Thursday 5th March marked the first Level One event this year for Coonabarabran Public School. Those students who displayed a high level of respect towards fellow students, teacher and community members were invited to join in with a variety of water activities. Those lucky students got to participate in sprinkler games, water and cup races, slip and slides, skipping with water, wet sponge fights and wring the towel races. It was a very successful day for those who were involved.

What a fabulous circus treat we experienced on Wednesday. Solid State Circus performed in the hall for over 300 students, teachers and even a couple of parents. It was a wonderful show which made everyone roar with excitement and some even cry in fear. They were three very professional acrobats all skilled with vaulting, hula hoops and various balancing acts. We cheers and sighed, we oooed and aahed and loved every minute. The performers were clever talented and very energetic. Everyone is already hoping that they will be back next year.
Willoughby’s Weekly Words

Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to travel to Gunnedah to watch a number of our students play in a seven-a-side rugby tournament. For the first time in this type of event we combined with students from St Lawrence’ School and entered a composite team.

It was great to see the students from both schools blend together so well at short notice. The sportsmanship and positive attitude displayed throughout the day from all of them was wonderful. Well done all of you.

This Thursday we have our annual Grandparents’ Day as part of Senior Citizens’ Week. I hope all those grandparents who visit on Thursday morning have an enjoyable day.

What’s on at CPS?

Mon 16th Mar:  P&C Meeting - 6.30pm - School Library
Tues 17th Mar:  Rugby League Trials
Thurs 19th Mar:  Grandparents Day
Fri 20th Mar:  Soccer Trials in Gunnedah
25th & 26th Mar:  State PSSA Swimming
26th & 27th Mar:  Stage 3 excursion to Warrumbungles
Wed 1st Apr:  Yrs 3-6 Social - 7:00 to 9:00pm
Wed 6th May:  School photos

P&C News

Grandparents Day is the first event on our calendar and P&C would appreciate donations of cakes, slices and sandwiches to be delivered to the Canteen on the morning of Thursday 19th March.

Raffle tickets for the annual Easter Raffle have been sent home with students today. Please assist and support your children to sell their raffle tickets. There are lots of terrific Easter Egg prizes to be won.

Donations of Easter Eggs and baskets for the Easter Raffle will be gratefully received at the Office.

P&C will meet tonight at 6.30pm in the School Library. Please join us.

Canteen News

This week’s Meal Deal is a Cheeseburger. Add some salad items that you like and choose a flavoured milk/drink too!

All for only $5.00!

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Strive to Achieve

Ellenah Wall

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

Ellenah is such a model student in the school! She follows all teacher instructions straight away and leads by example.

She tries to produce quality work in class that is neat, displaying the pride she has in her learning. She acts responsibly in all areas of her schooling - from getting along with other students, persisting at class work for sustained periods of time, show a quiet confidence when involved in tasks that may be new or unfamiliar and she gives her best to try and succeed in all that she does.

Ellenah is a person who shows respect to all and in return is well respected by her peers.

Thank you for being a pleasure to teach Ellenah!

Personal Best Award

Hallie Milgate

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Hallie is a persistent and confident member of 1E.

She tries her best in all that she does and follows the school rules at all times. She listens attentively and completes work to a high standard.

Hallie gets along well with others and is a kind friend.

She is a wonderful role model to her peers.

Hallie always wears her full school uniform with pride and is always organised and ready for the day’s learning.

Hallie completes homework regularly.

She is a five-star student in the classroom and the playground!
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KH: Jesiah Tuaoi - Always getting along.
KH: Chelsea Rossler - Writing amazing sentences.
KM: Ezemrald Hayes - Getting along in Literacy Groups.
KM: Torr Howgate - Getting along in Literacy Groups.
1A: Monte McElhinney - Writing five complete sentences.
1A: Brooke Neal - Writing five complete sentences.
1E: Sunny Nothinagel - For a wonderful effort with her writing. Well done!
1E: Jasmine Watton - For getting along with her teacher and friends.
1/2N: Katie Richards - For her confident and thoughtful answers.
1/2N: Damon Brezzo - For his effort with reading and great discussion.
2I: Jack Clarke - Trying really hard in his writing.
2I: Charmyra Gall - Sounding out works well when doing her writing.
2I: Tilly McKernan - Being a great reader and always trying hard in writing.
3R: Brodie Regan-Christison * For showing co-operative behaviour in class and waiting his turn.
3R: Ivolet McAway-Davis - For her clever answer during maths time.
3R: Emily Hoffman - For her Getting Along skills with her peers and teacher
3H: Alwyn Park - Always getting along with everyone.
3H: Iggy Blackman - Improved effort in class.
3H: Cooper McGlashan - Excellent work in Literacy.
4E: Deon Andrews - Getting along in the playground.
4E: Jindara Riley - Producing very interesting writing.
4E: Ellah Bowmaker - Tying hard while learning to use a calculator.
4/M: Shafin Salm - Creative paragraph writing.
4/M: Billy Rutland-Davey - Always having a smile on your face and getting along with everyone.
4/M: Chloe Schmidt - Always trying your best in literacy groups.
5/6K: Heidi Thompson - Creative ideas with her show art and class art.
5/6K: Tashani Clark - For always following the ‘Getting Along’ key and being a great class member.
5/6L: Hannah Sutherland - Completing set tasks and showing respect in class.
5/6L: Marcus Colantonio - Persisting with class work and completing set tasks.
5/6L: Joey Al Kredy (5/6K) - Trying hard to complete his work in Maths Group.
5/6S: Ally Richards - Being a friendly class member and always providing assistance during art.
5/6S: Matthew Duncan - Making better choices during class time and being a helpful student.
5/6S: Damell Dumas - Completing set work very neatly and always trying his best in literacy.
5/6S: Johno Evans - Being a respected class member and getting along with everyone.
K/6B: Keegan Bartlett - Excellence in Maths.
3/6P: Tyrell Baxter - For great reading in literacy groups.
3/6P: John Martin - For excellence in Maths.
3/6P: Tyrell Baxter - For getting along with others.

Personal Best Award

Alison Preston

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Alison has been a vital member of 4/5M from the beginning of the year.
She tries her best in every aspect of school and is always willing to help others.
Alison works hard in class and gives everything a go no matter how hard.
Every day we see Alison come to school with a smile on her face and happy to meet the next challenge that comes her way.

Congratulations Alison on receiving your ‘Personal Best’.

Jye Robbins

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Jye is a considerate and cooperative classmate who always sets a good example to his peers.
On the playground Jye includes others, plays fair and is respectful to teachers on duty. Jye is helpful and reliable in all situations.
Jye’s bookwork is always neat and tidy and he powers forward in maths at all times. He has great listening skills and helps his classmates when he can.
He follows all of the five keys, especially Organisation. Jye is always ready to start the lesson and never makes a fuss in class. I often refer to Jye as ‘Captain Organised’.
It is so nice to have Jye in 4E. I don’t know what I would do without him.
Grandparents Day
at our school will be held on
Thursday 19th March
10.30am to 1.00pm.

Students, please invite your grandparents or grand friends to come along on this day.

Our Grandparents Day will start with a performance from our Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students. Following the performance, morning tea will be provided by the Coonabarabran P&C Committee and then we’ll be entertained with performances from students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The day will conclude with open classrooms for senior citizens to visit and to see the wonderful work our students do at school.

School Social

When: Wednesday 1st April
Where: CPS School Hall
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Cost: $3.00
Theme: ‘Come dressed as what you want to be when you grow up’

Gala Sports Day Success
Congratulations the following Coonabarabran Public School Athletes who made it to the next round of trials for Rugby League and Touch Football following success at the Coonabarabran Zone Gala day last Friday 6th March.

Rugby League: U11’s
Charley Isedale
Blain Walker
Darnell Dumas
Brad Fuller
Evan Sutler
John Martin
Girls Touch:
Madison Heywood

Rugby League Opens: 12+
Matthew Duncan
Nick Wham Campbell
Lachlan Sutherland
Johno Evans
Boys Touch:
Darnell Dumas
Harrison Willoughby
Lachlan Sutherland
Brad Fuller
Matthew Duncan

Friday Sport - Week 8
* Stage 3 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 2 students will have school sport activities.

Rugby Players Shine at Gunnedah

Last Wednesday a rugby team comprising players from St Lawrence’s School and our school travelled to Gunnedah to participate in a seven-a-side rugby carnival organised by Central North Rugby Development Officer, Gary Walsh.

The composite team performed most creditably winning four of their five games, defeating a Scone Grammar team 15-5, one St Xavier’s. Gunnedah team 20-5. Gunnedah South Public School 25-5 and a second St Xavier’s. Gunnedah team 30-5. The boys met their match though when they came up against a second Scone Grammar team who beat them 20-0.

Players from our school who participated in the day included Johno Evans, Brad Fuller, Charley Isedale, Fred Kearney, John Martin, Billy Rutland-Davey, Evan Sutler, Lachlan Sutherland and Harry Willoughby. All performed and behaved very well throughout the day and enjoyed the experience combining with their counterparts from St Lawrence’s.
Class Focus: Stage 3 Literacy Groups

Stage 3 has literacy groups each morning Monday to Thursday from 9.20-10.30am.
Mrs Meyers’ has a beautiful literacy group from Tuesday to Thursday and they have been working productively on writing Imaginative texts.
They have also been focussing on the 3H comprehension strategies in reading groups.
Here is an example of an Imaginative Text written by Josie Bartlett.
She has left her imaginative text as a cliff hanger.

Brave Eric

It was a hot, still summer evening. The moon was glistening high in the dark night sky. The animal noises were echoing loudly on this deserted island.

I was laying on my camping bed, still and quiet, staring at the stars, while Eric was running around. Eric is a caramel colour with bright blue eyes. He is a wolf. He gives me a stick to play fetch, when all of a sudden....

There was an enormous roaring and growling sound coming from the bushes nearby. I sat up, frozen in my spot. Eric stood in front of me with bravery.

I was astonished. After a few seconds Eric helped me up from camping bed and then...
Swimmers Do An Outstanding Job in Armidale

On Tuesday 3rd March, the school’s best swimmers make the long trek to Armidale for this year’s Area Swimming Carnival. Conditions on the day were quite hot and very pleasant for competitors.

Outstanding performances on the day came from Cooper McGlashan and Charley Isedale, both of whom qualified to swim at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush later this term. Cooper in 8 Years Boys Freestyle and Charley in 11 Years Boys Backstroke.

Others from our school who swam on the day in individual events included Elsie Kearney, Brianna Tighe, Isobelle Deshon, Fred Kearney, Myah Sullivan, Amy Maher, Harry Willoughby and Tameka McGlashan, with most setting personal bests in the events in which they competed.

Additionally our relay teams performed creditably with Junior Boys (Matson Ayoub, Fred Kearney, Cooper McGlashan and Jack Rutland-Davey) finishing 9th, Senior Girls (Tameka McGlashan, Brianna Tighe, Myah Sullivan and Finlay McElhinney) finishing 11th and Senior Boys (Johno Evans, Charley Isedale, Nick Wham-Campbell and Harry Willoughby) finishing 5th.
Level 1 Activities - Thursday 5th March

The photos below show some of the fun and games students enjoyed during their mid-term Level 1 activities on Thursday 5th March. Students in Years 3 - 6 enjoyed water-based playground activities whilst students in K-2 enjoyed tabloid games on the lawn areas of the school. We hope all students are on Level 1 status on the next occasion a Level 1 activity is planned. The activity is already planned and is an adventure outside the school.
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