A Fabulous Evening of Entertainment!

Thursday evening was the culmination of many weeks of planning, choreography and practice to present a modern interpretation of 'The Wizard of Oz' by our Years 3 - 6 students.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends were treated to a very entertaining concert with all students participating with enthusiasm.

Mrs Clifton has spent much of this term thinking up performance ideas for all our students, sourcing costumes and props, and arranging and coordinating lighting, hall availability and rehearsals. A very BIG thank you to Mrs Clifton for all her efforts. We were thoroughly entertained!

A very BIG thank you also to Mrs Jenna Flood who has choreographed and rehearsed with all of our students for several weeks in the lead-up to last Thursday night's performance. Our school is very fortunate to have a generous and talented person who gave her expertise and time so willingly.

Congratulations and thank you to all of our students who participated so enthusiastically and entertainingly! The audiences thoroughly enjoyed your performances.

And thank you also to the Coonabarabran High School for the use of their Hall and we appreciate the efforts you went to to accommodate us in between your own school activities. Thank you also to the High School students who assisted with stage arrangement and props and to Mr Hardy who co-ordinated the sound and lighting for the performances.

Congratulations everybody and well done!
Term 4 School Development Day Date Change

Normally in Term 4 there are two school development days, the last and second last days of the school year. Our school will vary from the normal routine in Term 4 of this year.

Our first school development day will be the first day of the Term 4, 7th October 2014.

The other will be the last day of Term 4.

The first day of Term 4 for students will be Wednesday 8th October and the last day of school for children for the year will be Thursday, 18th December 2014.

Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Congratulations to all those who contributed to the success of last week’s performing arts night. It was a wonderful event with a huge amount of positive feedback being received about the quality of the performance. Well done. It was a credit to all involved.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Please remember school resumes for students on Wednesday, 8th October 2014.

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.

P&C News

The Performing Arts Night was a very successful event with our students in Years 3 - 6 taking great delight in entertaining us with their version of ‘The Wizard of Oz’.

Thank you to all staff, in particular, Mrs Clifton, for all your efforts in preparing and presenting the show.

Thank you also to all parents and friends who prepared supper for the evening.

The Uniform Shop is holding a SPECIAL SALE over the next few weeks, commencing on Thursday 18th September. Boys summer shirts, shorts and older style girls summer dresses will be available for $2.00 each.

The P&C will meet again on Monday 13th October at 6:30pm in the School Library. Parents, grandparents and friends, please feel welcome to come along and join in the fundraising for our school.

Important Message

Missing school leaves gaps in your education

What’s on at CPS?

9 - 17 Sept: Life Education Van
Thur 18 Sept: CPS Commonwealth Games
Fri 19 Sept: Last day of Term 3
Tues 7 Oct: First day of Term 4 for staff only
Wed 8 Oct: First day of Term 4 for students
Wed 15 Oct: Dad’s Brekkie @ 7:30am
15 - 16 Oct: PSSA Athletics @ Homebush
Wed 22 Oct: Early Birds Fair - 4:00 - 6:00pm
Fri 24 Oct: Musica Viva

Canteen News

This week’s special Meal Deal!
Sweet and Sour Chicken with Fried Rice, comes with a juice and a sweet treat!
Only $5.00

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
Kindergarten’s Excursion to Flood’s Bakery and Woolworths

On Tuesday 16th September, the two Kindergarten classes, along with their aides and teachers, ventured to Flood’s Bakery and Woolworths as a wrap up on their classroom lessons about ‘Paddock to Plate’.

The students had a lovely time, firstly at the Bakery, where they saw Mr Flood and the bakers making bread, buns, cakes and slices.

Then the students went to Woolworths for a ‘behind the scenes’ look with Mr McMillan at how our foodstuffs arrive at the store before it goes on the shelf for us to purchase.

Kindergarten had a wonderful time and would like to thank Mr and Mrs Flood and the staff at the Bakery, and also to Mr McMillan and the helpful staff at Woolworths who made our excursion interesting and fun.

Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly Awards

3/6P: Malik Chatfield
3/R: Nash Walker
3/R: Matson Ayoub
3/R: Erin Devenish
3/R: Nellie Park
3/4H: Rebecca Kenyon
3/4H: Robbie Fairlis
3/4H: Dante Lloyd
3/4M: Lando Evans
4M: Amaree Valletta
4M: Jack Richards
4M: Charley Isedale
4/5A: Alex Harris
4/5A: Taylor Harris
4/5A: Heidi Thompson
5/6A: Rya Cain
5/6A: Tom Bowman
5/6A: Jace Weatherall
5/6W: Harald Nilsson
5/6W: Jay-Cee Milgate
5/6W: Hayley Bartlett-Birrell

- Being a great leader in PAN.
- Showing great enthusiasm at all times.
- Enjoying PAN rehearsals and great participation.
- Always being a delight to teach.
- Showing great persistence with her class work.
- Fantastic attitude to learning.
- Being a great role model in class.
- Persistence with PAN dance practice.
- Getting along with his peers and including them in games.
- Being resilient and flexible about PAN.
- Always doing the right thing.
- Looking after his peers and helping where he can.
- Working hard for Mrs Harris.
- Hard work on our PAN production.
- Persistence while learning our dance.
- Working on friendships to make it a better day.
- An improved effort in the PAN dress rehearsal.
- Loving every minute of PAN and making a big effort.
- Trying harder to complete tasks.
- Writing a very clever story book!
- Being persistent with PAN practice.

STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Daniel Dicks

has received the Strive to Achieve Award for the following reasons …

Daniel is a confident, organised and hard-working student. He consistently strives to achieve his best with a positive attitude.

Daniel has a mature attitude in all situations at all times. He gets along well with his peers and is always willing to help others.

Daniel follows the school’s rule and demonstrates the Five Keys to Success at all times.

Daniel is a fantastic role model and a great attribute to his class and Coonabarabran Public School.

You should be very proud of your efforts and hard work! Congratulations Dan!

PERSONAL BEST AWARD

Darnell Dumas

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Darnell is a polite student who always uses his manners. He is kind and caring towards both his classmates and his teacher.

He works very hard in class and consistently puts 100% into his literacy and writing. He concentrates hard on his handwriting and always writes beautifully.

Darnell is a good sport and always does his best and tries extremely hard during PE and Sport.

Congratulations Darnell for always trying to do your Personal Best.
English Talent on Show

Earlier this term a number of our students sat for and performed very well in this year’s U.N.S.W International Schools English Competition. With thousands of entries from across N.S.W. and the A.C.T., competition Star achievers included Dante Lloyd, Lockie Eshman, Harry Willoughby, Anna Goard and Chris Reynolds who received Merits, Declan Eshman, Shafin Salim, Jordan Dicks, Cordy Lloyd and Fergus Atkinson who received Credits, and Max Phillips, Hannah Meier, Jacob Meldrum-Bandman and Kaitlyn Reynolds who received Distinctions for their efforts.

Congratulations to all those students but particularly to Max, Hannah, Jacob and Kaitlyn, whose results placed them in the top 10% of candidates who entered the competition.

Science in the Pub

Friday 3rd October, 7.30pm (Doors open at 6.00pm)
Coonabarabran Bowling Club - Edwards St.

An evening of good hearted banter and debate, with internationally acclaimed astronomers; Assoc. Prof Charlie Lineweaver, Prof Fred Watson, Dr Amanda Bauer and Prof Joss Bland-Hawthorn.

Hosted and compered by ABC Science Show Host, Robyn Williams. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at Prezzies Gift Shop in town, or online at www.starfest.org.au.

Siding Spring Observatory Open Day
Saturday 4th October - 9.30am to 4.00pm

For one day of the year, Siding Spring Observatory opens its telescopes to the public. It’s your chance to take a closer look at the operations of Australia’s largest optical telescope site. There’ll be talks by world famous astronomers, talks designed for children, science displays and activities, food stalls, markets and solar observing. Come along and make this a great family day out.

Milroy Observatory
Saturday 4th October
(bus departs from Coonabarabran Visitors Centre at 5.30pm)

Milroy Observatory has refurbished the ANU 40" telescope and is hosting an official opening ceremony. Enjoy a champagne at sunset, a cocktail dinner, stargazing and talks by Prof Brian Schmidt (2013 Nobel Prize Laureate), Prof Fred Watson, chief astronomer AAO and Dr David Malin, world famous astrophotographer.

BOK Lecture — NASA Astronaut, Andy Thomas
Sunday 5th October, 11.00am (Doors open at 10.30am)
Coonabarabran Bowling Club

Flying into Space

Australian-born, former NASA astronaut, Dr Andy Thomas, will talk about his 177 days in space. Tickets are free but you must register at Starfest.org.au. Seats are limited so be early to avoid disappointment.

For more details on StarFest events
www.starfest.org.au
www.facebook.com/StarFestSidingspring
Being a parent can be full of ups and downs – difficult and joyous. And there are plenty of “experts” to give advice. James Valentines, an ABC radio presenter, became a bit frustrated with all the advice, and so created his own rules. It’s a good list, and worth sharing:

- Don’t respond to what other parents think you should do.
- Don’t do your child’s school project.
- Don’t smoke in the car with them.
- Don’t scream at them at sporting events.
- No whacking.
- Sarcasms not good. Yeah, right, try parenting without it, smart boy. (See what I mean?)
- Feed them. Try to vary the diet.
- Play with them.
- Talk to them.
- Read to them.
- Watch some TV with them.
- Take them to the movies. Let them buy popcorn.
- Let them play with the weird kid you don’t like. They’ll like some other kid next week.
- They will see inappropriate movies and TV shows at some other kid’s house. Don’t worry about it.
- Make them go outside.
- Let them get bored.
- Let them make a mess.
- Don’t worry about what they’re wearing.
- They need to know how to use a knife and fork.
- It’s “please” when you ask and “thank you” when you get.
- They don’t know the rules of hide and seek; you have to teach them.
- Throw a ball to them.
- Go to the park.
- Get a pet.
- Teach them how to cross the road and then let them walk to school. Getting hit by cars is tragic, but statistically unlikely.
- Same for getting snatched off the streets by perverts in white vans.
- Get them to bed on time.
- Let them stay up on Saturday night.
- Take them to funerals.
- Take them to parties.
- Answer their questions.
- Let them finish their stories.
- Whatever they’re into, get into yourself. Play their electronic games, listen to their music. You don’t have to do it all the time. Just a few times.
- Remind yourself that this too will pass.
- Make sure they know school is important. Go to parent teacher meetings. Do some work in the canteen.
- Make them do their homework.
- Say no.
- Let them fail.
- Tell them when they’re doing stuff wrong.
- Give clear instructions.
- Have a routine.
- Sometimes throw the routine away.
- Look pleased to see them.
- You will get angry. They won’t hear what you’re saying while you’re angry. Only that you’re angry. Apologise for being angry and tell them what you were angry about later when you’re calm.
- They may not be very much like you. They might be quite different.
- Most of them won’t be concert violinists, discover nuclear fusion or play for Australia.
- Wrestle with the boys.
- Be there.
- Praise them when they do good.
- Hug them.
- Tell them they’re great. Tell them you love them. Let them go.

Do all that, and then the rest is up to them.
Happy Healthy Harold

Our school has been fortunate to have the Life Education Van, featuring Happy Healthy Harold at our school all of last week and until Wednesday of this week.

All students from K - 6 have had a lesson with Emma and Happy Harold since the van’s arrival nearly a fortnight ago.

The students’ lessons are devised around age-appropriate curriculum-based lessons and are delivered in an informative and fun way for students to understand the benefits of a healthy life and healthy lifestyle.

Harold and Emma deliver lessons about lifestyle choices, cybersafety, peer pressure and the importance of making good choices in our lives.

It’s been a pleasure to have Emma and Harold in our school and we thank them for their informative lessons.

Rising Star Awards

On Monday, 15th September, Mrs Flood visited our school for an assembly to reward, acknowledge and thank the students who were ‘Rising Stars’ in the lead-up to, and during, the Performing Arts Night’s ‘Wizard of Oz’.

The following students were rewarded for their efforts: Josie Bartlett, Nikita Trindall, Manisha Athula, Chloe Clarke, Jayde Sim, Malik Chatfield, Chris Reynolds, Tim Bennell, Nash Walker, Matthew Wood, Chloe Schmidt, Amarlee Vallette, Nellie Park and Hannah Meier.

The students, staff and the P&C are very grateful of the efforts by Mrs Flood to choreograph and coach our young performers through their routines. Mrs Houley, on behalf of the P&C and all students and staff, took the opportunity at the conclusion of the assembly to present both Mrs Flood and Mrs Clifton with flowers as a token of our appreciation.