Making a Splash!

Cool and cloudy weather greeted the competitors as they marched to the town pool for the annual swimming carnival.

The four teams, Comets, Satellites, Asteroids and Meteorites soon settled into the shade and the competition began. The 100 metre race was the first event, followed by the age races, form strokes and medleys and finally the always exciting relays.

The champion swimmers on the day were:

Junior Boy: Fred Kearney
11 Years Boy: Charley Issdale
Senior Boy: Harry Willoughby
Junior Girl: Kayleigh Burrows
11 Years Girl: Amy Maher
Senior Girl: Tameka McGlashan

The winning house this year was Asteroids, followed by Satellites, Meteorites and Comets.

Students were also competing for the ‘Spirit’ Trophy. Houses can earn points for such things as participation, sportsmanship, cheering, wearing hats and shirts and being ready as well as marching to the pool. This trophy will be awarded after the fun carnival on Friday 20th February. Stage 2 will compete in the morning and Stage 3 in normal sport time. All students will be allowed to attend provided they have returned their permission notes.

Many people contribute to the organisation and running of carnivals but special thanks needs to go to Mrs Pincham for coordinating and organising the carnival and to the staff who arrived extra early to set up for the day. Also thanks to the High School students who helped out all day.

Those swimmers who did well at our carnival competed in the Zone Carnival at Binnaway on Wednesday 18th February. A report on the Zone Carnival can be found on page 6.
Pincham’s Pearl of Wisdom

A big thank you to all those parents who attended our parent information evening last Wednesday and I do hope you found it informative. From my point of view it was refreshing to see so many interested parents in the audience. Please all parents remember if you have a concern about anything please contact the school.

Our Zone carnival was held last Wednesday and from all accounts our students were a credit to our school. We have some children now looking forward to attending the next level in Armidale on Tuesday 3rd March 2015.

Our school Fun swimming carnivals were held on Friday and I was lucky enough to be able to quickly pop into the pool and what a sight with all children having a fantastic time participating in the planned activities. The sound of children laughing is a sound which tickles my heart.

Welcome back to Mr Noel Willoughby as he returns from his leave today. This means this is the last Pincham words so I wish you all the very best for the coming year and look forward to working with you and your children.

P&C News

The new date for the P&C Annual General Meeting is TONIGHT ... Monday 23rd February at 6:30pm in the School Library. We encourage and welcome all parents, grandparents and friends of our school and community to come along and join. The aim of the P&C is to provide extra learning opportunities, resources for our students and to support learning programs offered at school.

Everyone had a great night at the Bowls Fundraiser on Saturday 14th February. Thank you and congratulations to Venessa Houley and Troy Brown for your fantastic organisation and for offering everyone a fun way to be involved in a fundraising activity. It was a very successful event. Thank you also to the staff of Coonabarabran Bowling Club for all your assistance in having a great night!

The Uniform Shop is looking for new girls summer uniforms. If you can help, we would love to receive your donation.

Library News

* Remember to return your books to the Library so you can re-borrow.

* The Book Club order has been sent and we are looking forward to receiving the ordered with great anticipation.

* K - 2 need to have a Library Bag to be able to borrow books.

* The Library is open at lunchtimes from Monday to Thursday.

What’s on at CPS?

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Our School Garden

As you can see, the school garden project is progressing well with some great work done by the students in Mr Phillips' class.

Now that most of the heavy work has been completed, Mr Keeler is devising a watering system that will ensure a healthy garden.

The planting phase will begin soon!

Each class will be allocated a time to attend the garden and enjoy an outdoor lesson.

Mrs Evans

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Coonabarabran Zone Trials

Rugby League / Boys and Girls Touch / Boys and Girls Soccer

The Zone Trials, aka, Gala Sports Day, for the above sports will be held at Coonabarabran Public School on Friday 6th March 2015. NB: Please note if there insufficient numbers to hold a successful trial, children may be nominated by the school, if they have sufficient skills, directly to North West Region.

All students will need to provide their own equipment, ie, shinguard, mouthguard, etc.

The School Canteen will be open. Lunches will need to be ordered prior to 10:30am.

9:00 - 10:00am: Boys & Girls Soccer
10:30 - 11:30am: Rugby League
12:00 - 1.30pm: Boys & Girls Touch

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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: ..........................................................
P&C Twilight Bowls Fundraiser

Stormy skies loomed at around 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon as the Bowls Fundraiser was about to get underway.

The weather settled and students, staff, parents and friends of Coonabarabran Public School enjoyed a pleasant game of bowls, some friendly rivalry and lots of laughter throughout the evening.

Special thanks to Venessa Houley, Troy Brown and the staff at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club for arranging such a fun event!!

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Friday Sport - Week 5

*Stage 2 students* will go to the pool. Students will need to bring their swimmers, a towel, a hat, a long-sleeved lightweight shirt or rashie and sunscreen. The cost of entry in the town pool is $3.00 unless you have a Season Ticket. Please provide your Season Ticket number.

*Stage 3 students* will have school sport activities.

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HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day at our school will be held on Thursday 19th March from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Students, please invite your grandparents or grand friends to come along on this day.

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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: 5/6

The start of the 2015 saw many new faces in welcomed to Coonabarabran Public School and in particular 5/6S. We welcomed a new peer, Sophie Rowley who has made lots of new friends already whilst settling into her new school. Mrs Zell was also welcomed by all the students in 5/6S in a friendly manner particularly Jace as she will work closely with him. Finally our class welcomed our new teacher Miss Swaysland. Miss Swaysland as been welcomed into 5/6S with open arms and has had a very enjoyable start to the 2015 school year.

Everyone in 5/6S has been working well and learning to take ownership of the goals they set at the start of the week, which are school related. The students have been working well to achieve their goals by learning to take ownership of their actions.

The aim of our class is to treat everyone with respect and come into class ready to learn. By doing this we are making sure we have everything out of our bags and quietly lining up outside to walk into class eagerly awaiting the learning ahead of us. By doing this 5/6S is showing they are respecting their peers learning by coming into class settled and ready to learn.

5/6S looks forward to an exciting year of learning and achieving our goals we set out to achieve. As a class we will treat one another with respect to allow us to provide a positive learning experience for everyone who walks through our classroom door.

Miss S Swaysland
Zone Swimming Carnival at Binnaway

Coonabarabran Public School was well represented at the Binnaway Zone Carnival last Wednesday with 38 swimmers competing on the day.

The 25 metre pool tested out their ability to tumble turn and streamline and their performances were rewarded with many blue, red and green ribbons. The students showed excellent sportsmanship, congratulating winners and celebrating the success and efforts of their peers.

Based on their performance in Binnaway, 22 students have qualified to compete at the regional level in Armidale on the 3rd March. We wish these students all the best and look forward to hearing about their personal achievements.

Special mention must be made of Charlie Isedale, Tameka McGlashan and Harry Willoughby who were all awarded age champions on the day.

Some of the most impressive performances were at the end of the day when the competitors were allowed to jump from the diving board into the diving pool! There was an entertaining display of some successful and several not-so-successful front flips and belly flops!

Everyone left the pool with a smile! Well done Mrs Harris on a well organised carnival.
Kindergarten students have quickly settled into their new school routines and are busy making lots of new friends at school. This snapshot of photographs from last Wednesday afternoon is of our newest enrolments in their respective KH and KM classrooms.