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5/6M has started Term 4 in the same way they finished Term 3... BUSY! We have started a science unit called Sinking, Sailing and Soaring. During the first weeks we have learnt about the properties of water and air and made some fantastic boats, from fully recycled materials. We will test them to see which ones will sink the quickest when small weights are added to them. We are expecting many impressive results.

Students have been set an assignment to design and make a kite at home as a part of our unit. So far many students have designed, made and tested their kites. We are all looking forward to seeing each other's kites and testing them at school.





As a class we have been preparing for our assembly item. We are all excited to show some "impressive" skills that you may have not known we have.

Year 6 High School Visits



On Thursday the 27 October all Year 6 students from our school walked up to the High School for a peer support session with the current Year 10 students. Year 6 enjoyed a number of 'getting to know each other' games in small groups with support from the older High School students. They then played ball games against each other to promote team moral and trust within the groups. Danielle Andrews group was the most successful!

Year 6 & 10 then battled to find the ultimate scissors, paper, rock champion and played an epic game of 'Bear Hunter'. You will have to ask one of the Year 6 students how to play it! We finished the morning with a lovely morning tea provided by the High School. Morning tea gave students a chance to have a look around the playground and get comfortable in their new surroundings for next year.

'What About Me?'

On Monday Year 6 attended a bullying seminar. We watched four stories about people who were being bullied and feeling excluded. Generation One is an organisation for Aboriginals to speak their voice. A young 13 year old girl named, Maddie wanted to speak her voice and get involved in topics.

Our next story was about a 22 years old lady, Tara who didn't know what she wanted to do in life. She didn't know what her purpose was. She decided to visit a counsellor and go on holidays overseas. She visited Cambodia, and saw how many children were in poverty they didn't have clean sanitation. She felt as though she needed to help. She decided to stay longer than expected to help out at the orphanage. Seeing how badly off these children were, broke her heart. She has now started a home there, so the children could leave the orphanage.

We learnt about Justice Crew and a man named Stephen who was bullied all through High School. Overall the seminar was inspiring and interesting and it will help us to prepare for High School. Written by Brooke Meier

School Swimming Scheme

Once again we are conducting our Swimming Scheme this term. All students in Year Two and those who cannot swim 20 metres confidently in Years 3-6 are eligible to take part.

The scheme will run from Friday 18 November until Monday 5 December. Year Two children will attend between recess and lunch. Years 3-6 will attend after lunch. The cost for each student is \$1 each day for pool entry. Season ticket holders will need to provide their number.

If any parents are able to help could you let Mrs Silk or Mrs Hunter know.

Sports Merit and Contribution to Sport Award Nominations.

On Awards Night at the end of each year the sporting excellence of children who are in their last year of Primary School is recognised by the presentation of the above awards. These awards recognise the dedication, commitment, achievement and sportsmanship over the Primary career of the children who have been nominated. A panel, which includes teachers, aides and executive staff will determine those who will be successful in receiving an award.

To be eligible each Year 6 child, seeking consideration, needs to submit a nomination form, available from Mr Keppie or their class teacher, on or before the closing date of Thursday 10 November. Forms should also be returned to the class teacher or Mr Keppie.

When filled in correctly nomination forms could include for each Primary year:

The variety of sports in which the nominee has excelled.

The level of achievement in each sport, including attendance at Zone, Area and State carnivals.

Placings in finals, at any level.

Being a Champion at a school or Zone Swimming or Athletics carnival.

The setting of new school records in swimming and athletics.

The most prestigious award is the Sports Merit Award which is usually awarded to only one boy and one girl who have satisfied the eligibility criteria, in the eyes of the panel.

Contribution to Sport tries to recognise worthy efforts and can be awarded to more than one girl or one boy who have satisfied the criteria. Contribution to Sport can not be awarded at all if there are no suitable nominees.

"C.P.S. MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK"

All entries are to go in this box at the Library and on Monday at 3pm a winner will be chosen. The winner will be the FIRST correct entry picked out of the box. The judge's decision will be final. Please have your name and class clearly written on your entry. Group entries will be allowed, but there will only be ONE prize given to the winning entry. You can collect your prize from Mrs Cox after you have been announced as the winner. The winning entry will then be displayed on the Library noticeboard and in the following weeks newsletter. Good luck to all the Mathematicians out there!

House Painting Problem

If it takes Bill 20 hours to paint a house and it takes George 30 hours, how long will it take if they work

together yet independently?

40TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

A big thanks to the current primary school principal and staff for allowing the ex-students of the former high school to wander the halls, corridors and grounds. 40 years has quickly passed but the memories of our school days were as fresh as the incidents described. Several ex-teachers also returned and retold great sporting and academic events.

The colourful rooms, computer labs and interactive whiteboards are a far cry from our days of chalk and talk.

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HAVE YOUR SAY?

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT CURRENT SCHOOL DESIGN. YOUR IDEAS WILL HELP US CREATE NEW GUIDELINES TO BUILD BETTER SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS IN THE FUTURE.

Parents can fill out an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent.

Students can fill out an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com.sfsstudent.

Survey closes 28 November at 5pm.

Budding Mathematicians Display their Skills

Many of our students performed most creditably in this year's U.N.S.W. International Schools Maths Competition held last term. With almost eighty thousand entries from across N.S.W. and the A.C.T. competition was fierce for those involved.

Star achievers included Fergus Atkinson, Anikan Evans, Hannah and Lachlan Meier, Angus Lambert, Bede Turnbull, Jarrod Lambert, Asheigh Smith, Tyler Frazer, Nick Willoughby and George Border, who received Credits and Chris Reynolds, Charlie Knight and Ian Whittall who received Distinctions.

Congratulations to all those students (who were pictured last week in our newsletter) but especially to Chris, Charlie and Ian whose results placed them in the top 7%, 8% and 4% respectively of the competition entrants. Their achievements are something of which they can be quite proud.

EdAlive

EdAlive Monster Warehouse Clearance Sale-Titles from only \$2!

Please return your orders to the school by this Friday 4 November.

What's on at CPS: Willoughby's Weekly Words 3 Nov. **Teddy Bears Picnic (Kindy)** 3&4 Nov. Yr 4 Excursion to Zoo Yr 3 Excursion to Zoo 18 Nov Walkathon Awards 21-25 Nov. Stage 3 to Lake Keepit Later this week Years 3 & 4 are headed for 16 Dec. Last Day of School Dubbo Zoo for the first of a number of excursions involving our students this term. As I write this the weather forecast is good and it should be a great learning experience for all involved **P&C NEWS** Later this term Years 5 & 6 will spend a week at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation **RECENTLY THE P&C HAS PURCHASED:** Centre. Past experience suggests a # Tarps for students to sit on at wonderful time should be had by all who go. carnivals. UNIFORM SHOP Please remember if the cost of these types of Seeking girls uniforms sizes 4-8. activities is difficult to meet please contact the school and we'll see if we can arrange All boys uniforms items \$2. some type of financial assistance. The All old style jumpers \$2. school does not like to see students missing Open from 8.45–10am Thursdays. activities because of a family's financial Tuesday: 1.45-2.55pm during Early Birds hardship. Sally Turner 0422981199 or Contact: Mandi Hawley 0406059943 **Selective Schools** CANTEEN **Placement Test NEW TO CANTEEN:** For students entering Year 7 in 2013 (current Year 5 students) Berry paddle pop \$1.60 Hero or Villain paddle pop \$1.80 Applications open online October 24 ROSTER http://bit.ly/q1CC94 Thursday 3 November S Turner Friday 4 November L Kuras Or visit your local public school for paper Monday 7 November M Menz applications Tuesday 8 November J Harris Applications close November 18 Wednesday 9 November L Connell Thursday 10 November S Turner Friday 11 November -_____ MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK Newell Highway, PO Box 169 WINNER FOR WEEK 3 Coonabarabran NSW 2357 Phone: 0268421771 Fax: 0268422416 NIAMH WHITTALL Coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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Mason Connell was one of the first Stage 2 students to take home one of the new homereaders provided by the P and C.



Solid State Circus

On Wednesday 26 October our school had a visit from three performers from the Solid State Circus in Melbourne. Students had the chance to see them by paying \$5.

The three performers were Tom, Luth and Ty. They preformed a number of circus acts including juggling, acrobatics, skipping, tumbling and trampoline jumping.

Students from years K-6 all enjoyed the performance laughing and clapping along with their moves. The circus performs all around the country travelling in their trusty car and trailer. They have all trained in circus from young ages and have lots of experience performing.

The students were given the chance to ask questions at the end and students were interested to know about the performer's life on the road and training. The best part was the 'candle' trick they did with two of them holding the other one upside down tall in the air!