“Toto, I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore!”

In recent weeks the only thing anyone has been talking about in Years 3 - 6 is the Performing Arts Night! The staffroom discussion at recess and lunch has, and is, all about costumes, dance moves, and where to acquire all manner of strange props and decor for our mid-September premiere!

The students have been practising their routines to present to parents, grandparents and friends a polished routine under the guidance of Mrs Clifton who has obviously spent too many sleepless nights thinking up new and exciting ways for our children to entertain us! Mrs Jenna Flood has also been a regular visitor to our school to assist with dance routines and we thank Mrs Flood for her assistance.

Please make sure you come along on the evening of Thursday 11th September to enjoy our school’s interpretation of ‘The Wizard of Oz’. The P&C will provide a supper after the performance that commences at 7:00pm. A ticket will cost $10.00 per adult or $5.00 for an aged pensioner or high school student.

Children who are primary school age or younger get to come along for free!

A matinee performance will be presented at 10:00am on Thursday morning for Cooinda, BreakThru, St Lawrence’s School and Yuluwirri Kids.

It’s promising to be fantastic entertainment!
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Last week I was out of the school on a couple of different occasions and was delighted to hear about and see the success our school was having in two separate and entirely different areas of school life.

On Wednesday in Dubbo I received feedback on the progress of the school in the “Early Action for Success” Program on which we were placed earlier this year. The program targets students from Kindergarten to Year 2 in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Our students were shown to be doing very well, a credit to them, their class teachers and Mrs Cox who is co-ordinating the program. Well done to all involved.

On Friday I attended the Regional Athletics Trials in Tamworth. Our students competed in a fashion of which we should be quite proud, showing good sportsmanship throughout the day. Special congratulations to Charley Isedale, Darcy Clifton and Arkey Gibson-Wakeing whose performances saw them qualify to compete at the State Athletics Trials in Sydney later in the year. Well done all of you.

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, Yuluwiri Kids, St Lawrences 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.

Library News

Book Club
Book club was issued last week and all orders are due to class teachers no later than this coming Friday 5th September.

Overdue Library Books
There are a huge number of overdue library books outstanding at the moment please check at home and return any books to the library returns trolley as soon as possible.

Library Board Games
We have many new board games that students are welcome to come and use at lunchtimes in the library. They are proving very popular so pop in and check them out!!

Canteen News

This Week’s Special!
Hawaiian Pizza Wrap - $3.00
Ilis ham, pineapple and cheese on a tomato sauce topped wrap. The wrap is rolled and toasted.

Personal Best Award

Tim Bennell

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Tim completes all work tasks in class and helps others when they need it.

He consistently uses his manners and treats others with respect. Tim is always organised and keeps the classroom clean and tidy even when it is not his responsibility. He gets along with his peers and does not fuss over things.

He always writes neatly and takes pride in his work, completing every task to the best of his ability.

Tim has been working hard on self-control and has displayed a mature attitude towards this in the classroom and on the playground.

Well done Tim on always doing your personal best!

Katrina Whittall

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Katrina is an enthusiastic and diligent worker who always tries to do her best. She gets along well with others and is always willing to assist in the classroom and in the playground.

Katrina has made excellent progress this year in all learning areas and is persistent with tasks even if they are tricky. Katrina is an organised and confident worker who listens to instructions and completes tasks with a minimum of fuss.

She is a thoughtful, friendly and courteous young lady who is a pleasure to teach.

Congratulations Katrina!
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

- Always trying to do five-star work!
- Always trying to do her best in class!
- Getting along well with the Early Birds.
- Trying hard in learning centres.
- Being an excellent outside helper!
- For improved writing.
- His wonderful idea for our Level 1 activity - making berry jelly cups!
- Her wonderful piece of writing about snails. Well done!
- Trying hard in reading and writing.
- Trying hard in reading and writing.
- Consistent effort with his spelling.
- Always producing great work.

and Stage 2 & 3 Assembly Awards

- For being such a friendly class member and settling in well to her new school.
- For showing enthusiasm with his small National Parks task.
- For always showing enthusiasm towards his homework.
- For showing enthusiasm towards his National Parks project.
- Great moves during PAN practice.
- Working really hard in Literacy.
- Getting along with her peers.
- For ‘Getting Along’ with others and making sure no one is left out.
- For being’Resilient’ in Maths (even when Mrs Smith makes you work hard)!
- For knowing her dance steps and performing enthusiastically.
- For consistently putting a huge effort into PAN practice.
- Knowing the sequence of dance steps for our PAN performance.
- Getting along with her peers.
- Her great knowledge of our PAN dance.
- Working hard in 5/6A and Literacy.
- Always being organised and moving promptly to class.
- Always working with enthusiasm and pride.
- Working well and independently in Literacy.
- Trying hard during PAN practice.
- Always getting along with her peers and teachers.
- Being a wonderful student who will be sadly missed.
- Getting along with her peers.
- Practicing well for PAN.
- For showing resilience in the playground.
- For displaying a more mature and responsible attitude in class.
- For getting along nicely.
- For improved work.

STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Amy-Maree Harris

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

Amy-Maree is a delightful student who gets along well with her peers. She is always organised for school and works hard to complete her homework tasks each term. She is always offering to help in the classroom and she has a great attitude towards learning. Amy-Maree has worked really hard this year to improve her independent working skills and she has been producing some great work.

She is a confident speaker in front of the class and is always willing to ‘have a go’!

Amy-Maree is a wonderful student in the OC and a great asset to Coonabarabran Public School.

Congratulations, Amy-Maree!

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE

Milly Smith

has received the Aiming for Excellence Award for the following reasons ...

Milly is a confident and hard-working student. She consistently puts in 100% effort in all tasks in and outside the classroom. Milly has a wonderful, positive and brilliant attitude.

She gets along well with her peers and is always willing to help others. Milly follows the school’s rules and demonstrated the Five Keys to Success at all times.

Milly is a beautiful role model for her peers and she should be proud of her efforts she has made as a student at Coonabarabran Public School.

Congratulations Milly!
Key points to remember around schools

1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

- **0 - 6 months:** Approved rearward-facing child car seat.
- **6 months - 4 years:** Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat.
- **4 - 7+ years:** Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

* Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
* A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.
* Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.
* Assist your young child to buckle up - always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.
* Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.
* Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.
* When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.
* Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children young than seven years in a child car seat.
* A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.
* NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

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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.

For further information contact Melissa Newton, Assistant Principal.
Wow! How fast the term has flown!

We have been very busy in 5/6W across all topics, currently in Science we are learning about different states and matters. We have looked closely at the Water Cycle and researched in depth about how the water cycle works. So we could further understand the Water Cycle, we made our very own to hang on the window. 5/6W have also had fun experimenting with different colours using shaving cream!

In Maths and Literacy we have been doing our daily rotations with 5/6C. In our rotations we are doing activities such as construction, public speaking, investigating and creative writing.

In Literacy we have completed information reports and we are currently learning about different types of poetry and creating our own poems.

Year 6 were lucky enough to visit the High School earlier in the term for ‘Feast of Words’. We participated in Poetry Reading and drama games. Last week Year 6 went there again to be a part of a Science and Technology Day.

Again, 5/6W has been reading with 1A each Monday. Mrs Abbott and I have been extremely happy with the maturity Stage 3 have been showing as role models. They should be very proud of themselves.

5/6W has been practising very hard for the upcoming PAN production and we are very excited for the Opening Night!
Athletes Do Very Well at Regional Athletics

Last Friday’s Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth provided some excellent results for students at this school. On a day where everyone who competed did so in a wonderful spirit the school finished the day with students going to State Athletics in six separate events.

Successful competitors, who will be competing at the State Athletics Trials, included Charley Isedale (1st in Junior Boys Discus), Darcy Clifton (1st in 11 Years Boys Shot Put, Discus and High Jump and 3rd in 11 Years Boys 200 m) and Arkey Gilson-Wakeling (2nd in 13 Years Boys 100 m). Well done all of you. Keep the training going until your big day at Homebush early next term.

Others who received top 10 placings in events included Matt Duncan (11 Years Boys 800 m), Oliver Kearney (12 Years Boys Shot Put), Belinda Ryan (11 Years Girls Long Jump), Hayley Duncan (12 Years Girls High Jump) and Tessa Smith (12 Years Girls Discus). The Junior and Senior Boys and Senior Girls Relay Teams also qualified for the finals of their respective events.
The Life Education Van will visit our school in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Here’s a brief outline of the range of programs in which the children will be participating:

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The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PD/H/PE curriculum.
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB: Harold Products are subject to availability.

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ________________ to Life Education NSW.

Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: ___________________________ Phone (optional): ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Suburb: ___________________________ Postcode: _______________________
Email (optional): ___________________________
Child’s class: ___________________________

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or

www.healthyharold.org.au
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 that pattern in Term 4 of this year.

Our first school development day will be the first day of the term, 07-10-14. The other will be the last day of term as is usually the case. The first day for students will be Wednesday, 08-10-14 and the last day of school for children will be Thursday, 18-12-14.

Kindergarten Paddock to Plate Excursion
Term 3 Week 10

Kindergarten will be going on a walking excursion to Flood’s Bakery and Woolworths, Coonabarabran on Tuesday 16th September 2014. This is to reinforce concepts taught in class for Literacy and Science and has been approved by the principal.

Students are covered by the general permission note signed earlier in the year. A note will be sent home this week advising further details.

Mrs Hain & Miss Skinner
Kindergarten Teachers

Congratulations Shafin

Shafin Salim did very well in this year’s U.N.S.W. Writing and Spelling Competitions, receiving Certificates of Credit for his efforts.

These competitions run along the same lines as the English, Maths and Science Competitions, also run by the U.N.S.W., with entrants from across Australia as well as other countries in the Pacific area.

Congratulations on your achievements. To obtain credits in two competitions of this type is a fine achievement.

Join Little Athletics this summer!

Little Athletics NSW

Register online now at www.laansw.com.au
Information pack available from

Sole Impression on John Street
at the Coonabarabran High School Oval

Contact Simone: 0429 421 438 for more information

TECHNOLOGY FOR SPEECH, LANGUAGE & LEARNING

COST
$25 per participant
RSVP
0429 454 925 by 10th September 2014

TOPICS
Choosing a using the right technology.
Apps for speech, language, literacy and learning needs.
Technology for persons with a disability.
Using technology in the classroom or at home.
Tech tips & tricks.

Feel free to bring your own device to the workshop.

WHEN
17th September 2014
5:00-7:00pm

WHERE
SCHOOL LIBRARY
COONABARABRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
JOHN ST COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

WHO
Parents, teachers, aides, school support staff

PRESENTED BY:
Kylie Toynton
Speech Pathologist- Language For Life
Year 8 Students Visit KH

Mrs Macintosh’s Year 8 English class came for a visit on Monday to KH.

The Year 8 students read their books that they had published to the Kindergarten students.

Kindergarten really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to seeing their Year 8 buddies again.

The more you that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more you LEARN, the more places you’ll GO!

Dr Seuss

SIZZLING SPRING SEVENS CAMP

Rugby 7’s is making its Olympic debut in Rio in 2016 and this camp is an ideal place to learn the basics of seven-a-side rugby in a fun, safe environment. Each participant will receive a 7’s hat, 7’s towel and experienced coaching from NSW Participation staff.

AGE GROUPS: U17s-U12s
LOCATION: Viaduct Park O’Connell St. Tamworth
DATE: 25th September
COSTS: $70

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL NATIONAL RUGBY CAMP

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January 11th - 14th 2015 Armidale NSW
Binnaway Four-Way Sports - Friday 29 August 2014

It’s Coonabarabran Public School’s Commonwealth Games

In Week 10, on Thursday 18th September our school will be hosting our very own Commonwealth Games.

The day of festivities will commence at 10:20am until 3:00pm. All children from K-6 will participate in sporting activities throughout the day. More information will be posted in this newsletter next week.

Our Opening Ceremony will be spectacular and will commence with our athletes marching at 10.20am.

Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us for our Commonwealth Games celebrations.

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).