



Coonabarabran Public School

Newsletter Term 4 - Week 10

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12 December 2012

End of the School Year and Student Reports



Andrew Hain and Niamh Whittall were excited to receive their Semester 2 School Reports yesterday.

**Awards Night will be held on
Monday 17th December at
7:00pm in the School Hall.**

Please come along and share the students achievements in 2012.

**Students will finish the school year on
Wednesday 19th December 2012.**

Suddenly, the school year is at an end! Who would believe that another school year has passed and our students look forward to moving on to the next stage in their learning process.

We say a fond farewell to Year 6 students who will progress to High School. We will miss you!

And we look forward to welcoming the Kindergarten students in 2013. We have gotten to know them briefly during the Early Birds program. They will add a lot of vitality to the school next year.

The students and teachers are still busy at work to finish their classroom projects and teachers have been finalising the end of year results.

The Semester 2 student reports went home yesterday. Ask your child if you haven't received it.

The report is a new-look format that tells you concisely and informatively about your child's progress at school.

Santa Stocking Fillers

School Equipment Requirements for 2013

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

- * 2 x glue sticks
- * 1 Library bag
- * a large box of tissues for class

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

- * 1 set of coloured pencils (good quality)
- * 1 set of textas
- * 3 x HB lead pencils
- * 2 x highlighters
- * 2 x red pens
- * 2 x blue pens
- * 2 x glue sticks (per term)
- * 1 eraser
- * 1 pencil sharpener
- * 1 pair of scissors
- * 1 ruler (not metal)
- * 1 Library bag
- * a dictionary
- * a large box of tissues for class
- * a paint shirt (one of dad's old shirts)

**All equipment should be clearly
labelled kept in a pencil case.**



Willoughby's Weekly Words

Our school year concludes next week. There have been a great number of achievements for the year and many of these will be acknowledged next Monday at our awards night. I hope to see many of you there.

To those who have contributed in some way to the education process during the year thank you for your contribution. It has been greatly appreciated.

To those Year 6 students who will be leaving us I wish you all the best for the future. Work hard and have a positive attitude to high school and I'm sure you'll do well.

To all those associated with this school I wish you a happy and meaningful Christmas, a safe holiday and a great start to 2013. The first day back after the holidays for all students except Kindergarten is Wednesday, 06-02-13.

What's on at CPS?

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Wed 12 Dec: | Student Reports distributed |
| Thurs 13 Dec: | K-6 Combined Assembly |
| Weeks 9 & 10: | Intensive Swimming |
| Mon 17 Dec: | Awards Night |
| Wed 19 Dec: | School Year concludes |
| Tues 5 Feb 2013: | Staff return to school |
| Wed 6 Feb 2013: | Students return to school |
| Thurs 7 Feb 2013: | Kindergarten - first day at school |

LIBRARY NEWS



Please return all library books by the end of Week 10 so I can get them accounted for and on the shelves so we can use them straight away next year.

Mrs Evans

Canteen News

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the canteen this year.

The canteen roster for Term 1, 2013 has been sent home with your child. I hope you will be able to come on your rostered day. If you can't make it, please let me know.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Coe

Canteen Roster

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| Thurs 13 Dec | | |
| Fri 14 Dec | | |
| Mon 17 Dec | | S Durant |
| Tues 18 Dec | | Z Smith |
| Wed 19 Dec | | |



Personal Best Award

Siarra Chatfield

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

Siarra has worked very well this semester, showing great persistence in reading and writing.

Siarra has strived to improve in her storywriting, using the correct grammar and punctuation.

Siarra has achieved excellent reading and spelling results this semester.

Well done Siarra and keep up the great work in Year 2!



Personal Best Award

Corey Fernance

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

Corey always shows persistence when tackling new challenges.

Corey always does his best and because of this his results in all subjects have improved.

Corey is well mannered and friendly towards his fellow classmates at all times. He is always helpful and willing to make the classroom a better place.

Corey is always prepared and organised.

Corey is a delight to teach and his happy face brightens up our classroom.

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Star Award for Rachel Bennell

The Ambulance Service of NSW has recognised the bravery and quick actions by our student, Rachel Bennell, at the school assembly held on Thursday 13th December.

Chris Wilson, Ambulance Acting Duty Operations Manager, made the presentation to Rachel of the NSW Ambulance Service 'Star Award'.

Rachel was responsible for calling 000 for assistance following a motor vehicle accident where her mother and sister were seriously injured.

The Ambulance Service of NSW recognised that Rachel's sensible and responsible actions in a critical incident are worthy of reward and praise.

Congratulations Rachel!

Coonabarabran Public School is very proud of you!



Personal Best Award

Rhiannon Robinson

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

Rhiannon always does her best, both in the classroom and in the playground.

She is respectful, polite and well mannered to her peers and teachers.

Rhiannon is a confident student who participates enthusiastically in class, follows the teacher's instructions, completes her tasks and is always proud of her work.



Personal Best Award

Angel Waterhouse-Wilson

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

Angel has developed a mature hardworking attitude. She sets goals for herself and strives hard to achieve them.

Angel is considerate of others in the classroom and never interferes with other students' learning.

Angel completes all set tasks and listens attentively to teachers and follows instructions.

It is a pleasure to have a well-mannered, thoughtful and diligent student in our class.



Strive to Achieve Award

Olivia Tilborghs

has received the Strive to Achieve Award for the following reasons ...

Olivia is always polite and respectful.

She has a mature attitude towards learning which means her work is always of a high standard, neat and well presented.

Olivia strives to achieve her best at all times and listens intently to instructions.

Her kind, polite and well-mannered demeanour is a delight in our class room.



Aiming for Excellence Award

Jessie Dumble

has received the Aiming for Excellence Award for the following reasons ...

Jessie is a wonderful, hard-working student in 5/6K who is always organised and prepared for learning.

Jessie consistently shows great respect to her teachers and peers as well as other visitors to our school and is a model student at Coonabarabran Public School.

Jessie always follows the school rules and is extremely helpful in the classroom.

I look forward to seeing Jessie's name up in big lights in the future!

The Coonabarabran Public School P&C Committee

would like to wish all families a very happy and safe Christmas break

The P&C works closely with the School Principal and the Teachers to identify much needed resources that aren't covered in the school budget and hopefully with success in fundraising activities during the year, some of these resources can be purchased by the P&C.

In 2012 a very small but dedicated P&C Committee not only provided the school with various services including: operating of canteen at Athletics Carnival's, catering of PAN and the running of the Mother's Day Stall, but also raised money to purchase the following items:

- 2x laptops (Opportunity Class)
- 2x iPad's and covers (Library)
- Pie Warmer (Canteen)
- Printer (Canteen)
- Trophies for the Infants Sports Carnival
- Trophy for Dux of the School
- Subsidised maths text books for all stages

This year we have been asked by many parents and carers about holding a Public School Fete. The P&C would like to introduce this to our busy calendar of events however we can only do this if we have a bigger committee to help put together such a big event.

The P&C committee meets once a month. We invite you to join the P&C committee to help with fundraising and providing services to our school. We are all busy and realise some parents and carers are unable to attend meetings every month but for those that can volunteer their time at any of the services we provide or fundraising activities it would be greatly appreciated.

Early next year we will send out a reminder letter to all parents and carers about our AGM Meeting with a note that you can send back to us with your name and contact details for those that are able to help out. Please consider this for next year as we would like to keep the P&C Committee running.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cynthia Smith

P&C President

December 2012

SRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Gift is a charming story about a rather plain bear in a toy shop who sits amongst all the Christmas toys. Each waits to be chosen as a gift. Read this book to find out what happens to Brown Bear.



I rate it:



Last week's puzzle was the Christmas Sudoku.

Hannah Meier from 4M was the winner.

There was also two extra special winners. Jesse and Jasper Somerville were the first students to email their answers to Mrs Cox.

Congratulations Hannah, Jasper and Jesse!

Keep your eye out for next year's Maths problems.



Over the past several weeks class 1M have been learning about Under The Sea and the different plant and animal life that live in the ocean.

At the beginning of the year the students decided that a teacher should be teaching students 'what they do not know.' Taking this on board, Mrs Martin decided to have a question box for the students so that their questions could be included within their Literacy program.

Some of the questions that have been asked include:

What is the Life Cycle of an Octopus?
What is the life cycle of a whale?

How large is the Blue Whale?
What is the life cycle of a water snake?

During this time 1M have also made a 3D model of a beach and during our creative and practical arts designed an underwater world. We have also taken the opportunity to talk about the importance of keeping SAFE at the beach.

Things we have talked about:

- Wear a hat and lots of sunscreen. Re-apply according to directions on the bottle.
- If you are going to be there a while wear a t-shirt and take an umbrella.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Always swim between the flags.
- Swim with an adult and if you get into trouble in the water put up a straight arm and call for help.
- Stay with your family and don't go off by yourself.
- Be careful where you walk and if possible wear protective shoes in the water.

1M wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a SAFE holiday.



The photos above show the artwork created by 1M, inspired by the topic 'Under the Sea'.



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It is regulated and monitored for quality by the Department of Education and Communities.

The program follows the National curriculum framework (My Time, Our Place) for the care of children attending primary school.

Enrol now for 2013 - Family Support Services Centre - Phone 6849 2222



Holiday Homework

Parents and carers sometimes ask teachers for homework or school activities for their children to do during holiday breaks taken during the school term. The teachers have put together this list of ideas which should not only provide useful learning experiences but also be fun!

The best learning occurs when the activity has purpose and is relevant. For this reason the suggestions listed here, which relate closely to the holiday experience, will be far more meaningful to your child than trying to complete school-related activities provided by the teacher.

Some holiday taken during term time involve extended or overseas travel. We remind parents never to underestimate the value of travel as an educational experience in itself.

ENGLISH:

Talking and Listening is a very important part of the English Syllabus. There are lots of fun ways to pass the time and improve communication skills when travelling.

- * Make up stories (eg, each family member invents a story about how a town or bridge got its name).
- * Memory game - 'I went to the shop a bought a ... '. Each person keeps on adding an item. The person able to recall all the items as the game progresses is the winner.
- * Lots of purposeful talk about the holiday and points of interest to be enjoyed.
- * Making up words using the three letters of number plates, or making up a phrase using the three letters as initials.

Children are always best motivated to read and write when an activity is related to what they are doing.

- * Keep a daily diary or journal during the holiday. If children need guidance with this, they can write under simple headings like 'What I Did' and 'How I Felt'. Depending on the child's age, drawing and labelling diagrams may be appropriate.
- * Take photographs and/or collect postcards and add them to a journal or scrapbook - with captions.
- * Use every opportunity along the way to read holiday related literature, eg, road signs, timetables, maps and travel brochures.

MATHEMATICS:

During every holiday we lots of mathematics without even thinking about it!

In the car:

- * Use directories and maps and discuss how to find streets, suburbs, etc.
- * Work out together the best way to get from one town to another.
- * Estimate how long it will take to travel one kilometre.
- * Play 'I Spy'.
- * Make tallies of interesting things you see when travelling, (how many red cars, petrol stations, etc).
- * Add the number on the number plates of cars.



Infants - Level 1 - Monday 17th December

K-2 will have an 'out of uniform' day on Monday 17th December. Students will also enjoy a special visitor on this day. After lunch, students can change into their swimming costumes for some water play.

Bring swimming costumes, a shirt to protect shoulders from the sun, a towel and a plastic bag to take home wet swimmers. The school will provide sunscreen!

Intensive Swimming



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Year 1 & Year 2



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Coonabarabran Pony Club

Merry Christmas to all!

1st Rally in 2013

Sunday 10th February

New members always welcome

Contact Rebecca Moxham
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Coonabarabran Junior Golf

Contact: Brad Kelly
6842 2508

every Friday afternoon
3.30 - 5.00pm



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