Welcome to students and staff for the new school year!

We’ve settled back into our school routines after the long summer holiday and everyone is ready for a busy year of learning at Coonabarabran Public School.

Our school is welcoming new staff and students and especially our Kindergarten classes who are very quickly learning the routines of school life.

Our new staff at Coonabarabran Public School include Mrs McGlashan who is teaching Kindergarten. Mrs McGlashan has been teaching at Baradine Central School over the last few years and has been a regular visitor to our school through the Best Start and Early Action for Success training programs.

Mr Ross is a new member of our staff who will be co-teaching with Mrs Evans in Year 4. Mr Ross’ last appointment was at Coonamble Public School.

Miss Masters is also a new teacher to our school and will be teaching the 4/5 class. Miss Masters has previously been teaching at Wellington Public School.

Miss Swaysland joins us from Wagga Wagga and will be teaching one of the 5/6 classes this year. Miss Swaysland loves playing sport.

Ms Bailey has joined the staff and will be teaching the MC class. Ms Bailey has come to us from Brewarrina Central School.

Mr Phillips previous teaching appointment was at Goodooga Central School and this year will be teaching the IM class.

Welcome to each of you! We look forward to working with you and getting to know you!

A good place to meet and greet our new staff members will be at the Twilight P&C Bowls Fundraiser at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club on Saturday 14th February. Contact Venessa Houley or Troy Brown to nominate your team and come along for a fun evening. More details about the Twilight Bowls within.
Pincham’s Pearl of Wisdom

As we begin a very exciting new school year we welcome many new staff members, students and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and look forward to all 2015 has to offer us. Mr Willoughby is on leave for the first 3 weeks of this term and during that time I will be acting principal and hope you will feel free to talk with me if you have any problems or just pop in for a chat.

At the end of last year our school participated in a great deal of data collection and from this feedback we have made a number of changes to the processes in our school. I hope everyone will be as excited about these changes as I am.

The first change which you will have noticed today is our newsletter will be now issued each and every Monday. If you would like your newsletter emailed to you please contact our office.

As a school we be developing our focus on the well being program of You Can Do It. You may have noticed our five keys to success pencils in our playground and I would encourage you to have many conversations around these five keys - Yellow being Confidence, Green - Getting Along, Purple - Persistence, Orange - Organisation and Red for resilience. An information session concentrating on these keys will be held as a part of our new PARENT INFORMATION night to be held in the hall on Wednesday 18th February at 5pm. More information on this night will be included in next week’s newsletter but I encourage you to write this date on your calendars and plan to attend.

We again have a NO HAT NO PLAY policy this term. All children are encouraged to wear their school hat and if they don’t have a hat on any one day they have to be under a man made shelter during our break times.

All students will have brought home a welcome letter towards the end of last week. These letters clearly outline what is happening in each stage, what resources each student is required to have, the costings for various books and our school fees. If your child has not brought a letter home please contact our office so that we keep everyone informed of the events and happenings around our school.

Our first sporting event for 2015 is our school swimming carnival and this will be held on Friday 13th February. Your child needs to be able to swim the lap of the pool to nominate in the carnival. House meetings will have been held last Friday where nominations will have been taken, however, if you know your child has not nominated and can swim the lap please contact the office or myself.

I find the beginning of the year so exciting and wish you all a great 2015.

Library News

Mr Adam is looking forward to a wonderful year in the Library as he fosters our love of books and the enjoyment of reading. The Library will be open at lunchtimes from Monday through to Thursday.

Next week the first issue of Book Club will be sent home with students. It will be due back at school by Wednesday 18th February. Book Club orders, with correct money included, or the correct credit card information on the Order Form, must be handed to your child’s classroom teacher.

Infants students will need a borrowing bag to be able to borrow books from our Library. Borrowing will commence when students begin their Library lessons.

Looking forward to a year of happy reading!

Canteen News

Back to School Paddle Pop Reward!

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 draw for a paddle pop prize!

Also included with this week’s newsletter is the 2015 Canteen Menu.

What’s on at CPS?

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Introducing Kindergarten 2015

This year’s Kindergarten classes commenced this morning and it was delightful to see all the new, happy and excited children embark on their first day at school.

The children settled in very quickly to their new classrooms and surroundings.

By 10:00am all the children in Mrs Hain’s class were listening to a story Mrs Hain was telling them about imagination!

And a short time after their arrival at school, the children in Mrs McGlashan’s class were all working quietly at individual tasks in their classroom.

Welcome Kindergarten students to Coonabarabran Public School!

Let's Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

“Every Chess master was once a beginner.”

This is a quote by Irving Chernev, a Chess master and chess book author in the 1940’s. As you ponder any successful person in any field, be it sports, music, academics or chess, you will realise that everyone starts off as a beginner. Through persistence, struggle and hard work, many achieve a level of greatness. So there is hope for us all.

Interested in playing chess with other like-minded players?

Interested in having a try and learning the rules?

Our school Chess Club will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays – second half lunch. When the bell for second half rings, students meet near the canteen where Mr Lowe will wait. Together he will guide chess players to his room. Just a word of warning: if you are late, you will be denied access. Also, bring respect, an attitude of fair play and an openness to learn!

Dan Heisman once said: “Don’t be afraid of losing, be afraid of playing a game and not learning something.”

Mr Lowe
Regular attendance at school is a legal requirement. It is also important that your child receives the best educational opportunities available to them and attendance at school is key to maximising these opportunities.

The following information is provided by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for parents and carers.

Regular School Attendance
Information for parents and carers

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?
Education in New South Wales is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be:
1. in school or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.
Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

If Principals don’t consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Training may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?

YES. It is a condition of enrolment that you send your child to school every day.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:
• has to go to a special religious ceremony
• is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g., a funeral)
• is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Translated information about head lice and how to treat them can be found at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.htm

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice, is not a valid reason for prolonged absences from school.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child doesn’t learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.
Why is arriving at school on time important?
Arriving at school and class on time:
- ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Late arrivals are recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?
If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:
- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

All absences must be explained to the school. Bilingual absentee notes and further information on attendance can be found on the Department’s website under the heading School Attendance (School Attendance) at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/index_s.htm

The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ or carers’ requests for their child to be absent from school.

The principal may also question any explanation given for a child’s absence from school.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?
You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?
Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child’s attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to attend school regularly.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers can be found at the website address: www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm or by telephoning 131 536.

Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?
- won’t get out of bed
- won’t go to bed
- can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag...
- school lunches not ready
- slow to eat breakfast
- homework not done
- watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- test or presentation at school
- birthdays
- screaming and not letting go of you.

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:
- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting/ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

Do you need an interpreter?
Interpreting services are provided where possible for parents and carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents and carers who use sign language. For more information on interpreter services contact your school or phone the Telephone Interpreter Service and have them contact the school. The telephone number to ring is 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in the required language and the interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.
Coonabarabran Public School P&C
invite you to join in the fun for the
Twilight Bowls Fundraiser
When: Saturday 14th February 2015
When: 5.00pm
Where: Coonabarabran Bowling Club
• Teams of 3
• 14 ends
• $10.00 per person (includes a sausage sizzle)
• Team nominations to Jo at Surf, Work & Street or the Coonabarabran Bowling Club
• Register your team early
• Please try to bring your own bowls.
The Bowling Club can provide a limited number of bowls.
• Lots of prizes
• Best Dressed Team
• Spider
• 100 Club
Contact: Venessa Houley - 6842 3391
Troy Brown - 0400 234 715

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 performance 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 ____________________________

School Banking at Coonabarabaran Public School is Monday.

Getting started with School Banking.

How it works
The School Banking program provides parents with an opportunity to make deposits into their child’s account at School Banking. The program is aimed to offer your child money, independence, and control over how much you deposit.
Students will receive a yellow Cheque book and deposit slip, allowing them to deposit their money to school Banking account. Deposits are made to the account under the child’s name.

Setting up a Youthsaver account
To set up your child for their savings program, you will need to add them to their Youthsaver account. This is a savings account that has no interest earning account fee or withdrawal fee and offers a competitive interest rate.
You can do this in one of four ways:
• Online banking customer only
If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer log in to "netbanking" on the Commonwealth Bank website and select the "Savings" tab. You can then select the account for your child. Please note that both in-person and over the phone.
• In Branch
Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch to set up or account. Please provide notification for you and your children, like your child’s school, and who the account is for.
• Over the phone
Call 13 23 37 to open an account over the phone.

Mr Keeler has been installing the You Can Do It Pencils around our playgrounds. The pencils were kindly made by Mr Michael Campbell and reflect the principles of You Can Do It, Organisation, Confidence, Getting Along, Persistence and Resilience.
Thank you Mr Campbell and Mr Keeler. We think they’re great!

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.
Students were very excited to catch up with their friends on Wednesday morning when they arrived at school. Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new students! Let's have a great year!
CPS Uniform Shop
Girls & Boys
Summer & Winter
Hats, Jumpers & Coats
Email your purchase request to: coonapsuniform@gmail.com
including your child’s name and class. An invoice will be sent by return email and items sent home with your child.
Sally Turner
0422 981 199

Coonabarabran Town Bus Service
Free for Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2
Available to all students in the town limits.
Primary students have conditions applied depending on distance travelled.
Cost $1 per day if ineligible for free travel.
More info: 6842 2783

Coonabarabran After School Care
3.15 - 5.30pm Monday - Friday
at St Lawrence's School
Coonabarabran Public School students catch the Rocky Glen bus.
You could pay as little as $6.50 per day with CCB.
You only pay the gap.
Check your CCB subsidy by ringing 130150.
Enrol at Family Support Services Centre
phone: 0849 2222
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Matthew Rouse
Physiotherapist B.App.Sc
68 Cassilis Street
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02 - 6842 2881

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For all your school uniform needs
From hats to socks, backpacks and shoes.
Shop 3/48 Dalgarno St
Phone: 6842 1670

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6842 1167
Crane St, Coonabarabran

Little Athletics NSW
Little A's will continue until early March before going into recess until August.
Little A's is held at the
Coonabarabran High School Oval
on Fridays at 3:45pm
Contact Simone: 0429 421 438
for more information

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COONABARABRAN
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Coonabarabran Physical Culture Club
Fun, Fitness and Friendship
Classes on Tuesday afternoons & evenings
for ages 3 through to Ladies
Contact: Leanne McWhirter
Phone: 0439 833 832

Coonabarabran Pony Club
2015 Memberships due
AGM - Wednesday night,
7:00pm at 'The Hut'.
Next Rally - Sunday 8th March
Lucy Evans
ph: 6842 3636

Junior Cricket
will re-commence this
Thursday afternoon,
12th February
4:00pm
at No.3 Oval

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