



Coonabarabran Public School

Newsletter Term 4 - Week 9

Quality, affordable education for all students

2 December 2013

Year 3 visit Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Hats, sunscren, full water bottles, food, excitement building and rolls marked. Stage 2 were ready for the long trip to Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. When we arrived 3A went into the education Centre while 3H had recess in the adventure playground. Here we were shown the life cycles of various animals and got to touch a snake and a possum, as well as explore the classroom full of natural displays, both dead and alive. In the playground we found an echidna hiding in the scrub. The long swing and rope bridge were the most popular pieces of equipment.

After 3H had their turn in the Education Centre we set of around the world to see the animals that live there. The big animals, like giraffes and elephants, were exciting but the big cats (tigers) caused the most excitement. The small animals, like the meerkats, were also greeeted with oohs and aahs as they scampered around. By now the day had really warmed up so it was time for lunch in the shade at the African Savannah Picnic Grounds. We soon set off again to see more of the animals of the world and finally made it back to where we started. Stage 2 are to be commended for their patience hopping on and off the bus all day and for coping so well with the heat.



We're on the Web!

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100% effort
not giving up
try it again
avoid blockers

Persistence

This week's key to success is ...

Willoughby's Weekly Words

School excursions are a great part of a student's schooling. I know when I look back on my primary and high school days some of the best learning I did was on excursions.

Last week there were two major excursions from this school, Stage 3 to Lake Keepit and Stage 2 to Dubbo. I had the opportunity to attend the Lake Keepit Excursion for a day. The variety of activities and the enthusiasm with which the students embraced them was most pleasing.

There were some tired people by the time they returned to school on Friday afternoon but there were many exciting stories to tell, all of which I'm sure will translate into great memories in the future.

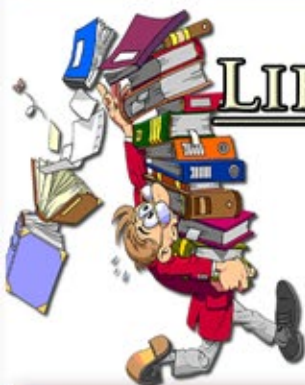
Friday Sport Swimming

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will go swimming for Friday sport during Term 4.

Students will need to bring their swimmers, a towel, hat, sunscreen and \$2.50 pool entry fee or their Season Ticket number.

Friday 6 December: Years 3 & 4

Friday 13 December: Years 5 & 6

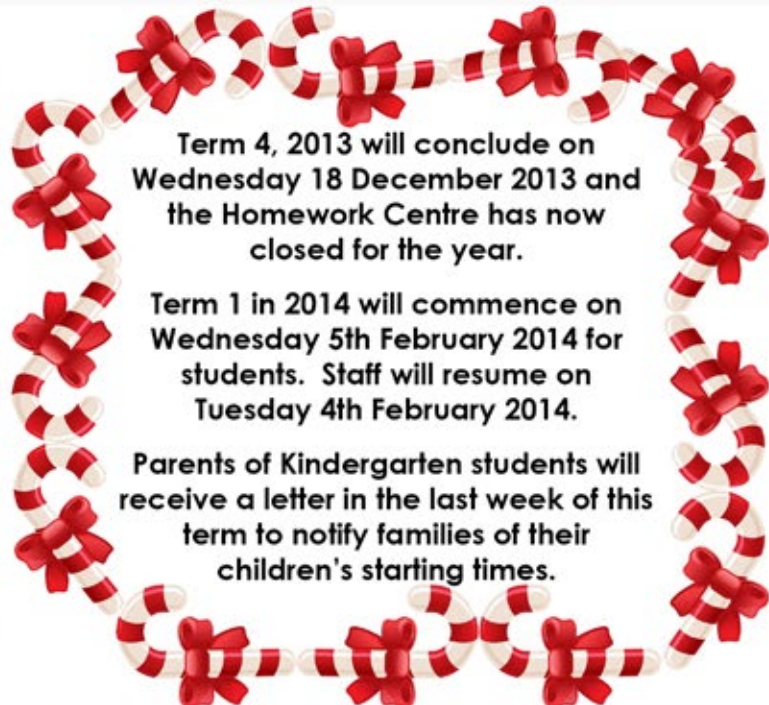


LIBRARY NEWS

Activities in the Library

Tuesday and Wednesday:
iPads, drawing & jigsaw puzzles

Thursday: Mr Lowe's Chess Club



Term 4, 2013 will conclude on Wednesday 18 December 2013 and the Homework Centre has now closed for the year.

Term 1 in 2014 will commence on Wednesday 5th February 2014 for students. Staff will resume on Tuesday 4th February 2014.

Parents of Kindergarten students will receive a letter in the last week of this term to notify families of their children's starting times.

What's on at CPS?

Mon 2 - 13 Dec:	Intensive Swimming
Thurs 5 Dec:	3 - 6 Assembly
Wed 11 Dec:	School Reports distributed
Fri 13 Dec:	Year 6 Transition to High School
Mon 16 Dec:	Awards Night
Wed 18 Dec:	Student's last day of school



Canteen News

This week's Meal Deal

Potato Pie and Drink
or
Curry Pie and Drink

\$5.00

Violin

Places are available in 2014 for violin lessons during or after school hours.

For further information contact

Anita Russell on 6842 2954

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Newell Hwy, PO Box 169
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357
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email: coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Farewell Yr 6 Social

When: Thursday the 12th of December

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Cost: \$3

This event is only for students in Years 3-6 who are on Level One

Lesson Plan: Craft activity with glitter

Lesson Aim: To spread glitter throughout the classroom and school corridors.

Level of Achievement:
100% success!



Level 1 for Stage 3

Stage 3 students on Level 1 are invited to attend a **'Water Play'** afternoon on **Tuesday 10th December.**

The fun and games will begin at 1:35 until 3:00pm.

Students are asked to bring their **swimmers**, a **towel**, **sunscreen** and a **hat**.

Water pistols are permitted, water balloons **ARE NOT!**

The teachers congratulate and thank the students for their lovely behaviour throughout the term.



STRIVE TO ACHIEVE AWARD

Anna Goard

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

Anna is pleasant and friendly class member who always strives to achieve. She consistently follows the school rules and always shows respect to her peers and teachers. Anna has worked hard in the OC to improve her skills across all areas and she has been successful in doing so. Anna is a helpful and cooperative student in our school who always puts in 100%, setting a fine example for others. Her confidence has grown this year and she is achieving great things. Anna should be proud of her efforts and I congratulate her on doing so well this year. Well done, Anna! Thank you for being such a great student in our class.



STRIVE TO ACHIEVE AWARD

Cordy Lloyd

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

Cordy strives to achieve in all she does. She is highly organised and manages her time and extra curriculum activities incredibly well. Cordy is a kind and courteous student who gets along well with her peers and teachers. She is a wonderful role model to others due to her persistence and resilience.

Well Done Cordy!



Year 4 Explore, Roar and Snore

We left school at nine o'clock and had morning tea at a park in Dubbo, then we headed to Wellington Caves. At the caves we went on a phosphate tour and went down about 150 stairs. We stood on a balcony in the cave and saw clear water, then we went back up and had a tour of the mines. When the tour was over we got back on the bus and went ten pin bowling.

After ten pin bowling we went over to the Taronga Western Plains Zoo and found Mr Adam roaming around the zoo.

We soon found our accommodation at "Camp Billabong" set in the middle of the bush surrounded by the zoo animals. After talking about rules and expectations we settled into our tents. This was soon followed by a delicious BBQ dinner and we then set off on our walk. First stop was the Education Centre where we learnt about "Life Cycles". We were able to touch snakes, lizards, an echidna and a koala. By now it was dark and we set off to see the Australian animals in their enclosures. We were allowed to feed the wallabies and saw the koalas in the trees and lots more.

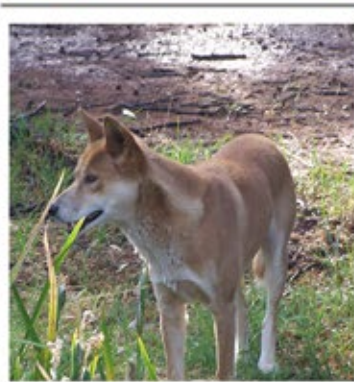
After showers we settled into bed to drift off to sleep to the chorus of animals, from frogs and cicadas in the nearby billabong to koalas, monkeys and big cats on the other side of the big fences.

Early next morning we had breakfast, packed up and set off on another amazing walk. This time it was behind the enclosures to where the animals are kept at night. The highlights were the monkeys performing and calling to protect their territory from invaders (ie Year 4) and the feeding of the tiger. (Look out Mr Adam he'll eat your camera!)

Back at our camp we loaded the bus and set off on the final part of our trip - a trip around the zoo. We were able to see the meerkats being fed, hippos, tigers, elephants, giraffes, lions and much, much more. Soon it was back to the start and time to spend a little money in the souvenir shop.

Finally it was back on the bus and a snooze on the trip home.

Year 4 would like to thank Mrs Kearney, Mr Adam, Mrs Drysdale and Mrs Duggan for attending and organising this great trip.



Class Focus on 3A with Mr Adam

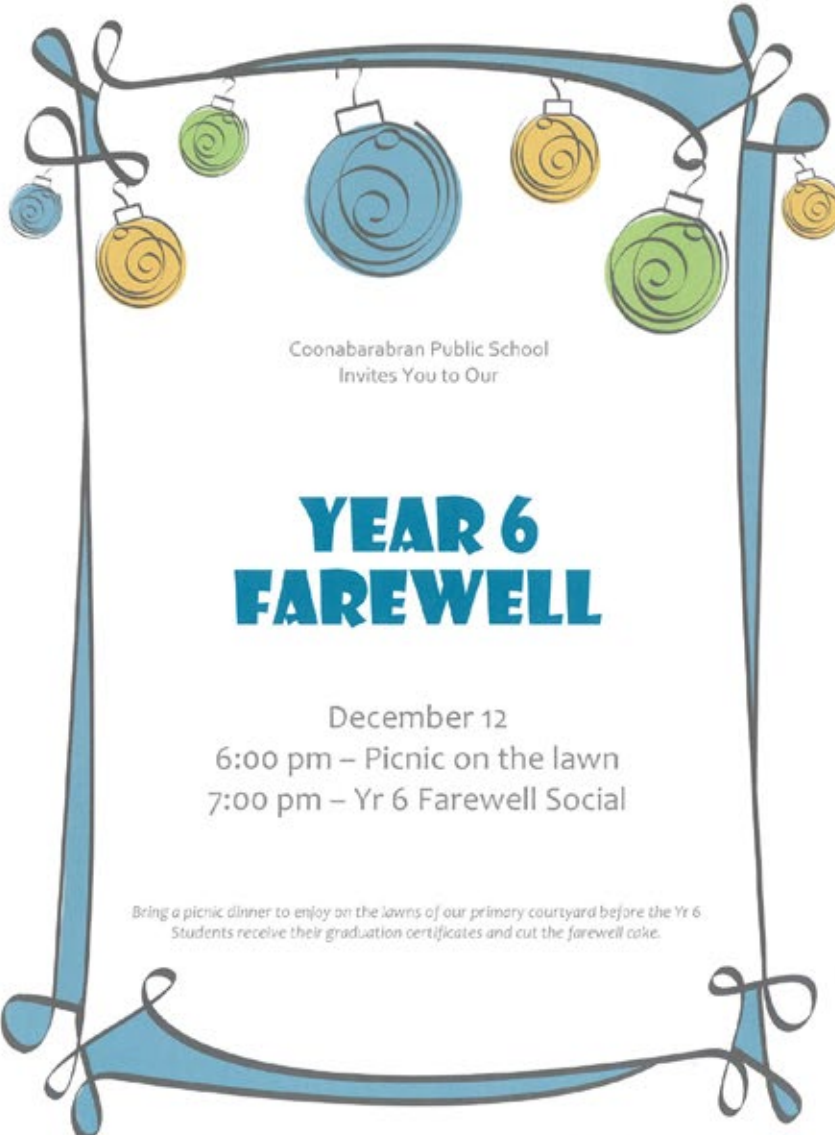
After a busy term 3A are looking forward to the end of year activities, especially Level 1, Awards Night and Christmas activities. Congratulations to all our very deserving prize winners!

This week, and next, many of our class are going to the pool to learn to swim. This worthwhile program teaches a very valuable life skill and we look forward to seeing the results after two weeks of lessons.

We have been studying "Life Cycles" with Mrs Hain and have been growing various seeds to see how they germinated and grew. We have also been creating some great presentations in 'Word' in the computer lab with Mr Adam. We took photos in the playground, with the school cameras, of the various stages of plant life cycles. After downloading these we created some great presentations using Word Art, arrows, text boxes etc.

The highlight of our work on life cycles was a trip to Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo.





Coonabarabran Public School
Invites You to Our

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

December 12

6:00 pm – Picnic on the lawn

7:00 pm – Yr 6 Farewell Social

*Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawns of our primary courtyard before the Yr 6
Students receive their graduation certificates and cut the farewell cake.*

**Year 6 Orientation Day
High School**

CANTEEN RED DAY

CHRISTMAS CANTEEN



FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

**Chocolates, Cans, Cakes,
Jellies & more
HOT DOGS**

Don't forget to BRING YOUR CASH!!

Lake Keepit ... Fun, Fitness and the Great Outdoors

On the 25th of November 5/6 went to Lake Keepit and they all had a great time with all the fun things we did. We had great instructors that organised our activities. The weather was great for all the activities we did.

We went kayaking, sailing, canoeing and even got to build our own rafts. Some of them fell apart which meant the builders of the raft fell into the water. Everyone found that funny to watch.

It was a great trip as we learned something new every day of the week. We pushed ourselves to new limits. Every day we had to work as a team and this helped us to make new friends.

Our favourite things were archery, sailing and the giant swing.

The trip was so much fun and we encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go on this excursion. Thank you to all the teachers who helped and especially Miss Woods for organising the trip.

by Chloe Clarke and Matt Roberts 5/6A



Lake Keepit Adventures



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Email your purchase request to:
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including your child's name and
class. An invoice will be sent by
return email and items sent
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Sally Turner
0422 981 199

Coonabarabran Town Bus Service

Free for
Kindergarten,
Year 1 & Year 2

Available to all students
in the town limits.



Primary students have conditions applied
depending on distance travelled.

Cost \$1 per day if ineligible for free travel.

More info: 6842 2783

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3.15 - 5.30pm Monday - Friday
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Coonabarabran Amateur Swimming Club

Training times

Mon & Wed 6pm - 7pm

Time Trials

Friday 6pm - 7pm

Learn to swim

Thurs

5pm - 5.30pm & 5.30pm - 6pm

Contact: Wendy

Ph: 6842 4901

Coonabarabran Physical Culture Club

Fun, Fitness and
Friendship

Classes re-commence in
February 2014

Contact: Leanne McWhirter
Phone: 0439 833 832

Coonabarabran Pony Club



Last event of the year!!!
Combined Training
&

One Day Event
7th & 8th December

Contact Rebecca Moxham
ph: 6844 1609

Coonabarabran Junior Golf

Coonabarabran
Golf Club
River Road
Ph: 6842 1292



every Friday afternoon
3.30 - 5.00pm