Art Success for K-6B at Coonabarabran Show

Coonabarabran Show was on the weekend. K-6B collected sticks, leaves and string to make our artwork for the show. We coloured in some animal pictures and put them on our artwork. Cotton wool was used to put under the animals to make them look 3D and to make clouds. Ms Bailey painted the background to look like a river. Our artwork won Best Class Exhibit and we were given a blue ribbon!

Alex Turner, Georgia Dawson, Nellie Park, Brock Fyfe and Alex Park ... a job well done. Congratulations!

Coona Public says NO WAY! to Bullying

Friday 20th March was National Bullying NO WAY Day. All students in our school learn about ways to deal with bullies and adopt strategies to use if confronted with bullying in their Personal Development and YCDI lessons each week.

A strong emphasis on Anti-Bullying was held on Friday when classes participated in special Anti-Bullying activities. ... see more about Bullying - NO WAY! on page 6
Willoughby's Weekly Words

It was great to see so many in attendance at last Thursday's Grandparents' Day. The students really enjoyed having their grandparents at the school to watch them perform and visit their classrooms to view the work they've completed so far this year. From the feedback I received I am confident the grandparents also enjoyed being here as part of Seniors Week.

Last Friday our best soccer players travelled to Gunnedah to display their skills in an effort to take the first step towards selection in the regional team for this year’s state carnival. This year we sent a young squad and while none advanced further most acquitted themselves well. Most will still be eligible to return next year and should be better equipped to press for selection after the experience of last week.

What’s on at CPS?

25th & 26th Mar: State PSSA Swimming
Thurs 26th Mar: Stage 3 excursion to Warrumbungles
Fri 27th Mar: Stage 3 excursion to Warrumbungles
Mon 30th Mar: Stage 3 excursion to Warrumbungles
Wed 1st Apr: Yrs 3-6 Social - 7:00 to 9:00pm
Thurs 2nd Apr: Last Day of Term 1
Mon 20th Apr: Staff Development Day
Tues 21st Apr: First Day of Term 2 for students
Wed 6th May: School photos

P&C News

Thank you to all the parents who made and donated sandwiches, cakes and slices for Grandparents Day. Grandparents and Grand Friends, we hope you enjoyed visiting our school and had a lovely time with your grandchildren.

Raffle tickets for the annual Easter Raffle have been sent home with students. 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.

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Library News

* Ordering for Book Club issue 2 is closed. Students can look forward to receiving their Book Club purchases soon.

* The annual Book Fair will be in Week 5 of Term 2, that's 18th to 21st May. Students, staff and parents can buy some great books on offer and our school gets some fabulous benefits too!

* If your child gets a number of overdue slips and you are sure that the book has been returned to the Library, please feel free to drop in and check the shelves.

Mr Adam

Stage 3 Forensics Excursion

A reminder to all Stage 3 Forensics Excursion parents that the Environmental Education Centre is coming very soon.

5/6K: Thursday 26th March 2015
5/6S: Friday 27th March 2015
5/6L: Monday 30th March 2015

Please note: Miss Masters Year 5 students will attend the excursion with the class they have been working with at school during Science lessons. Please arrange the payment of $22.00 for excursion costs and the return of permission notes as soon as possible.

Canteen News

If you want something warm as the weather gets cooler, the Canteen will toast your purchased sandwich for FREE if you ask! Sandwiches cost between $2.00 and $4.50. Check the menu or make up your own filling.

Sushi is also available EVERYDAY at a low cost of $2.50.
Grandparents Day

On 19th March 2015 it was Grandparents Day. All the grandparents came to look at our work. First they looked at K-2 work and then they had some morning tea. They had some tea, cake, biscuits and other stuff. They watched K-2 do a performance, they would have thought it was great!

Then they came up to our classroom and all the students showed them their work and art. They also watched our performance - first it was Mrs Clifton’s group of dance, it was great. Then we were up after Mrs Clifton and our class and Miss Masters class were singing ‘There’s A Hole In My Bucket’ and it was fun. When it was all over all the grandparents left and that was the day!

by Jye, Levi, Jack R, Darryl and Matson (4E)
Level One is coming ...
What Level are you on?

Friday Sport - Week 8
* 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.

The ANZAC Story

"It was so loud that it felt like you were actually in the war and the story they told was really sad. I like how they included kids from the school and the actors taught us a lot!"

Amy Maher

Iconic Performances provided Years 3-6 with a wonderful tribute to the ANZACS on Friday 13th March.

It began with a crawl through a noisy and smoke filled tunnel, which provided the entry to the shores of Gallipoli. Students were then trained, sent to the front and experienced life at Gallipoli. Individual students took parts as soldiers, nurses, stretcher bearers and as narrators. The show concluded with the national anthems of 1915 and 2015.

The light show, sounds and AV display were very educational and provided a great show to remember our ANZACS in this centenary year.

The ANZAC Story was presented at no cost to our students through funding by our school.

It was a truly remarkable performance that was deeply respectful and thought provoking.
2I CLASS FOCUS

We have been very busy writing persuasive texts over the past few weeks. Students have been persuading people to look after the Tasmanian Devils, watch out for Hairy Nosed Wombats and even encouraging Ziba to come on her boat to Australia.

Here are some of the different texts, students have written:

Ziba Came On a Boat

I strongly believe that Ziba should come to Australia so she can escape the war in Afghanistan. I think she will be happy in Australia because there is no war in Australia. I don’t want her to stay in Afghanistan because I don’t want her to die.

In Australia there is no war, so I think she would like it here. There are no mean men with guns, so she would feel safe and free again.

So I believe that Ziba should be able to come to Australia so she can laugh, learn and dance again.

Savannah Robbins

Hairy Nose Itchy Butt

Hairy Nose Itchy Butt is a book about a wombat that lost his home and all of his scratching places. He finds a new home when he goes to a National Park and he also has new places to scratch.

I liked it when he couldn’t scratch his butt because there was no place for him to scratch on. I enjoyed the action bits, it was funny.

I didn’t enjoy when all of the trees were chopped down and all of the bushes were gone. I especially didn’t like it when his home was flattened down. I would suggest people read this story because it was very, very, very funny.

Myah Cox

Freedom

I think freedom means that you can be safe to walk down the street with no guns shooting at you. Freedom means you don’t have to feel like you are living in gaol.

Freedom means that you have all sorts of food like turkey for instance and pork. Freedom means that we have electricity and iPod and pads and can go to school.

Jake Deshon
PSSA Rugby League

Last Monday a number of students from Coonabarabran Public School travelled to Gunnedah to compete in the Southern Zone Trials for PSSA Rugby League. A team of Under 11’s and Open’s competed against the best Zones from the southern North West region. All the boys played really well and should be proud of their efforts. Three of the players, Brad Fuller, Darnell Dumas and Charley Isdale were successful in gaining selection into the Southern Regional team to play Northern Regional team in Tamworth today. I wish them luck in their quest to advance to the North West Rugby League team.

Mr Hardy

From left to right: Johno Evans, Nick Wham-Campbell, John Martin, Brad Fuller, Charley Isdale, Matthew Duncan, Darnell Dumas & Lachlan Sutherland

BULLYING. NO WAY!
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A definition of bullying is:

the ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour. Bullying can happen in person or online. It can be obvious or it can be hidden.

Single incidents are not defined as bullying.
Each person has the right to feel safe and be safe.

Online bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies such as the internet or mobile devices.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying.

What to do if you are being bullied:
* Talk to someone about it. This is VERY important! At school, make sure you tell your teacher or the teacher on playground duty about conflicts when they happen! That way, if there are repeated instances of a similar nature, a pattern of behaviour can be identified early!
* Use strong assertive statements in a confident voice.
  * Turn your back and walk away.
  * Act unimpressed.

More information is available from http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

PSSA Soccer

Last Friday the school’s best soccer players travelled to Gunnedah for trials against the best soccer players from the P.S.S.A. southern zones of our region. Conditions were hot and oppressive and not all conducive to soccer as our players combined with the best players from Binnaway and Coolah to give the boys a zone team.

The side played two games, the first resulting in a 1-0 victory against Coonamble Zone and the second a 7-0 loss to Quirindi Zone.

From the form displayed in those matches Jack Smith was selected for the Possibles v Probables game which concluded the day. His selection for that game was a fine achievement. Unfortunately, while he played well in that game, he was not selected in the final squad.

Others from our school who contributed to the team effort during the day included Joey and Mahdi Al Kredy, Jacob Bonello, Marcus Colantonio, Yooey Jackson, Billy Rutland-Davey and Harry Willoughby.

With the side being so young this year many of the boys will be eligible for next year’s trials when their chances of selection should be significantly greater.

Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union

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Wednesday 25th March
No. 3 Oval

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