Athletics Carnival this Friday

The Primary Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday at the Coonabarabran Town Oval. Country and town bus students will be delivered to, and collected from, the Town Oval on the day.

All students in Years 3 - 6 will be expected to participate in the Carnival and are encouraged to wear their House Colours. The Carnival will commence at 9:30am. Any student who is not competing in their age race will need to bring a note from their parent/carer to Mr Adam.

The House Colours are:

- Asteroids: Yellow
- Comets: Blue
- Meteorites: Green
- Satellites: Red

The P&C will be operating a canteen at the Oval and all parents, grandparents and carers of students are invited to come along and cheer on our school’s athletes.

Feast of Words

On Wednesday, 15th July, Year 6 had their first experience of High School.

We participated in their “Feast of Words” program which involved rotating through different literacy based activities. The students were divided into three groups and each group went to two different lessons.

These lessons included poetry with Mrs Conn, song writing with Mr Armstrong, creative writing with Mrs Nash and drama with Miss Sullivan.

It was a great ‘first experience’ and we are looking forward to more activities as part of the transition program.

Many thanks to Mrs Nash for organising and coordinating the event.
Pincham’s Pearl of Wisdom

Student Led Conferences begin this week and from all information there is a number of parent/carers involved in these which is great to see. If you have not yet booked in for a conference and you wish to organise a time please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Wednesday has been designated as our staff meeting day, however, this week we will be meeting with Craig Renneberg on Thursday 3-5pm so please if you have a concern I would ask if you could contact the school on Friday as all staff are expected to be at this presentation.

Mrs Trudi Roberts is on leave for a few weeks this term and Mrs Hannah will be working the full week on 3R.

Our Year 4 students who have applied for the OC class 2016 will be sitting the OC test on Wednesday this week and I wish all participating the very best of luck. The students will be escorted to the high school on Wednesday morning by Miss Master at 9am. Students are able to go straight to the high school if they wish.

The ‘You Can Do it’ Program

The goal of YCDI is to provide today’s children with the Foundations of Achievement in school, work and the world of tomorrow. We focus on five important foundations that will help your child do the best he or she can with homework and in classwork, called keys to success.

These keys to success are: * Confidence * Getting Along * Organisation * Persistence * Resilience

As part of our Welfare Policy we have a 6 level behaviour code. All students start on Level 1. This level encourages and rewards students whose attitudes and actions meet school expectations. The fundamental assumption is that every child is, courteous, cooperative, responsible, a valued member of the school community.

Positive Consequences of Level One

1. Awards-praise and encouragement at daily assemblies, merit certificates at weekly assembly.
2. Around mid-term and at the end of each term, students on Level 1 are rewarded in some manner eg, video afternoon, pool afternoon, picnic, special certificates, sausage sizzle.

Students are placed on Levels 2 and higher for behaviour offences.

P&C News

The P&C will be operating the Canteen at the Primary Athletics Carnival this Friday 24th July at the Coonabarabran Town Oval.

Come along to enjoy watching your child or grandchild participate in the Athletics Carnival and enjoy a pie, sausage roll, warm drink or a variety of other treats while you’re there!

Canteen News

Pumpkin Soup and Chicken and Corn Soup will be sold in the Canteen during this term. It will be available each day.

Chicken, and Corn or Pumpkin Soup with a slice of bread will cost $4.00.

If you order, any meal, for lunch and also order a, bottle of water, your water will be reduced by $1.00, costing you only $2.00 a bottle.

Support your local school

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion has begun again for 2015. Please collect your Earn & Learn stickers when you’re shopping and send either the completed sheets into the school office, or, if you prefer, just send in the stickers. We can put the stickers on the sheets!

Each year our school is able to get some additional resources that we wouldn’t be able to have if it weren’t for the ‘Earn & Learn’ program.

Library News

* New Book Club order forms were sent home last week. They will be due back at school by 24th July.

* Oliver is coming. The ‘switch over’ date is fast approaching. Oliver is an exciting new development in library management and borrowing system.

What’s on at GPS?

- 21 – 23 July: PSSA Netball - Tamworth
- Fri 24 July: School Athletics Carnival
- Tues 28 July: UNSW English Competition
- Wed 29 July: Library closed for Oliver training
- Fri 31 July: Primary Boys Softball Trials
- 3 & 4 Aug: Switch-over to Oliver in the Library
- Thurs 6 Aug: Year 8 - 6 Assembly @ 2.20pm
- Thurs 6 Aug: Early Birds begins
- Fri 7 Aug: Zone Athletics Carnival
- Fri 7 Aug: Early Birds begins

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Student Led Conferences

Student Led conferences are an integral part of our school reporting and assessment schedule. Notes and information were sent home with Semester 1 reports for each class at the end of Term 2.

The timetable for Student Led Conferences are as follows:

Tuesday 21st July
KM
4/5M

Wednesday 22nd July
KH
5/6K
5/6S

Thursday 23rd July
1E
1/2N
5/6L

Wednesday 29th July
3H
3R
4E

Thursday 30th July
1A
2I
5/6L

Your children are looking forward to your participation. It is a great opportunity to learn more about your child's progress at school. The conferences are also a chance to build the school, teacher, student and home relationship that creates a better learning framework for your child.

Public Education Week 2015

Term 3, Week 3, 27th to 31st July

Open Day - Friday 31st July

On Friday 31st July, our school will celebrate Public Education Week with parents and friends with a morning tea commencing at 11.00am. The morning tea will be held under the Stage 3 shelter area, (near the canteen), and all parents, grandparents and friends of our students are invited to attend.

At 11:30am we will have Open Classrooms where students can invite their special guests into their classroom until lunchtime at 12:45pm.

At 2:00pm we will have a very special and fun activity. We will have a Staff v Students Oz Tag match. Mr Cain will make the student team selection and staff who are brave enough are invited to nominate themselves for the competition. All of the school will be able to cheer on their preferred team.

We're all looking forward to this fun event and hope it will be the inaugural game of a soon to be established tradition!
OC Class Test

All Year 4 students who are sitting the 2016 OC test will walk to the High School on Wednesday morning after assembly to sit the test. Miss Masters will accompany the students and everyone will return to Coonabarabran Public School at the conclusion of the test.

Good luck to all students who are participating!

Life Education NSW

the Life Education Van will be visiting our school in Weeks 2 and 3 this term. Students have taken home permission notes and are asked to return the signed notes and the $6.00 cost to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Our students will participate in classes most appropriate to their year and the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

A brief outline of the programs delivered in the lessons are:

Harold’s Surprise: Early Stage 1 (K) * Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.

Harold’s Mystery Tour: Stage 1 (Yr1) * Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

Harold’s Heroes: Stage 1 (Yr2) * Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

All Systems Go: Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2 & 3) * Functions of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines.

Harold’s Diary Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) * Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

bCyberwise Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) * Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving.

Mind Your Medicine: Stage 2 (Yr 4) * Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

On the Case!: Stage 3 (Yr5) * Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.

Think Twice: Stage 3 (Yr6) * Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

It’s Your Call: Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) * Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology.
Kindergarten have begun the term running and I am impressed with how settled they were on their first day back. Well done! We have begun our theme based work on the concept of ‘Belonging’. We will be studying various quality texts in class, the first being ‘Family Forest’ by Kim Kane. It is a story about modern families – some people have a family tree, others have a ‘forest’! It’s accompanied by Lucia Masciullo’s quirky illustrations. This unit will complement our History unit of ‘Family heritage and the heritage of others’. Some other titles we will be studying are below.

Later in this term our unit focus will shift to a Science, ‘Paddock to Plate’ unit working with informative texts. This unit involves a walking excursion to Flood’s Bakery and Woolworths. More information will be available later this term.
The Match Report
Rabbitohs v Sea Eagles (5-5)

Wednesday saw these teams battle it out for 3rd place on the table in a very hard game of Rugby League. The Rabbitohs came out hard in the first half with 3 of the 5 tries coming in the first 5 minutes of the game, leading at half time 3-1. After half time and with the arrival of the Sea-Eagles coach Mr Ross, spirits and performance lifted. This caught a napping Rabbitohs defence off guard, running in 4 tries to the Rabbitohs 2 tries, to make the match a 5 all draw, the first of the season.

Storm v Eels (4-6)

This top of the table clash had been anticipated all week with both teams looking for a win to take top spot on the ladder. Both teams came out confident with each team scoring 3 tries each before half time. After both teams had a talk with their coach at half time the Eels lifted during the 2nd half scoring 3 tries to 1, emerging victorious in a hard fought battle, remaining in 1st place. Mention has to be given to Jack Smith who had an incredible game scoring 2 tries and making brilliant tackles. Well done.

Stay tuned for this week’s match reports in the next edition of the newsletter.

This week’s fixtures are: Monday: Rabbitohs v Bulldogs  Wednesday: Sea Eagles v Eels  Friday: Bye

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Jordan Dicks, Amy Maher, Laynee Cain and Rebecca Kenyon were recently asked to make the very plain sentences in typed text into interesting, descriptive sentences.

Their efforts are to be congratulated and they are Mrs P’s Learners of the Week.

Great Work by Year 5 students!
Mrs Searle’s Retirement

In 1969 Mrs Searle commenced work at Coonabarabran Primary School. This began her long association with the children and community of Coonabarabran Public School.

Mrs Searle solved problems, big and small, from skinned knees and broken arms, to lost permission notes, missed buses and projects left at home. She dealt with all these important and life-changing issues with the gravity and concern they required.

She also organised the administrative needs of the school with humour and efficiency.

Over the years she saw many changes to the way offices operated, from word perfect typing on typewriters (no Delete button there!) to printing stencils on the very messy Gestetner machines! Mobile phones, faxes, emails and the internet were all technologies that were new and unknown.

Mrs Searle was the first port of call for new and prospective staff and students at the school, in many instances setting up long and happy associations with many families.

After 46 years service, Coonabarabran Public School wishes Mrs Searle a long and happy retirement with lots of golf.

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PUPPET TRICKSTERS

On Tuesday 11th August, our students will enjoy a performance by Master Puppeteer, Dennis Murphy.

There will be two sessions, one for Infants and the second for Primary students.

It is an entertaining performance and is part of the Creative Arts and HSIE curriculum.

The cost per student $5.00.

Family and friends who would like to see the Puppet Tricksters performance are welcome pay $5.00 and come along to the school hall on Tuesday 11th August.

Please return this note, along with $5.00 for the cost of the performance to your child’s classroom teacher.

Child's Name: ____________________________

Class: _________________________________

Amount enclosed: ________________________