



Coonabarabran Public School

Newsletter Term 4 - Week 6

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14 November 2012



Year 4's Local History Excursion

On Thursday 9th November, Year 4 visit the local Anglican and Catholic cemeteries and Burra Bee Dee Aboriginal Mission as part of the Stage 2 Local History Curriculum.

Fortunately, the predicted rain held off and the students boarded the bus driven by Mr Stanton. Our first stop was the local cemeteries.

The students split into two groups, one going to the Anglican Cemetery with Mrs McGowan and Mrs Watton, and the rest staying with Mrs Silk at the Catholic Cemetery. Students were given worksheets to complete whilst walking around the cemetery. The students found out fascinating facts about the way the cemeteries were arranged and information about the people buried there. Then the students did some headstone rubbings. Students absorbed a lot of knowledge about the people who were a part of our community.

The students then re-boarded the bus, famished from their mornings activities, and continued on their way to Burra Bee Dee where they had morning tea in the picnic area. Burra Bee Dee Mission is an Aboriginal Reserve 10km east of Coonabarabran on the Gunnedah Road. It is now a place of peace and tranquility. The students commented on how nice a spot it was to have recess.

The tour of Burra Bee Dee started by walking the tracks that led us to significant sites where there were once buildings including the manager's house, the school, the tenants houses, the church and finishing at the house where Mrs Watton's family used to live under Forky Mountain. It was there that Mrs Watton told the story of 'Old Mother Tongue-Bung' and about 'five-corning'.

We moved onto the Aboriginal Cemetery where the students located Mary Jane Cain's grave. The students have been learning about this amazing woman in class recently. The students did some more rubbings of headstones.

Mrs Watton showed the students how to make tin rollers which was a game the children used to play at the Mission. Everyone really enjoyed this and loved pulling the rollers around, inventing games as they went.

At lunch the students enjoyed more time playing with the tin rollers and other games from the past like rounders, marbles and bocce. Year 4 were having so much fun they didn't hear Mr Stanton arrive to take them back to school!

It was a very enjoyable day and we thank Mrs Watton, the Local Aboriginal Land Council, Mr Anthony Watton, Mrs Myra Cain and the local Recycling Centre for making sure everything was in order for our visit to Burra Bee Dee.

... more photos of the Local History Excursion on page 7

We're on the Web!

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Persistence

This week's key to success is ...

Willoughby's Weekly Words

Many of you have no doubt heard me talk over the years of how education is a partnership and for children to gain maximum benefit from their education the home and school must work together. You see this in areas such as homework and home reading all the time but it also extends to other areas.

In a few weeks the school commences its intensive swimming scheme for this year. Over a two week period all students involved will receive instruction on how to swim. Past experience indicates that nearly all participants make tremendous gains in a short period. However, much of those gains are lost if the work isn't followed up with regular swimming afterwards.

I encourage all of you whose children learn to swim during swimming scheme to either take them swimming regularly during the school holidays or register them with our local swimming club and take them to the afternoon sessions the club runs.

Swimming is a great activity and learning to swim properly is learning something that may one day save your life. It would also be great to see more competitors at our school carnival early next year than has been the case in the recent past; all you have to do to compete at that carnival is be able to swim a lap.

P&C News

P&C held a very successful stall at the chilly Crooked Mountain Concert on Saturday night. Thank you to all concert goers who purchased from the stall. A parent commented that the P&C Show Bag was 'the best value for money she'd ever spent for her children's entertainment!'

The next **P&C Meeting** will be on the **19th November** at **Gecko Red Restaurant** starting at **7.00pm**.



What's on at CPS?

- Wed 14th Nov:** Iki visit
- Thurs 15th Nov:** 3 - 6 Assembly
- Thurs 15th Nov:** 2013 Prefect voting
- Fri 16th Nov:** 2013 Prefects announced
- Fri 16th Nov:** Stage 3 - Level 1 activity - Timor Rock
- Fri 23rd Nov:** Chess Finals in Sydney
- Weeks 9 & 10:** Intensive Swimming

LIBRARY NEWS

Please remember to return any overdue books. It is important to return all books on time so they are available for others to borrow. If you receive an overdue notice for a book you do not have, please send me a note.

Mrs Evans



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Canteen News

This week's special!
Milkshakes - \$2.00
Chocolate, Strawberry or Banana

Canteen Roster

Thurs 15 Nov	.....
Fri 16 Nov	.....
Mon 19 Nov	.....	S Durant
Tues 20 Nov	.....	M Frazer
Wed 21 Nov	.....	Z Smith
Thurs 22 Nov	.....	L Connell
Fri 23 Nov	.....



Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Awards

KC:	Connie McGlashan	* an excellent reading result
KC:	Dustyn Owers	* being a five-star learner
KH:	Maisie Bell	* 100% correct in Study Ladder
KH:	Dakota Dumas	* great improvement in reading and storywriting
1A:	Ruby Connell	* for delightful manners and beautiful work
1A:	Nash Devenish	* for being such a great worker today
1M:	Tully Andrews	* for her contribution to our class discussions
1M:	Declan Eshman	* for being a polite member of Year 1
2H:	Jade Lee	* for settling in well to 2H and being such a friendly person
2H:	Laynee Cain	* for always working well in class and trying her best
2N:	Joe England	* making better choices
2N:	Blain Walker	* great work during Maths testing

Art and Drama Lessons with Miss Norton



On Wednesday 8th November, Miss Paris Norton visited our school for an Indigenous art and drama lesson for Year 4 students. Paris' passion is photography and she expresses her connection to culture, family and the bush in her images.

Paris has won several awards in our area for her talent and we were lucky enough to have her visit our school to guide the students through a lesson on how she produces her work in a layering effect.

Paris was also joined by her uncle, Mr Will Robinson, who has inspired one of Paris' winning images called 'Uncle Bud'.

Will showed the students how Aboriginal dancers mimic animals in which the students took great pleasure in mimicking him.

The students were then motivated by Paris to produce their own layering images in which they participated with great enthusiasm.

Thank you to Miss Norton and Mr Robinson. Year 4 students thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon and had a glimpse into traditional Aboriginal dance and modern art work.



Personal Best Award

Taliyaha Chatfield

has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons ...

Taliyaha is a polite student who has strived to be a five star student.

Taliyaha has worked well in improving her sentences so that they make sense. Taliyaha produces lovely handwriting and strive to produce neat bookwork.

Taliyaha has shown great improvement in all areas of her school work.

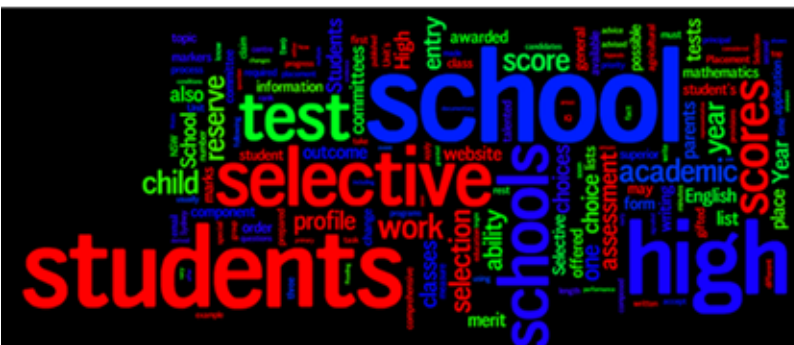
Well done Taliyaha and congratulations in achieving your Personal Best!

SRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Third Door is the third book in the Golden Door series written by the very popular Emily Rodda. The ancient wooden door in the series still remains a mystery, will the characters dare go through it?

I rate it:





Online applications are open for parents to register Year 5 students into Year 7 placement in 2014 for Selective High Schools and the Western NSW Region xsel Virtual Selective High School.

If you have any questions about selective school applications, or don't have internet access, please contact Mr Willoughby for assistance.

Applications close on 19 November and can be accessed from the selective schools website:
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Stage 2 Friday Sport

This week Year 3 & 4 students will be going to the Town Pool for Friday afternoon sport (weather permitting).

Students will need to bring \$2.00 pool entry money, or Season Ticket number, swimmers, towel, sunscreen and goggles.

The students will be assessed on their swimming ability for inclusion in the School Swimming Scheme that will be conducted in Weeks 9 & 10.

Students will be walking to and from the pool and this activity is covered by their General Permission note returned earlier this year.

We will return to school by 2:45pm. No student is permitted to remain at the pool unless a parent/carer is present.



Parents & Carers of Kindergarten 2013

Please ensure that all documentation has been provided to the school if you have a Kindergarten student starting school in 2013.



Outstanding Chefs!

Throughout Term 3, 5/6K had a cooking assignment that they worked on in their homes. Now you can get a copy of their recipes!

All of the recipes have been compiled into a coloured recipe book, filled with breakfasts, lunches, dinners, smoothies and snacks!

If you would like to buy a copy, please send \$8 in an envelope to Miss Kuras in 5/6K.

You won't be disappointed!

Coona Swim Club

Registrations will be taken at the pool steps starting on Monday 5th November from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Unfortunately, due to low volunteer numbers, there will be no 4:00 to 5:00pm time slot this year.

A free welcome barbecue for Swimming Club members will be held on Friday 16th November from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Term 4, Week 6 - Problem of the Week

Can you find six differences in the two pictures?



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Term 4, Week 5 - Problem of the Week

Jamie-Lea Watt and Emma Joseph were the closest to solving last week's problem.

Well done girls!



Class Focus: 1M



Year 1 have had a very busy start to the term. As well as having lots and lots of testing in preparation for our end of year reports, we have also been learning about the Solar System.

During our remodelled reading times we have been reading both Narratives and Factual Texts.

The students particularly enjoyed *The Magic School Bus Inside The Solar System*.

What we know:

The Sun is a star.

by Isaac Henderson

Earth is the best place for us to live, for food, water and air. There is also more gravity to hold us down.

by Fred Kearney, Abbie Mitchell and Chloe Schmidt

This theme was also used to place 1M students on our Literacy Continuum.



Shafin, Isobelle, Sam, Abbie and Siarra show the aliens they created in class.

Coonabarabran Strings

The Coonabarabran Strings players once again held their Charity Concert on Sunday 4th November. This year \$250.00 was collected and donated to Redkite which is a support group assisting families of children diagnosed with cancer.

Our players range from 5 to 16 years and rehearse each Friday afternoon after school in preparation for such an event. The students attend Coonabarabran Public, Coonabarabran High and St Lawrence's Schools.

In performing and donating in this way, the students are proud of being able to help in a small way to children less fortunate.

Thank you to all who supported us by attending the concert.

Anita Russell



2013 Prefect Candidates

The following students from Year 5 were nominated by their peers to be candidates in the 2013 prefect elections.

Rachel Bennell, Hannah Deshon, Matilda Harris, Sappirah Knight, Alexis McAlpine, Rhiannon Robinson, Emily Wallace and Niamh Whittall are the nominated girls.

Sam Abbott, Will Capewell, Sam Hough, Angus Lambert, Jack Patterson, Jasper and Jesse Somerville, Matthew Staron, Bede Turnbull and Tom Young are the nominated boys.

As part of the election process, these students will prepare a speech to deliver to all the students in Years 3 - 6. Speeches are taking place each day this week. Of the eighteen candidates, eight will be elected to be prefects, four boys and four girls.

Congratulations to all candidates on your nominations and good luck in the elections.



The Candidates ...

Top Row from left: Rachel Bennell, Hannah Deshon, Matilda Harris, Sappirah Knight, Alexis McAlpine, Rhiannon Robinson.

Centre Row from left: Emily Wallace, Niamh Whittall, Sam Abbott, Will Capewell, Sam Hough, Angus Lambert,

Bottom Row from left: Jack Patterson, Jasper Somerville, Jesse Somerville, Matthew Staron, Bede Turnbull, Tom Young.



Year 4's excursion to Burra Bee Dee



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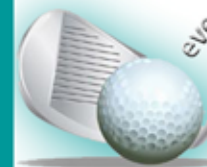


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Contact: Brad Kelly
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