Amidst a sea of smiling and painted faces the singing of Performing Arts Night began. Mrs Imrie has been practicing some Christmas carols with her lunchtime choir and they began the show. As the curtain drew back we were taken deep into the Australian bush with Delvene and Dave who lead us through the collection of animals as we celebrated the Twelve Days of an Aussie Christmas.

KM’s opening emus danced their way into everyone’s hearts while their pretty parrots performed proudly. We had 1A’s magnificent magpies resplendent in their black and white and the green glitter of the leaping lizards. 1E were the cutest and cuddliest kookaburras and wombats ever to be seen on stage. 2I were pretty possums and playful platypuses loaded with personality. 2N shone with fabulously executed steps as they jumped their kangaroo and koala moves in all the right directions. Each and every class had learnt their moves and loved being in character and costume. The students were a credit to their class teachers who had created the dances and fashioned their costumes to present a colourful and fun hour of entertainment. Then as everyone gathered on stage for the finale, each little face shone with excitement and delight and sang beautifully to the end of the show. Mrs Pincham and Mrs Houley both acknowledged the work of the teachers and P&C and everyone stayed for a delicious supper and catch up after the show.

Well done to the performers and their teachers and a special thanks to Mr Hardy for again giving up his time and skill in being Mr Music.

Mrs Clifton

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Tonight is Awards Night at Coonabarabran Public School. Students who are receiving awards should be at school by 6:45pm in full summer school uniform.

We look forward to parents, carers, grandparents and friends joining us at school for this celebration of our students’ achievements.

Parents, please be seated in the hall prior to the 7:00pm start. We will enjoy a supper at the conclusion of the event.
Pincham's Pearls of Wisdom

Performing Art Night - what a stellar performance students from K-2! The night was a credit to staff and the children. There was so much for little people to remember and I’m sure you would agree they did a fantastic job. Well done to all involved.

It has been great to see so many children completing their You Can Do it certificates. This means morning tea with the principal. Last Friday saw a wonderful group of Year 2 students coming with me for morning tea and they were just perfect. Today Year 1 and tomorrow Kinder. Year 3-6 students will enjoy this on Wednesday. It is so great to see so many getting to this reward.

Awards night will be held tonight beginning at 7.00pm and I look forward to seeing you there.

The holidays are quickly approaching and I would just like to remind you that the last day of school for 2015 is Thursday 17th December for both staff and students.

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P&C News

The P&C have wrapped up the year with a very entertaining and successful night of PAN last Thursday.

Thank you to all the wonderful Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students who provided us with the evening’s entertainment.

Thank you also to all the fabulous staff at Coonabarabran Public School who have dedicated so much time and effort in this year’s PAN production, ‘The Twelve Days of an Aussie Christmas’.

AUSSIE CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all our volunteers who have assisted throughout the year. We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to your help in achieving another successful year in 2016!

Merry Christmas!

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Canteen News

Canteen has been giving out stickers to all students who have ordered sandwiches this term. It is now time to bring in all your stickers and receive your FREE sandwiches.

Please remember that orders can’t be made over the phone and that all orders must be made at the canteen and payment is required at that time.

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2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

A reminder to please return all Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2016 to the office. Please also bring along your child’s birth certificate, immunisation record and proof of your residential address (i.e., an electricity bill or rates notice) as soon as possible.

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What's on at CPS?

| Mon 7 Dec | Awards Night - 7:00pm |
| 7 - 11 Dec | Year 2, St 2 & St 3 Intensive Swimming |
| Wed 9 Dec | Year 6 Farewell Picnic - 6:00 - 7:00pm |
| Wed 9 Dec | Year 6 Farewell Social - 7:00 - 9:00pm |
| Thur 10 Dec | Yrs 3 - 6 Assembly - 2:20pm |
| Fri 11 Dec | Year 6 Farewell Assembly - 12 noon |
| Thurs 17 Dec | Last day of the school year - students & staff |

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Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday
9th December
6:00 - 7:00pm
Bring a picnic and share a meal with your teachers and classmates on the school lawns ...

... and then enjoy the Year 6 Farewell Social
Wednesday 9th December 2015
for students in Years 3 - 6
Cost $3
Time 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Formal Assembly
There will be a Formal Assembly for Year 6 students on Friday 11th December 2015, commencing at 12 noon in the school hall.
Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited to attend.

Parents and Carers
You may remember that Day 1 of Term 4 was a Staff Development Day at Coonabarabran Public School.
As a result of this change it will mean that the last day of school for students and staff at Coonabarabran Public School will be Thursday 17th December 2015.
The first day of Term 1 in 2016 for students will be Thursday 4th February.

Jacob’s Tenacity
Jacob Hasson, of class 21, recently completed this 3-D puzzle without any assistance. He was allowed to take the puzzle home to complete, as doing it at school became too difficult in the hectic classroom environment.

Congratulations Jacob! A great display of persistence and problem solving!

Variety
the children’s charity
As a result of last week’s Out of Uniform Day in support of Amy Maher’s fundraising drive for ‘Variety - the children’s charity’, our school has been able to send in $241.50.

Variety is a national not-for-profit organisation committed to empowering Australian children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs to live, laugh and learn.

Variety provides practical equipment and experiences, and helps Australian children in need to overcome whatever obstacles they face to live life to the fullest!

Thank you Amy for being a fantastic role model in our school! Thank you also to all students who participated so enthusiastically in this fundraising event.
Stage 3 spent Week 9 working in small groups to create a Shadow Puppet play. This involved creating characters, writing a script and presenting their play to the rest of Stage 3. The teachers were very impressed with the level of creativity and the presentations were very entertaining. I think everyone would agree, it was lots of fun!

Mrs Kearney

AHoy There Me Hearties!
Kindergarten kiddies will be pirates or mermaids for t’ day on Friday t’11th day o’ December 2015.
'I'll be out o' uniform 'n ye should be wearin’ a pirate or mermaid outfit for t’ day. Please be sure t’ keep ye’ toy cutlass 'n' toy guns at 'ome!

We be anticipatin’ a lots o’ students t’ be walkin’ planks, scrubbin’ t’ decks and talkin’ like pirates for t’ day!

K-2 Parents ...
Da’ Kindergarten kiddies will be sellin’ t’ jelly cups on Friday 11th December for a $1.00 lump o’ gold at lunch time in t’ K-2 shelter area.

Please pledgin’ yer support t’ da Kindergarten young’uns 'n' elp ‘em t’ be raisin’ t’ doubloons for t’ Red Cross.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Year 6 had a wonderful day at Coonabarabran High School on Friday for their Orientation Day.

The day started with a treasure hunt which allowed our students to familiarise themselves with the school layout and surroundings and to meet the other Year 6 students from Binnaway Central School, Baradine Central School and St Lawrence’s School.

They then experienced a range of practical lessons and enjoyed cooking rock cakes, grooming cattle, identifying healthy features in a pig and learnt about Otzi the iceage man.

They were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch prepared by the High School SRC and ended the day with a fun sports session.

It was a great day and our Year 6 students are now confident and excited about attending High School.

Mrs Kearney
We have so many great photos of Stage 3’s Lake Keepit excursion that we couldn’t choose which ones to use! We think these photos tell the story of their week of adventure, exercise, teamwork and friendship!

At Lake Keepit there was a lot of activities you could do such as archery, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, sailing and the giant swing! There was three groups, red, yellow and green. We had turns doing duty two times a day, and breakfast. After dinner we did night show. If you don’t know what it is, it’s pretty much just playing games at night time. Some of the games we played were, Eddy the Eagle, Lake Keepit Idol, mini Olympics, music games and a disco on Thursday night. After night show we went and watched a movie, the first movie was ‘Cars’, then it was ‘Wreck It Ralph’!

Our lodges were big but the beds were very uncomfortable. I think most people had fun.

Hannah Sutherland
Year 5 and 6 went on an excursion to Lake Keepit to experience the great activities of the Sport and Recreation Centre. All students enjoyed and participated in many fun and interesting sports such as archery, rock climbing and the eighteen metre high giant swing. The staff, Danielle, Matt, Stewart and Cori, ran many fun activities for the night shows such as discos, a mini olympics and many team work challenges.

We were very pleased with the fantastic meals and desserts provided in the dining hall. Mountain biking, kayaking, canoeing and free time in the pool are also a part of the activities held during the warm days. What a great week!

Ellenah Wall
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