



Coonabarabran Public School

Newsletter - Term 4, Week 7, 2015

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Monday 16th November 2015

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Working well with classmates and teachers
Resolving disagreements peacefully
Playing by the rules
Be fair to others



State Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 11th November, my mum and I caught a flight from Dubbo to Sydney to attend the State Spelling Bee at the ABC Centre.

In the State Finals there were 44 students competing, including myself. We were all introduced and then we had a practice round.

In the first round, seven students were eliminated and my first word was RATIO. In the second round, two students were eliminated and my word was ANTHOLOGY. In the third round, three students were eliminated, then it was my turn and my word was TRATTORIA. I spelt it TRATORIA which was incorrect so I was eliminated.

The fourth round commenced as normal, but in the following rounds they used unseen words, words that were not on the word lists provided to the students to study.

They continued until there were four students left, which is when they broadcast live on ABC radio. They continued until there were two students left, Mica and Peter. Peter got his word incorrect but Mica got her word correct, meaning she was the winner.

Mica was also a participant on The Great Australia Spelling Bee TV Show. All students received a large hardcover dictionary and a medallion engraved with our names and that we competed in the Spelling Bee 2015.

I had a great time and was proud to represent our school.

Jimmy Whalan

We Will Remember Them

Coonabarabran Public gathered at the school flag pole, with the flag at half mast, to commemorate Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November. At 11:00 the students were silent for one minute as a mark of respect for those who fought and died in war. The students had previously listen to a speech from Jayde Sim explaining the significance of Remembrance Day. Ellenah Wall then read the Ode and the Last Post was played. Following the service the student body placed 97 poppies in the garden at the entrance to the school.



This week's key to success is ...

Getting Along

This week's 'Pearl' comes from Jaharna Hicks who wrote the following story.

Miss Swaysland on a Snake's Back

Miss Swaysland hopped on a slimey snake back and she was screaming and she acted brave when she saw Michael Jackson on a dolphin. She hopped in a snake's poisonous mouth and then the snake kissed her on the lips. She quickly tried to get out of the snake's mouth but then the ugly slimey snake tried to eat her.

Desperately trying to get away from the snake, she got her phone out and she rang her sister to help her. The snake coughed and Miss Swaysland flew out of the snake's mouth. She threw the slimey snake at the tall tree, then she thought she was dead.



She collapsed and was dreaming that the snake was crawling over her.

Then she sat up and knew it was all a dream.

NB: Miss Swaysland has two phobias, one being snakes and the other Michael Jackson!

P&C News

P & C Meeting Monday 16th November at 6.30pm in the school library. This is our final meeting for the year.

Friday 20th November we invite all volunteers and P & C members to join us for Christmas Dinner and drinks at the Imperial Hotel at 6.30pm. Please note that meals and drinks are at your own expense.

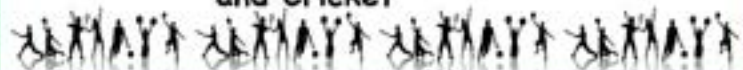
The P&C have had a terrific year of fundraising. Thank you to all who have supported our activities during 2015 and please join us on Friday night to celebrate.



Stage 2 & 3 Sport this Friday

Stage 2: Swimming ... remember your swimmers, towel, \$3 entry fee or season ticket number.

Stage 3: Volleyball, Basketball, Lawn Bowls and Cricket



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... | This means that the best your child can achieve is... |
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| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ years of school | Equal to finishing Year 11 |
| 1 day a week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years of school | Equal to finishing Year 10 |
| 2 days a week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 7 |
| 3 days a week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 4 |

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



What's on at CPS?

Monday 16 Nov: Captains announced
Thursday 19 Nov: Early Birds
Friday 20 Nov: Early Birds
23-27 Nov: Stage 3 Lake Keepit
23 & 24 Nov: Year 2 Intensive Swimming
26 & 27 Nov: Year 2 Intensive Swimming

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AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE

Johnathon Evans

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

Johno is a friendly person who gets along with his peers and teachers. He is always polite and courteous to all.

He is a diligent worker who always presents his bookwork neatly. He is confident when answering questions and always helps others when asked.

Johno is always organized and always persists in all learning activities that have been asked of him.

He strives towards all of the five keys and models the respect we expect to see at Coonabarabran Public School.



STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Heidi Thompson

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

Heidi is a kind and caring member of 5/6K. She gets along well with her peers and teachers and treats others with respect.

Heidi shows great persistence in class and perseveres with challenging tasks. She has a positive attitude towards learning and always tries her best in all she does. As a result, she has made wonderful progress this year.

Congratulations Heidi, on achieving your 'Strive to Achieve'.



STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Charlize Griffiths

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

Charlize is a delightful member of our class and has a wonderful attitude towards school. She is kind and thoughtful and treats others with respect.

Charlize is always organised for class and manages her time well so that tasks are always completed. She takes great pride in all she does and her bookwork is always presented beautifully.

Charlize has been a great class member in 5/6K due to her willingness to involve herself in all activities and desires to do well.

Congratulations on achieving your 'Strive to Achieve' Charlize.



Personal Best Award

Tallon Walker

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

Tallon is a responsible and thoughtful member of our class.

He recently showed great maturity when assisting an injured member of our staff.

He treats others with respect and as a result, he is respected by his peers.

Tallon is always organised for class and starts tasks promptly.

He has made great progress this year due to his efforts.

He is a great class member due to his happy nature and positive attitude.

Congratulations on achieving your Personal Best, Tallon.



Personal Best Award

Tyson Heywood

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

Tyson is an enthusiastic and responsible member of 4/5M.

He tries hard in all areas of his schoolwork and completes tasks within the time given.

Tyson consistently displays the five keys to success.

He comes to school 'organized' and ready to learn for the day.

Tyson as well displays 'resilience' and 'persistence' in all areas of school.

Tyson should be acknowledged for his enthusiasm to be involved within extra-curricular activities and displaying good qualities of being a team member.

Congratulations Tyson on receiving your 'Personal Best'.

Library News

The last bookclub order forms for the year were sent home last week and are due back by the 27th November 2015. Books make wonderful christmas presents for your children.

Please check for overdue books. The end of the year is fast approaching and they need to be returned. If you cannot find your outstanding books, please check on the library shelves and if you still can't find them, pay the school the amount that it will cost to replace it.

Mr Adam

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly Awards

| | | |
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| KM: | Anna Strong | * Great attitude to learning with reading and writing. |
| KM: | Jack Webster | * Beautiful completion and attitude to work everyday. |
| KM: | Charlie Baker | * Responsible role model! |
| 1A: | Andrew Gordon | * Trying really hard in our dance practice. |
| 1A: | Britney Andrews | * Improving in math. Great work in place values. |
| 1E: | Brianna Watton | * Being a very hard working student. |
| 1E: | Hallie Milgate | * Good practising for PAN. |
| 1E: | Dean Mills | * Fantastic dancing skills for PAN. |
| 2I: | Kylara Walker | * Being kind and caring towards others in the classroom. |
| 2I: | Kaiser Kuras | * Working hard in maths. |
| 1/2N: | Liam Russell | * For his resilience in class and getting on with his work. |
| 1/2N: | Tahni Bowmaker | * Her great ideas with persuasive texts. |
| 1/2N: | Zane Jenner | * His great ideas with persuasive writing. |
| 3RH: | Lincon Goard | * For a fabulous information report on koalas. |
| 3RH: | Ivolet McAway Davies | * For a super information report on 'The Panda'. |
| 3RH: | Ebony Gledhill | * Y.C.D.I Focus - for showing 'Resilience' at the pool. |
| 3H: | Ben Phillips | * Fantastic art work this semester. |
| 3H: | Luke Richards | * Consistent effort in all areas. |
| 3H: | Allwyn Park | * Being resilient at all times. |
| 4E: | Dylan Varty | * Showing huge improvement during testing. |
| 4E: | Claire Butcher | * Showing commitment during writing tasks. |
| 4E: | Sophie Bunting | * Showing resilience during class work. |
| 4/5M: | Sam Bowman | * For improvement in handwriting throughout the year. |
| 4/5M: | Robbie Flaitas | * For always showing resilience in math no matter how hard the concept being taught is. |
| 4/5M: | Emma West-Kuras | * For always working hard in literacy groups. |
| 5/6S: | Jahama Hicks | * Her excellent writing and planning in literacy. |
| 5/6S: | Matthew Duncan | * Being an active participant in all P.E. lessons. |
| 5/6S: | Brianna Tighe | * Being a valued class member and always helping her peers. |
| 5/6S: | Graham Bell | * For always being resilient. |
| 5/6K: | Amy Maher | * Achieving 100% in her maths assessment task. |
| 5/6K: | Heaven Leigh McAway-Davies | * Achieving 100% in her maths assessment task. |
| 5/6K: | Tarnya Johnson | * Always being a wonderful helper in 5/6K. |
| 5/6K: | Sha'e Davis | * For showing greater resilience at school. |
| 5/6L: | Ellenah Wall | * Producing a cluster 14 writing task on Chinese Dragons. |
| 5/6L: | Amy Harris | * Persisting at work and handing it in on time. |
| 5/6L: | Matthew Wood | * Trying to be resilient when under pressure. |
| 5/6L: | Graham Bell | * Being a good sport and teamplayer at lunchtime chess club. |



New Footy Jerseys Delivered!

I am very proud to announce the arrival of our 3 new football uniforms at Coonabarabran Public School. They arrived this week and thanks to Roman, Jack and Blain for showing off the wonderful designs. Thank you to Nick from XLR8 promotions for the brilliant job he has done putting the designs together for us. We will be looking very good next year as we take to the field in new jumpers and shorts. There will be junior, intermediate and senior uniforms for all football events.

Coonabarabran Public School would like to thank the P&C, XLR8 Promotions, Pruggers Bus & Coach Services, Roach's Hardware, Coonabarabran Bakery, Vernon Kearney Painting, Coonabarabran Toyworld, Coonabarabran Physiotherapy, Your Discount Chemist, Coonabarabran Pharmacy, Shady Rock Nursery, G & T Wood Welding & Fabrication and Coonabarabran Rural Supplies. Without these businesses support the purchase of such uniforms would be incredibly difficult. I know the students are looking forward to trying on and playing in the new uniforms next year.

CLASS FOCUS: 5/6L

Students in 5-6L have been working hard to improve in their writing quality and achieving their cluster goals. This term our class have been studying the topic of dragons – comparing the differences between how European dragons and Asian dragons are perceived in their cultures. Many found this topic interesting and gained some new insights.

Traditionally, Chinese dragons are perceived as benevolent, noble and bringers of fortune and wisdom. In countries like Japan, Vietnam and China, dragons represented royalty, to the point that laws were made outlawing the common people from using certain images of dragons. Western perceptions of dragons tended to be negative, portraying them as evil, greedy and bringers of destruction. In modern times, there has been a positive shift towards dragons being more than just power hungry creatures – with books and movies like *How To Train Your Dragon*, *Eragon* and *Deltora Quest* influencing the minds of younger readers.

Our next topic of study is on 'Travelling Through India'. The Indian Embassy has kindly supplied us multiple copies of brochures and information booklets about different regions and attractions in the subcontinent. Practising note taking and research skills, students have been given the freedom to produce a written text type of their choice – whether it is an imaginative piece about a character getting lost in the colours and flavours of Indian culture; a persuasive text about the great and not-so-great aspects of being a tourist; or perhaps an informative article about places and festivals one is to expect if one were to journey there on a holiday. In many ways a challenging task but we expect some thoughtful compositions in the coming week.

Many teachers in Stages Two and Three have been doing some professional development with Mrs Abbott called 'Writing in the Middle Years: Teaching Beyond the Standard'. The purpose of this course is to inform teachers how we can support and strategically teach to improve the standard and quality of student writing. The course has offered many tools and scaffolds for us to try in class writing, and there has been marked improvement in the quality of work produced in 5-6L. If your child is in Years 3-6, you can ask their class teacher about what they have tried to implement to improve writing.

As the end of 2015 draws closer, there are mixed feelings of sadness, satisfaction and elation in our class – sad because our remaining time together is limited; satisfied because we have learned a lot together (academically, socially, and being respectful members of our community); excited because, for the Year 6 students, they will begin the next chapter of their schooling, and the Year 5 students, they have another fantastic year becoming the models and leaders of our fantastic school!

Mr Lowe





STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Amara Watton

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

Amara has worked hard all this year and very much deserves this prestigious award in recognition of her continued effort in all areas of school life. Amara is one of the most organised students I have seen, so organised at school in fact, she is often organising me and making sure I have everything I need to teach.

Her gentle and caring nature means she is always helping her fellow students when they are upset or hurt. She has very well developed getting along skills for someone of her age and can work well in any group situation. Her persistent attitude to learning has helped her improve in all areas, especially spelling, reading and writing.

Coonabarabran Public School is lucky to have such a kind, caring and passionate student, someone who can be relied upon and trusted to do important jobs and care for her peers.

Well done on receiving your Strive To Achieve award Amara!

Aboriginal Art Display

This past week Stage 3 students were invited by Mr Patty Chatfield and Mr Patty Cain to the Coonabarabran Information Centre to check out the megafauna display and see artifacts and portraits of people, past and present, from our local Aboriginal community.

Stories, some passed down from 60 000 years ago as well as recent history of significant elders and aunties, helped us make connections with our land. As Mr Chatfield reiterated the importance of preserving our stories and histories, students also learnt about bush tucker and living practices from the old days.

It was good to have local students hear and learn about the local history before it disappears. The displays in the Information Centre will be packed after November 23, so make the most of it while it is still here for us as a community to see.



A LIBRARY LESSON TO REMEMBER

Remembrance Day

End of World War One.

Millions of people died.

Every 11th November

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Remember all the soldiers.

Always remember.

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Written by 3H



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Warrumbungle Community Care Oz Tag Knockout and Fun Day

Last Thursday a number of our student's walked to the number one oval to participate in the Warrumbungle Community Care Oz-Tag knockout and fun day.

All students participated well on the day, and have to be commended on their behaviour, and the way they represented our school.

Thankyou to all the staff members who were involved, and a big thankyou to Warrumbungle Community Care for organising such a fun and great day.



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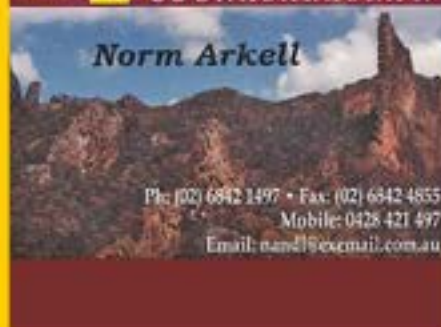
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