Who Let The Dogs Out!

Last Tuesday, 10th February, our school was very lucky to be visited by two of the current Canterbury Bulldogs players. After an anxious 20 minute wait Corey Thompson and Kayne Brennan, and NRL staff arrived to a hall full of excited students.

The purpose of the visit was to educate students about healthy lifestyle choices such as eating more fruits and vegetables and less foods that are unhealthy, and participating in physical activity both at school and out of school. This was done in a number of fun and challenging ways, including Celebrity Head and the students favourite ‘beat the players’!

Some lucky students got to go head to head with Corey and Kayne in a push-up, arm wrestle and star jump competition. Well done to John Martin of 5/6S for overcoming Kayne in the arm wrestling.

Coonabarabran Public School would like to thank the players for taking time out of their busy training schedule and the staff of the NRL who made the visit possible.
Pincham’s Pearl of Wisdom

Over the past few years our school has been a Crunch & Sip School K-6 and this has been supported by the donation of daily fruit from Woolworths. However, I have been advised that Woolworths has made the decision to withdraw all community donations which includes our daily fruit. Therefore, if the program is to continue each child will need to bring in their own fruit for the 10:00am fruit break.

Our Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 13th and it was lovely to see all competitors dressed in their house colours and supporting their team mates with lots of cheering. The Zone Carnival is to be held at Binnaway Town Pool this Wednesday 18th February. If your child came 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in a race, (not the relay event), they are eligible to attend this carnival and will need to have advised me via a yellow transport note how they will travel to the carnival. I wish all competitors the very best of luck.

I would like to remind all our parents of the Parent Information Evening which is to be held this Wednesday 18th February at 5:00pm in the School Hall. The evening will replace the stage meetings of past years and we hope it will be a more relaxed and informative time. There will be an information session followed by time for casual conversation with all teachers over some afternoon tea. Hoping to see you there.

School Uniform Donations

If you have school uniforms in reasonable condition, particularly Boys Grey Shorts from Size 6 and up. Girls Summer Uniforms and any Sports Uniforms that you would like to donate to the school, we would very much appreciate it.

The uniforms we seek are not part of the Uniform Shop. They are kept on hand for children who need a change of clothing whilst at school.

LIBRARY NEWS

- Remember to return your books to the Library so you can re-borrow.
- Book Club is due.
- K - 2 need to have a Library Bag to be able to borrow books.

Canteen News

Back to School Paddle Pop Reward continues!
Purchase a paddle pop and when you have eaten your ice cream write your name and year on the stick. Return it to the canteen to go into a Paddle Pop Prize Draw.

This week’s special!
Order any sandwich and receive a FREE cup of chocolate, strawberry or banana flavoured milk.

What’s on at CPS?

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Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly Awards

3H: Cameron Whittal
   * A confident and responsible start to 3H.
3H: Celeste Magee
   * Approaching each task with enthusiasm.
3H: Amara Watton
   * Always being organised to start the day.
3R: Aleah Martin
   * For excellent organisation skills.
3R: Josie Strong
   * Beautiful classwork!
3R: Paul Clarke
   * For being a happy and enthusiastic class member.
4E: Jye Robbins
   * Being super organised before every lesson.
4E: Nash Walker
   * Always supporting his peers.
4/5M: Corbin Wall
   * Being organised and bringing all notes back on time.
4/5M: Clover Hippisley
   * Always willing to participate in class discussions.
4/5M: Sam Bowman
   * Giving everything a go in class.
5/6K: Brenna Kennedy
   * For being super organised with all her school supplies.
5/6K: Deshaane Plunkett
   * For having a great attitude towards school.
5/6K: Eliza Rowley
   * For a great start at a new school.
5/6L: Amy Maher
   * Showing enthusiasm in class and getting along with new friends.
5/6L: Vance McDonald
   * Staying on task and persisting at building reading and writing stamina.
5/6L: Madison Heywood
   * Organising Mr Lowe in class. Thanks for the reminders!
5/6S: Sophie Rowley
   * Settling into Coonabarabran Public School well.
5/6S: John Martin
   * Working well in class and setting a good example for his peers.
5/6S: Wyatt Veldhuis
   * Being organised in class.
3/6P: Dallaz Hawley-Byrnes
   * A good start of 2015.
3/6P: Asha Wortley Cain-Cronin
   * Organisation YCDI award.
K/6B: Nelli Park
   * Being organised.

Music Lessons in 2015

Piano, Guitar, Theory or Musicianship Tuition will be available during or after school in a studio at Coonabarabran Public School or at a venue in town with Mrs Mary Moss, Bachelor. Ed., Dip. Ed. Mus., A.T.C.L., with 31 years experience both in classroom and private music teaching.

All ages are welcome. Please phone: 6825 4344 or 0428 254 344 for further information. Or you can email: mary.moss@bigpond.com, or leave a message at the School Office.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Homework HQ will commence on Monday 23rd February for students in Year 1 to Year 6, between 3:00 and 4:00pm.

During this time students will have access to the Library and staff to assist them with their homework. It is the parent’s responsibility to have their child/ren collected at 4:00pm.

To enable your child’s attendance, please complete the permission note below and return it to Ms Bailey.

Kind regards,
Debbie Bailey

I give my child .................................................................................................................. permission to attend Homework Headquarters.

I understand it is my responsibility to make arrangements for my child to be collected at 4:00pm.

Parent Name: ........................................................................................................... Signature: ...........................................................................................................

Date: ................................................................ Contact Number in case of an emergency: ..............................................................
Coonabarabran Public School's Parent Information Evening

CPS welcomes all parents from K-6 to come along and find out what's happening in our school for 2015.

The evening provides a great opportunity for you to meet our teachers and staff and to gain a better understanding of the year ahead for your child/ren.

When: Wednesday 18th February 2015
Time: 5:00pm
Where: CPS School Hall

For your convenience, office staff will be on hand to take any payments for text books and resources if you wish to pay on the evening.

There will be no provision for the supervision of children on the evening.

Please come along and enjoy getting to know us! Refreshments will be provided and there are lucky door prizes to be won.

We are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you!

For those students who wish to attend Tennis Trials in Coolah on Monday 23rd February 2015, please note that the Trials do not commence until 1:00pm.

Please be at the Tennis Courts in Coolah by 12:30pm.

Our School Garden
Thank you to Morag and Ben Baker and Stacey and Stephen Walker who last week helped set-up our school garden beds in readiness for students to grow and tend their own school gardens.

Students will soon be able to participate in the School Garden project and we hope to be able to grow and share some great fruit and vegetables soon!

Mrs Evans

Friday Sport - Week 4

Friday Sport will be at the Town Pool for all students in Stage 2 and 3

All Stage 2 students will go to the pool at 9:00am and all Stage 3 students will attend at 1:40pm.

As this is a Novelty Swimming Carnival, each child is encouraged to wear his/her House Colours.

* All students will need to bring swimmers, a towel, a hat, a long sleeved lightweight shirt or rashie and sunscreen. The cost of entry into the town pool is also required, either by way of a Season Ticket number or the pool entry fee of $3.00.

The House Colours are:

Asteroids - Yellow
Meteorites - Green
Comets - Blue
Satellites - Red

Students attending the Zone Swimming Carnival in Binnaway on Wednesday 18th February need to meet Mrs Kearney at the Binnaway Pool at 9:00am.

SOLID STATE CIRCUS is an Australian comedy acrobatics troupe. You’ll learn the difference between a backflip and a backsault from this dynamic, inspirational trio!

Our school will host a performance of SOLID STATE CIRCUS featuring the trio of Hemlock, Luth & Ty.

The performance will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 9:30am. The cost of the performance is $5.00. Students should return this note along with the cost of the performance to their classroom teacher.

Student Name: ___________________________ of Class ___________________________
Class Focus: 5/6L

The start of the 2015 school year has been a delightful experience. It has been a few years since Mr Lowe has been on class full time and it is actually his first year on a mainstream class. The stars, of course, are the hard-working, fun-loving and respectful members of 5-6L. Although they are great individuals, it is when they work together, bearing with each other’s shortcomings and celebrating each other’s successes that makes them a joy to teach.

The aim of our class is to develop students who take ownership of their learning, work more independently and strive to achieve better results academically and socially. Students have been empowered to choose what order they engage in learning activities – as long as they complete set tasks and meet expectations.

In these first few weeks of school, we have been building stamina – practicing writing and staying on task for longer periods of time and reading to themselves – because reading is FUN and will lead to becoming successful learners in the future.

Students have been introduced to the IPICK model of choosing books to read (found in The Daily Five by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser):

I - I pick the book for myself (Independence)
P - Purpose (What is the purpose for choosing the book? Leisure, research...)
I - Interest (Am I interested in the topic and layout of the book?)
C - Comprehend the words (Do I understand most of the words in the book?)
K - Know the words (Can I read most of the words by myself?)

Perhaps you can try this model with your children next time they choose a book from the library (or perhaps even yourself!)

We look forward to an exciting year learning about all sorts of things. But the most important thing to learn is RESPECT – for learning; for other people; for authority; and for oneself.

Mr C Lowe

What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning. Chuck Grassley
The ANZAC Story is a live interactive performance designed specifically to offer children and adults the opportunity to see and learn through an interactive experience of The ANZACs. It is based on the HSIE Unit "Gallipoli" and the ANZAC Tradition. 

Hear the anecdotes of the soldiers at war in the trenches at Gallipoli and learn through a heart-warming performance about why Australia as a new nation participated in this overseas conflict.

Can you hear Australia’s heroes marching? is a national war memorial song and a tribute to the ANZAC spirit of mateship, courage and sacrifice. The song has been used for commemorative purposes across Australia by schools, churches, choirs, bands, councils, retirement homes, military services, radio stations, RSL branches and ANZAC tributes at NRL & AFL matches.

Every state, place and school across Australia commemorates ANZAC Day somehow and offers the community and their children the opportunity to remember those who lost their lives for those who are still living now. The ANZAC Story is a wonderful addition to your commemoration ceremony as it depicts the courage and mateship that gave birth to the ANZAC spirit. It tells the story of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps under orders from London landing at the wrong spot at Gallipoli Beach on the Turkish coast. Our brave soldiers faced sheer cliffs and a barrage of defence fire from the Turkish Forces which became a military disaster.

Australia as a country was fourteen years old and was made up of colonies. This was the first time we had been to war as a nation and as part of the British Commonwealth they acquitted themselves as a nation under extreme circumstances and the ANZAC Story school incursion allows this to be shown in a highly acclaimed and remarkable experience for all students.

The show is set in the trenches at Gallipoli four months after the landing following the Battle of Lone Pine. The audience are taken into the action as it is seen through the eyes of the soldier, the Company Sergeant Major - a Boer War Veteran, a young recruit and a nurse. The performance leads the students into the heart of the young recruit Alex Peterson who is proud to have enlisted and to do his part not fully understanding the horror of war and treating it like an adventure. Arriving at the beach he meets the Company Sergeant Major, Norman O’Connor a battle hardened soldier who began his service in the Boer War and who is in command along with Bill a veteran of this campaign. Then there is the Army Medical Corps situated on the Island of Lemnos where Sister Peterson, sister of Alex Peterson, in on duty.

As the show is highly interactive and engaging, immersing the adults and children in the history of Australia’s past it involves people as Stretcher Bearers following in the footsteps of Jack Simpson Kirkpatrick and his donkey Duffy. It deals with the question of conscription and the war effort being made by Australia and whether we have the population to replace the losses. It shows the loneliness of the men and their links with home such as receiving the gum leaves and wattle received in their mail from home and the letters they write back to their loved ones.

The performance uses state of the art lights and audio to stimulate the senses of the students to involve them and give them an insight into Australia’s role and all it asks, is that we remember the service men and women past and present and keep their memory alive. It is hoped that this production will go a long way in helping the younger generation to understand a little more about why we celebrate ANZAC Day.

It is performed with the greatest respect to the memory of the soldiers and is a moving presentation that treats the subject of the ANZAC and war with honour.

There is no better way to remember the fallen and commemorate what they have done, then by experiencing this live, interactive and beautiful event that is makes you feel like you are in the War Zone.

The Anzac Story is a 90 minute show that will be presented to students in Year 3 - 6 at our school on Friday 13th March 2015 at 1:00pm. There will be no cost for students to attend.

It is a perfect way to encourage, stimulate and enhance our learning and understanding of Australian culture, the development of our nation and its recent history.
Swimming Carnival