugby at Kiama

Fergus Atkinson and Darcy Clifton from Coonabarabran Public School represented the North West School Sports Association at the New South Wales Primary School Rugby Union State carnival at Kiama.

The east coast low caused havoc in many ways with more than 100 ml of rain measured – the ovals were awash. Officials delayed the start for two hours in the hope that the weather pattern may improve. Unfortunately that was not the case and the format was changed with all games on one oval with match time reduced.

Gumboots, umbrellas and shelter were in demand as spectators enthusiastically cheered on the blue and black team against their first opponents Sydney South West. With their first game over it was home for a hot shower, wet jerseys into the dryer before returning to the quagmire to run on against Sydney East. All teams found the conditions trying with gale force winds causing havoc with the high ball, water on the field as well as sea spray and precipitation making ball handling skills difficult whilst kicking proved to be a nightmare. The North West forward pack were competitive with all of their opponents although the wet conditions made it difficult for the backs to find their momentum. Fergus took on his new position of flanker with gusto whilst Darcy swapped between second row and No 8 according to the flow of play. With each game the team became more cohesive and despite losing 5 of their 6 matches on two occasions (Hunter and Riverina) it was only by a conversion.

The final day of competition saw a depleted North West team with one player requiring stitches in his knee from a fall the evening before, another having to return home to Moree via country link, and another succumbing to the dreaded chest infection sitting on the sideline when the boys kicked off for their final match of the round against Western.

The final was entirely a catholic affair between Mackillop and Polding with Mackillop victorious after a very hard fought game of rugby. Following the presentation the 2014 NSW PSSA State Rugby Union Squad was announced with five country players from Sawtell, Scone, Singleton, Dubbo and Coonabarabran named in the squad of twenty-two.

Darcy Clifton will represent NSW and have the opportunity to play against the best rugby players of his age from other states and territories at the Interstate Challenge in Adelaide on the October long weekend. It has been a long and strenuous journey from school to Zone to Association to State team but well worth it and we are sure Darcy will look forward to this event with great enthusiasm.

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Lunch Orders for the Commonwealth Games

Stage 3 are holding a fundraiser on the day of the Commonwealth Games. Children can order an Athletes Action Pack Meal for $5.00. This meal will include a hotdog, can of soft drink and a small chocolate treat.

If you would like to order this meal please complete the order slip and return with your $5.00 to your class teacher no later than Wednesday 16th September.

**ATHLETES ACTION PACK MEAL**

Name: ____________________________  Class: __________

I would like to order ____ Athletes Action Pack Meal @ $5.00 per meal.

I enclose $ _________ as payment for my meal(s).
Kindergarten have been working very hard this term. We are currently learning about farms and produce.

We are learning about the concept “Paddock to Plate”. Finding out where our food comes from is very interesting. We have written about the food in our lunchbox and looked at some of the ingredients in our food. We were lucky enough to visit the High School agriculture plot where Mr Wilkin showed us the piglets, they were only one day old!

We discussed why we need farms and the people involved in producing and delivering our food. This week we are reading “The Little Red Hen”.

Our learning centres are based on this book and we will further develop our literacy skills by taking part in a variety of activities.

We are preparing for our excursion to the bakery and supermarket by learning about where bread comes from and how it is made.

In mathematics we have been working very hard to improve our skills in numeracy. We have been using a range of tools such as dominoes, dice, counters, whiteboards and journals.

KS have been working very hard to follow the five keys!

Class Focus: KS

Macey and Souljah practice their reading.

Zane Jenner enjoying some quiet reading time in KS.

Klancy Owers loves writing.

Britney Andrew doing some great work in writing lessons.

Brooke Neill concentrating on her lesson.

Storytime
On Monday 1st September, our class went on a safari to explore the catchment of the Castleraeagh River. The first stop was at Willowvale where we dip netted for invertebrates to check the quality of the water below town. Other classes will check the water above the town.

The next stop was the sewerage treatment works where we were shown how they treat the sewerage and how important gravity and natural processes are to the water treatment.

The gross pollution trap at the end of John Street was next and then it was off to the Water Treatment Plant where we were shown how the water is treated before we get to use it.

A quick quiz was held on board the bus as we went up the valley to Timor Dam. Here we talked about why it was built and how it coped during the recent fires. Lunch was at Timor Rock and then it was off to see the landslide at Mopra.

Finally we headed up the mountain to view the Castleraeagh and Namoi River catchments from the Trig Station.

Stage 3 would like to thank the staff of the Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre and the Warrumbungle Shire Council for their great information and assistance to make our Castleraeagh Catchment Safari such a great excursion!