CROSS COUNTRY STARS SHINE AT ZONE CARNIVAL

Last Friday bleak, mostly overcast and windy conditions greeted our students as they competed in the annual P.S.S.A. Zone Cross Country Carnival at Coolah. In keeping with tradition, the venue was the Coolah Golf Club.

The five outstanding results from our students on the day came from Emma West-Kuras, Amarlee Valette, Marcus Colantonio, Ellenah Wall and Harry Willoughby who won their events in great style.

Five of our teams, the 8/9 Years Boys, the 8/9 Years Girls, the 10 Years Boys, the 12/13 Years Boys and the 12/13 Years Girls had great success, winning their sections of the day.

The first six placegetters in each event have qualified to run in the P.S.S.A. Area Carnival, also to be held at Coolah, on the morning of Friday, 12-06-15. Those who qualified and not mentioned above as winners are:

8/9 Years
Boys: Jacob Baker, Isaac Barac and Tristan Neilsen
Girls: Kayla Smith

10 Years
Boys: Nash Walker and Jack Rutland-Davey
Girls: Isobelle Deshon

11 Years
Boys: John Martin, Jack Smith and Matt Wood
Girls: Allie Richards

12/13 Years
Boys: Matthew Duncan and Lachlan Sutherland
Girls: Melinda Ryan, Finlay McElhinney and Rose Watton.

Congratulations to all those students who should be very proud of their achievements. Continued training during the next few weeks should see good performances at the Area Carnival.

A special thank you goes to all those in Coolah associated with the running of the day. It was very well organised and most successful.
Pincham's Pearl of Wisdom

Another busy week for all at our school. All students have been completing mid year testing along with Spellathon tests. From all accounts the results have been very pleasing. The Spellathon is a P&C fund raiser so please help the P&C by ensuring your child participates and bring in their sponsor money. The Spellathon assembly will be held on Friday June 19th.

I was very proud to be a part of our community Sorry Day activities on Tuesday. All who attended would agree it was a very moving and emotional event for all who attended. Our school was well represented and all students made not only me very proud but Mrs Watton and Patty Cain.

I have so many examples of great work sent to me this week that it has been very hard to decide on Mrs P’s Learner therefore I have two. Congratulations Maria and Jay-Cee and I would like to share their work with you.

Mrs P’s Learner 1

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Canteen News

Canteen will be open to all students’ parents and visitors on Friday, 5th June for the K-2 Sports Carnival.

If you would like to join your children for lunch, please place your order at the canteen before you head up to the oval for the carnival. All foods on the menu will be available and can be ordered for your child or yourself.

Quick Notes

* There will be NO K-2 assembly in Week 7, Tuesday 2nd June.
* The school canteen will be closed Monday 5th and Tuesday 16th June due to refurbishment.
* A little reminder that children should not play in the school grounds after school or on weekends.
* Lots of families have returned their enrolment forms, thank you. If you haven’t already done so, please remember to return your completed form(s) as soon as possible.

Library News

Thank you for your wonderful support at the Book Fair. We are now able to purchase $1300 worth of new books!!

Next Book Club orders are due 4 June.

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Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly Awards

K-6B: Georgia Dawson
* Resilience
  * For his increased resilience he is showing in and out of class.
  * For her great result in her spelling test.
  * For her great answers in maths with fractions.

3R/H: Dustyn Owears
3R/H: Ebony Gledhill
3R/H: Holly Regan
* Fantastic results in recent spelling assessment.
* Great half yearly results.
* Showing resilience in class.

3H: Piper Walker
3H: Celeste Magee
3H: Kamari Pettiford
* Using great adjectives during class discussions.
* Showing resilience during a tricky situation.
* A huge effort during writing tasks.

4E: Sophie Bunting
4E: Bradley Barron
4E: Chris Frazer
* For working hard and showing improvements in writing.
* Always presenting neat and legible book work.
* Always trying hard and showing improvements in maths.
* Trying hard in maths lessons and persisting.

4/5M: Tyson Heywood
4/5M: Megan Hain
4/5M: Asha Wortley Cain-Cronin
4/5M: Olivia Milsom
* Being engaged in literacy and showing respect.
* Producing neat handwriting and doing it quickly.
* Being more respectful in class.
* A great result in class mid year maths assessment.
* Being a great friend and getting along.

5/6L: Nicholas Wham-Campbell
5/6L: Jacob Bonello
5/6L: Jimmy Whalan
5/6L: Nils Thomas
5/6L: Lawrence Little
* For trying hard to be resilient and ‘soldiering on’ when things get tough.
* For settled work habits and a great attitude.
* For being a delightful class member and always smiling.

Personal Best Award

Lachlan Eshman
has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Lachlan is someone who performs well in literacy and numeracy tasks.
He loves reading, thinks laterally and is creative in his writing.
Lachlan receives his Personal Best because he is showing more respect in class to his peers, his teachers and completing work on time, which shows he respects his learning.
He is involved with music and chess through the school and participates in other school based activities, often ‘having a go’.
It has been a pleasure to have Lachlan in 5/6L. He is an AWESOME person who makes great choices!

Personal Best Award

Wyatt Ernest
has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

This year Wyatt has grown into a responsible member of 3H, trying his best in his learning and achieving great results.
He is always eager to answer questions and has a fantastic memory of lessons taught in previous weeks.
He is a kind caring young man who looks after his friends and always offers them support. This term in particular Wyatt has matured in his approach to many class tasks and behaves like a responsible year 3 student.
Wyatt should be very proud of his achievements since starting at Coonabarabran Public School and I know with continued effort that “the sky’s the limit”.
Congratulations Wyatt and well done!

DUE TO THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR STUDENTS
THE DOUBLE GATES IN GEORGE STREET ARE LOCKED.
ALL VISITORS, STUDENTS AND STAFF NEED TO ENTER
AND EXIT THROUGH THE SMALL PEDESTRIAN GATES
LOCATED AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE IN GEORGE STREET.
PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS GATE IS CLOSED AS YOU COME IN OR OUT. THANK YOU.
On Tuesday 26th May 60 students from years 3-6 participated in the Sorry Day March and Ceremony which was organised by the Coonabarabran Aboriginal Land Council. Mrs Pincham, Mrs Watton, Mr Cain and Mr Nixon accompanied the students. All our students carried feet and hands which symbolised the coming together of everyone towards reconciliation.

Sorry Day is held every year to acknowledge the Stolen Generation of Aboriginal children who were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the very first days of European occupation of Australia by governments and missionaries.

Our community came together on Tuesday with representatives from all schools, Local Aboriginal organisations, Warrumbungles Shire Council and members of our Aboriginal and non Aboriginal community.

It was really great to see everyone in our community acknowledge this day. We started at the tennis courts and walked across Mary Jane Cain Bridge and concluded at the Town Hall. The walk represented the journey which the Stolen Generation are taking towards healing.

At the Town Hall speeches were Chaired by Mr Kody Brady – Chairperson of the Coonabarabran Land Council. Our school had two representatives talk on this day. Evan Sulter read a poem about the Stolen Generation and Madison Heywood told everyone about the significance of the feet and hands we were carrying. Well done to Evan and Madison they did a great job.

The Elders lit candles and David Sulter showed a short film presentation on stories of what happened to the Stolen Generation.

The Coonabarabran Aboriginal Land Council provided the students with morning tea and then we returned to school about 12:00.

Thank you to the Coonabarabran Aboriginal Land Council for organising this day and to all the students, Mrs Pincham, Mr Cain and Mr Nixon for participating in this day. Mrs Watton

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**Personal Best Award**

**Ellah Bowmaker**

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Ellah is a kind and caring classmate who always helps those around her.

She is gaining more confidence as the year goes on and is contributing to class discussions more regularly.

Ellah follows the five keys to success both on the playground and in the classroom and always displays positive behaviour.

She is always willing to have a go at anything and her happy manner is reflected on others.

It is wonderful having Ellah in 4E.

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**Personal Best Award**

**Ruhannah Brown**

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons …

Ruhannah is a kind and caring classmate who always follows teacher instructions.

She is trying hard to improve her school work especially her writing and reading.

Ruhannah tries hard to follow the five keys to success at all times and she is very considerate towards others and their feelings.

She displays wonderful behaviour with all teachers both in the playground and in class.

Ruhannah is a pleasure to teach and has a positive impact on those around her.
CROSSING AT THE SCHOOL CROSSING

Parents it is very important that all students even if accompanied by an adult use the MARKED PEDESTRIAN crossing when arriving and leaving school.

We ask you to help reinforce this road safety message at home to help ensure the safety of our students.

NARRABRI EISTEDDFOD

Seven students from Coonabarabran Public School participated in the Music section of the Narrabri Eisteddfod on Monday 25 May. They were Caleb Smith on trumpet, Brenna Kennedy on flute, Lachlan Eshman on trombone, Olivia Meier and Tameka McGlashan on clarinet, and Declan Eshman and Jye Robbins on saxophone.

All seven students did a fantastic job in playing their pieces. They spent several weeks preparing the pieces for the Eisteddfod and their hard work paid off. Caleb was awarded a first position in his section; Lachlan and Tameka were awarded a second position; and Olivia was awarded a third position.

The other students all received very high marks and some Highly Commended awards as well. Well done to these students! A big thank you also goes to their parents for all their support and encouragement.

CHESS

The school chess team, comprising Harry Willoughby, Nils Thomas, Lachlan Eshman and Max Phillips, performed credibly in last week’s chess tournament held at Nemingha Public School, coming third on a day which involved about twenty teams from schools including the host school, Burren Junction, Kootingal, Manilla and Tamworth Public.

Against very good competition Harry, Nils and Lachlan in particular performed well, winning three games each. All the boys were excellent ambassadors for our school on the day and will be even better chess players after the experience gained.
State Representatives

On Friday 28th May, I went to Tamworth for PSSA Netball. I went through 1 hour 30 minutes of harsh skill training with really friendly girls from Inverell, Armidale, Coonamble and Tamworth. We had two teams, a Southern and Northern team. I played Goal Attack (GA). I was a shooter and got 22 out of 32 goals. I was picked for the North West side to compete at State on the 21st of June. Maddy Heywood

Johnno Evans was selected to represent the North West in Rugby Union. He will compete at State in August.

Mrs P’s Learner 2
Jay Cee Milgate

The Kangaroo

The Kangaroo can survive for a couple of months and can eat almost anything. It can also hop about 60 km per hour and can jump up to 3.4 meters high. The kangaroo uses its powerful hind legs to move about. Its huge tail helps it balance. The brown is a native animal to Australia. The largest kangaroo is a red kangaroo. The male is also called a boomer and the baby is called a joey. Kangaroos can live for 15 years and travel up to 50 km a day. There are different species in Australia and they live in a scrub or a desert. The smallest species are called a wallaby and there are different species in Australia. They eat grass, shrubs and branches.

Now you can...

Find us on: Facebook

Coonabarabran Public School has recently launched its Facebook page. Please ‘like’ our page to stay informed and involved with events and activities in our school.
There have been many activities and much excitement in the Music Room this term. We have been doing dance and movement activities that have centred on balance, strength and focus as the children make themselves into animals and structures individually and with partners. These games promote self-confidence and strength and help to create resilient and persistent young people. Amid sometimes loud music, the colourful sway of ribbons and scarves and all number of positions and steps the children have participated in small as well as large group routines that strengthen their acceptance of others and an awareness of their own body and rhythm and beat. They look forward to coming and participating in these antics. The primary classes have been learning the recorder and most are now proficient with a number of songs and have a good knowledge of theory and how to read basic music. It occasionally gets a bit loud but everyone has fun. Stage 3 have also been doing some script writing and character improvisation.

The dance and choir group have practiced hard every lunchtime to learn two new routines which they took to show to the Grannies and Grandpas at the Coinda Nursing home on Thursday. They sang Cheerleader and jazzed up their dance to Shake it Up with some ribbons. The oldies rocked along in their chairs with big smiles and enthusiastic applause. These children should be congratulated on their interest and dedication to continually giving up their playtime to come and be a part of these groups.
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EXPO dates:
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