Enjoying the rewards from the school garden!

Thanks to the tender loving care the school garden has received from students during Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2, and Mr Keeler when we were on holidays, we have been able to enjoy some yummy vegetable from the garden.

Asha Wortley Cain-Cronin and Tabitha Ward harvested carrots and Chris Frazer and Morgan Ryan had a great afternoon selling lettuce around the school. The money they received will go towards buying new plants to grow.

Now we’ll prepare the garden beds for winter vegetables.

1/2N enjoyed a Science lesson of making bath bombs for Mothers Day. The classroom was a hive of activity, teamwork and just a little bit of mess! It was all worthwhile with lovely gifts to take home for mum!

Parents and carers may have already, or will soon, receive a letter and an enrolment form in the mail.

There have been some changes to the enrolment information required by NSW Department of Education and Communities and we request that parents complete and return the required information to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you in anticipation.
Pincham’s Pearl of Wisdom

Our School photos were taken this week and we all looked beautiful. This year a full school photo was taken in the courtyard which was a very big feat to get 320 students and staff organised and all still and smiling at the one time. This photo will be on display in the office area when it is processed.

Our school had a vast representation at sporting events this week. Rugby, League and Netball players all need to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and participation. A great job!

NAPLAN will commence tomorrow and conclude on Thursday. The students will be tested on Literacy area and Numeracy and I would like to wish all participants the very best of luck. The results from these tests will be sent out to parents around September.

Just a little reminder for Year 4 parents wishing to nominate their child for the opportunity class in 2016. These online applications close on the 15th May 2015.

P&C News

A very successful Mother’s Day Stall was held on Thursday 7th May. Students had a lovely time choosing gifts for their mothers, grandmothers and special ‘mothers’ in their life.

Thank you to the staff and parents who helped out on Thursday morning’s stall. Without your help these events wouldn’t happen.

We hope all mothers enjoyed their gifts and lots of special attention on Sunday.

The next P&C meeting is tonight, Monday 11th May, in the School Library at 6.30pm. Please come along and join the fun.

Library News

Kings, Queens & CASTLES

Enter the Kingdom of Books!

What’s on at CPS?

Mon 11th May: P&C Meeting - 6.30pm Library
Tue 12th May: NAPLAN Testing - Yrs 3 & 5
Tue 12th May: K - 2 Assembly - 2:30pm
Tue 12th May: NAPLAN Testing - Yrs 3 & 5
Wed 13th May: NAPLAN Testing - Yrs 3 & 5
Thurs 14th May: NAPLAN Testing - Yrs 3 & 5
Thurs 14th May: 3 - 6 Assembly - 2:20pm
Fri 15th May: Primary Boys & Girls Touch Trials
Mon 18th May: ‘A Moment With Mum’
Mon 18th - 21st May: Scholastic Book Fair
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Tue 19th May: Book Character Dress-Up Day

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held from 18th to 21st May. This year’s theme is ‘Kings, Queens and Castles ... Enter the Kingdom of Books’.

As part of our Book Fair celebrations, there will be a Book Character Dress-Up Day. This will be Tuesday 19th May. Come along dressed in the theme of Kings, Queens and Castles. Prizes for participation will be awarded.

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KH: Monet Sulter
KM: Reegan Watters
KM: Anna Strong
1A: Orlando Kershaw
1A: Tom Lawson
1E: Stirling Hippisley
1E: Rylah Parkinson
1/2N: Hannah Evans
1/2N: Tomasi Matakitoga
2I: Jacob Hasson
2I: Samuel Johnson

* Improvements in attitude to work in class.
* Being persistent in reading groups.
* Creating beautiful sentences in independent writing by being confident.
* Using writing skills to write messages and saying words slowly.
* Correct, neat handwriting.
* Beautiful manners and settled work habits.
* Wonderful writing about Arthur the whale. Well done!
* Having beautiful manners at all times.
* Being 1/2N’s Olivia Organised … always in the right place at the right time.
* His wonderful improvements in Maths.
* Trying really hard in his writing.
* A fantastic effort in writing.

NAPLAN
This week will see the annual NAPLAN tests conducted throughout all schools across Australia for students in Years 3 and 5. Arrangements for NAPLAN at Coonabarabran Public School are as follows:

* Year 3 students will sit their tests in their own classrooms.
* Year 5 students will sit their test in the rooms of the teachers they have been doing their practice testing over the past few weeks.

Tuesday 12th May 9:00am to 11:00am Language and Writing
Wednesday 13th May 9:00am to 11:00am Reading
Thursday 14th May 9:00am to 11:00am Numeracy

All the best for sitting these exams! Remember all that you have learnt in the practice testing and good luck!

Our students would like to invite their mums to come along to the school hall on the evening of Monday 18th May from 6.00 to 7.30pm to enjoy

‘A Moment With Mum’

The theme of the evening is ‘Kings, Queens and Castles … enter the Kingdom of Books’

Activities include: Crown making (for the Book Character Parade next day)
Story telling
Making bookmarks
Computer games
Scones, tea and coffee and biscuits and cordial
The Book Fair in the Library
Students had a lovely time on Thursday morning when they were able to visit the Mother’s Day Stall and select gifts for their mothers which was organised by the P&C committee.

A range of gifts were available to purchase from $1.00 to $5.00, as well as an assortment of Mothers Day cards that were kindly donated.

We hope you all were especially spoilt on Mothers Day!

Claiming the date ... Friday 11th September

A very new fundraiser is the School Fete and the P&C, in conjunction with the school, are looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers who would like to help make this not only a successful fundraiser, but an enjoyable afternoon and evening for everyone!

The fete will be held on Friday 11th September.

Interested volunteers are invited to come along to the Fete Committee meeting on Tuesday 16th June at 3.30pm in the School Library to share ideas and help plan and organise the event.

Coonabarabran Public School is on the airwaves!
Tune into 99.5 2WCR FM to listen to the broadcast.
Tuesdays from 4:04pm (after the 4 o’clock news) and Saturdays at 6:00pm

Level One
3 - 6 Mid-term Level One
On Thursday 21st May, Years 3 - 6 students on Level One will enjoy a picnic at Neilsen Park.
Children can bring their own picnic of party food to share.
Students, make sure you stay on Level One so you can enjoy this special activity next week!
Class Focus: KM

Kindergarten students have been very busy this year. We have been learning about the world around us in Geography. This involves looking on Google Earth for Coonabarabran and their surrounding areas. Giving students an understanding of their own space and place in the world around them.

This topic is then guiding our direction of literary books in Literacy. So far we have looked at a YEAR ON OUR FARM by Penny Matthews and Andrew McLeod. This book allows the students to enter the world of the farmer, experiencing how a family lives on a farm and the jobs that need to be carried out throughout the year. It talks about the seasons and how we react to those seasons. The students were able to share experiences of their own about topics in the book.

The second book we shared was Two Summers by John Heffernan. This book talks about the hardships of the drought and the effect it has on the land and how it impacts the animals and people who live off it. As we live in a country town and some students have families who live on farms most of the students were able to reflect and share memories or ideas and open discussions for others to have insights into both the book and their friend’s experiences.

We also visited the High School Ag Plot and had some time with the baby chickens.

We have been very busy writing about our thoughts and ideas about the books we are studying.
Kindness: little acts, big impacts!

Sometimes its worth a look at how we are feeling and focus on some of the things that can help us improve or maintain our mental health and wellbeing. It might surprise you, but one of the most important ways to look after ourselves and each other is to practise ‘little acts of kindness’.

Research in Positive Psychology clearly shows the importance of kindness and generosity to our mental health and wellbeing, both as givers and receivers. We can bring more kindness into our lives by:

* Accepting or appreciating kindness when it comes our way.
* Doing kind things for others.
* Being kind to ourselves - most often by reminding ourselves of our good qualities, and the good things we do, when our minds are suggesting we are ‘hopeless’, or ‘stupid’ or other negative thoughts.

When we practice kindness in our daily lives, even the smallest act can make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of ourselves and those around us. Kindness also brings people closer. Sharing kindness with others is a great way to get to know people better and helps us build better relationships. Doing something special for someone makes you feel better about yourself.

It doesn’t take much time or effort to practice kindness, just a little thought and imagination. So start thinking about the simple things you can do to be kind to yourself or someone else today. There are lots of creative ways to be kind!

KINDNESS

STEWART HOUSE DAY
2015 Donation Drive

Stewart House ... a tremendous response ... thank you everyone!

Recently envelopes were sent home with students for the Annual Stewart House Donation Drive. Thank you to all those people who returned envelopes. Your names have been submitted to Stewart House to go in the draw for a chance to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Good luck everyone and thanks for supporting Stewart House again this year!

The draw will take place on Friday 22nd May and the winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

Further information, including full terms and conditions are available at: www.stewarthouse.org.au or by contacting Stewart House on 02 - 9938 3021

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In a big week of football for our school, two separate days of competitions saw students travel to Dubbo on Tuesday for Rugby League and Tamworth on Wednesday for Rugby Union.

On Tuesday 34 students from Coonabarabran Public School set off to Dubbo to compete in the Peachy Shield and Richardson Cup, a Rugby League competition for Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6.

This year we entered two Year 3/4 teams and one year 5/6 team. Our boys put up a very strong fight to try and make it into the semi-finals, unfortunately none of our three teams scored enough tries to progress. One of the Year 3/4 teams missed out by one try on making it to the finals.

The Year 5/6 team finished the day with 3 wins and 1 loss with Johno Evans, Brad Fuller and Charley Isedale standouts for the day. One of the 3/4 teams played 3 games with 2 wins and a draw, having Isaac Barac and Cooper McGlashan standing out for the team. The other of our Year 3/4 teams played a total of four games with 1 win and 3 losses. Fifty-two teams in total competed on the day so the teams should be very happy with their performance.

I was very proud of each and every one of our boys, both the way they played as a team and the way they represented our school with great integrity and sportsmanship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ben Baker for coaching one of the Year 3/4 teams on the day, and also parents who transported students to the event. Without your help and support the day would not have been possible.

Rugby Union - Tamworth
The Brian Palmer Shield

Wednesday saw a combined Catholic and Public School team travel to Tamworth for the Brian Palmer Rugby Union Competition. The team played very well from reports I received from coach Dave Maher and came an overall 3rd for the North West competition which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all players involved and you are all to be commended on your behaviour both on and off the field at Tamworth. Thank you to Dave Maher, Rhys Fairman and Vernon Kearney for accompanying the team to Tamworth.
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