Welcome back to another exciting new school year. In 2016 we welcome many new staff members, students and parents.

Our new staff at Coonabarabran Public School include Miss Kasalo who will be teaching 1/2 K. “I completed my last practical experience placement for university at the school last year and have done some casual work at the school since then. I am looking forward to having my own class and to meeting and getting to know the staff, students and their families in this lovey town. I look forward to the year ahead”.

Mrs Cindy Robinson moved from McLeans Ridges on the NSW Far North Coast. “Last year I taught students via phone and satellite lessons as a Distance Ed teacher and before that I taught at a small school with only 18 students. I am looking forward to working as part of the Coonabarabran School Team.”

Miss Skinner has returned to Coonabarabran Public School. “Last year I taught year 1/2 at Ashmont Public School in Wagga Wagga, moving back to be closer to my family, although I missed Coonabarabran and couldn’t stay away! I enjoyed getting to know the 5/6 students last week but I’m excited to meet my new Kindergarten class. I enjoy playing sport and spending time outside.”

Miss Woldhuis is looking forward to teaching year 1/2 this year. “I moved here from Wellington and I am excited to work at Coonabarabran Public School.”

Miss Lynch will be teaching 3/4 this year. “I moved to Coonabarabran last year and was the 5/6 teacher at Binnaway Central School. I am looking forward to getting to know the school community!”

Miss Jones moved to Coonabarabran from Dubbo and is teaching the Wonderful K-6J. “My most favourite things to do is play music and travel the world. I play piano and sing - (Keep an eye out for a choir starting soon!) I have also been to 23 different countries and I love learning about new cultures and customs from all over the world.”
Pincham’s Pearls of Wisdom

Welcome to 2016 and our new school year. I will be Relieving Principal this term replacing Mr Noel Willoughby.

The first weeks of our term began with a large change to our student projected numbers. You may be aware that all schools are staffed on the student numbers. At the end of 2015 our numbers were very different and therefore our planning we started the year with quickly became incorrect. With a huge influx of Kinder students and Stage 3 students leaving, we have had to make a number of changes and adjustments for the plan. We have had to dissolve Miss Skinner’s Stage 3 class and make another Kinder class. We apologise for the disruption that this has caused students, teachers and families. This was totally out of our control and we could only use the best information we had at the time.

All staff at Coonabarabran Public School pride themselves on the fact that we plan and cater for all students and their needs and feel that we have come up with the best plan for all our students.

We do welcome a number of new staff to our school this year which you will have met in this week’s newsletter. I welcome them all to a great school.

I would like to invite you all to this year’s Information Night to be held 2nd March in the school hall. It is a great time to meet and greet the staff and gain a better understanding of how the school operates.

P&C News

Welcome to another year at Coonabarabran Public School. We are looking forward to another busy year!

Our next P&C meeting will be a date to be advised. We hope to be able to advertise the date and time in next week’s newsletter and the information will be posted in this space.

We encourage and welcome all parents, grandparents and friends of our school and community to come along and join. The aim of the P&C is to provide extra learning opportunities, resources for our students and to support learning programs offered at our school.

For the safety of our students, please shut the gates when entering and leaving the school grounds.

Don’t forget to return your general permission notes to your teacher as soon as possible.

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What’s on at CPS?
15 February:  P & C meeting @ 6.30pm (postponed)
15 February:  Basketball & Tennis Trials
19 February:  Zone Swimming Carnival
25 February:  Welcome Yr 3 Social
2 March:      Parent Information Night

Email
If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically each week, please send an email to cynthia.smith5@det.nsw.edu.au or let the office know.
All visitors, including parents, community members, contractors and volunteers should report to the administration office to register their presence at school. Visitors should sign the visitor's book on arrival and departure. Administration staff will ask to see identification for all unknown visitors.

Visitor registration needs to be accurate so that all people on site are accounted for in the event of an emergency (e.g. evacuation, lockdown). A numbered badge or sticker will be provided to visitors. Any visitor is also required to wear their organisation's identification badge if they have one.

Vests on the Playground

This year we have introduced fluorescent vests for all staff on playground duty. Teachers on duty will be wearing a yellow vest and support staff on duty will be wearing orange vests. This has been introduced to improve the safety of our students by making it more obvious who is on duty and where they need to go if they require assistance. It will be a small change that will have a positive impact on the running of our school.

Welcome Year 3 Social

On Thursday 25th February the SRC will be having a Welcome Year Three Social for all students in years 3-6.

The cost will be $3 entry and there will be a canteen in operation.

The social will be from 7pm - 9pm.

Positive behaviour is required for students to be able to attend the social.

Primary Assemblies will start next Thursday, 25th February, at 2.20pm.

Infants Assemblies will commence in Week 6 at 1.40pm on Mondays in the School Hall.

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along to school assemblies and celebrate our children’s achievements throughout the year.
Coonabarabran Public School’s Parent Information Evening

CPS welcomes all parents from K - 6 to come along and find out what’s happening in our school for 2016.

The evening provides a great opportunity for you to meet our teachers and staff and to gain a better understanding of the year ahead for your child/ren.

When: Wednesday 2nd March 2016
Time: 5:00pm
Where: CPS School Hall

For your convenience, office staff will be on hand to take any payments for textbooks and resources if you wish to pay on the evening.

There will be no provision for the supervision of children on the evening.

Please come along and enjoy getting to know us! Refreshments will be provided and there are lucky door prizes to be won.

We are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you!

Centacare Warraymali
Will be hosting an information day on back to school topics such as:

* What do I pack for lunch
* How much is enough food
* What else will I need

If you have someone starting school in 2016 come along and get information and support about being school ready in 2016

11th February 2016
Time: 8am
BBQ breakfast under the shelter near canteen at Coonabarabran Public School

Please contact Karyn Cain
6842 3971

Breakfast before School!!

Welcome back to school everybody.

The School and Local services are providing free toast and milo for breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Breakfast is really important for our students and we love to chat with them while they wait so well in line for their toast. I often have some student’s help me too.

I’m grateful for this opportunity to serve our school and community.

Bless you!

Maz - School Chaplain

Free Learn to Swim Lessons

For Children -0-5
Monday 15th February
To
Thursday 18th February 2016
Contact Samaritans for Bookings
68422923 OR 0428920374

HOMEWORK HEADQUARTERS

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Homework HQ will commence on Monday 15th February for students in Year 1 to Year 6, between 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

During this time students will have access to the Library and staff to assist them with their homework. It is the parent’s responsibility to have their child/ren collected at 4:00pm.

To enable your child’s attendance, please complete the permission note and return to Mrs Clifton.

I give my child........................................... permission to attend Homework HQ. I understand it is my responsibility to make arrangements for my child to be collected at 4:00pm

Parents Name: .......................................................... Signature: ..........................................................

Date:.......................... Contact Number in case of Emergency: ..........................................................
**COONABARABRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN**
**MENU PRICE LIST – 2016**

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**Monday Special**  Local Bakery Sausage Roll $2.50

**Tuesday Special**  Strawberry Tub $2.00

**Wednesday Special**  Watermelon Tub $2.00

**Thursday Special**  Salad Tub $2.00

**Friday Special**  Local Bakery Pie $3.50

**Snack Foods**
- Pop Corn 50c
- Small Chips 50c
- Biscuit $1.00
- Muffin $1.00
- Yoghurt Tubs $1.00
- Custard Tub $1.00
- Jelly Tub $1.00
- Fruit Tub $1.00
- Finger Bun $1.50
- Chips $1.00
- JJ’s $1.00

**Drinks**
- White Milk Cups $1.00
- Apple or Orange Popper $1.50
- Apple, Orange or ABC Juice $2.50
- Chocolate or Strawberry Milk $2.00
- Warm Milo or Chocolate $2.00
- Water $3.00 or $2.00 when ordered
- Nippy’s Milks $3.00
- Fruit Smoothies $3.00
- LOL $3.00
- Juice $3.00
- Mineral Water $3.00

**Icy Poles - Sold after Lunch**
- Fruit Stick 50c
- Frozen Juice Cups $1.00
- Calippo $1.00
- TNT or KaBluey $1.00
- Ice Cream Cup $1.50
- Icy Twist $1.50
- Paddle Pop $1.50
- Life Saver $2.00
- Fandangle $2.00
- Thick Shake $2.00
- Frozen Yoghurt $2.00

Canteen opens at 8.30 each morning for ordering. All foods can be ordered for recess and lunch. Please place your orders before 9.30 and payment is required at that time.

All foods are served without sauce. When ordering choose your container from Tomato, BBQ Sweet & Sour, Sweet Chilli or Soy and add 30c Mayonnaise is also available in a container for 30c. All foods are low fat, low sugar and low salt.

Add 50c per item if you wish to add extra salad to any food.

Look for Special Meal Deals in the weekly newsletter.
2016 has started. Thus a new year of school has begun, new learning has been undertaken and new programs have started.

As of Wednesday, Week Two of Term One, I have been happy to announce a new guitar group in primary. Student from Year 3 to 6 will join me on a weekly basis to learn a variety of pop, rock and country songs to present as a guitar group. Some students will be bringing their own guitars to school while others will borrow one from the school; all leading up to the goal of presenting a few songs at various assemblies and community events.

If your child is in this group, a note will be sent home with details about the program. Coinciding with this, if a presentation is imminent, caregivers and parents will be notified and invited to come and watch.

It will be a long way to the top but I think our students are ready to rock and roll. I for one cannot wait to get into our first lesson next week, Wednesday.

Mr Phillips.

A novelty swimming carnival will be held this Friday, 19th February, for student in Years 3 - 6 who are not participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival in Binnaway.

Students will walk to the pool at 1.30pm and return to school in time to catch buses at 2.55pm.

Students should bring to school their swimmers, towel, a rashie or long-sleeved lightweight shirt, a hat and sunscreen. Pool entry will cost $3.00 or by providing a Season Ticket number.

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Find out if you’re eligible for the PVC subsidy at transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

If you’re not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

Can’t get online?
Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

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2016 NSW School Holidays and Term Dates

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Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten classes commenced this morning and it was lovely to see all the new, happy and excited children on their first day at school.