

Coonabarabran Public School



Newsletter

Monday 28th November 2016
Term 4, Week 8

Principal Appointment



Coonabarabran Public School is very excited to announce that Mrs Juanita Meier has been permanently appointed as Principal of our school following Mr Willoughby's recent retirement.

Congratulations Mrs Meier and welcome!

We wish Mr Willoughby well in his retirement and look forward to Mrs Meier's enthusiasm and passion for education at Coonabarabran Public School.

Year 5 & 6 meet with our Federal MP Mark Coulton in Canberra

Next week we will be able to provide a full report of Stage 3's excursion to our nation's capital. In the meantime we have had a glimpse of their experience in the corridors of our nation's decision makers through Federal Minister Mark Coulton's Twitter account.

All students arrived home on Friday afternoon, exhausted but happy, ready to retell their experiences and share their photographs to family and friends over the weekend and to school peers this week.



This week's key to success is ...

Getting Along

- Working well with classmates and teachers
- Resolving disagreements peacefully
- Playing by the rules

What's on at CPS?

Mon 28th - Fri 9th Dec:	Intensive Swimming
Mon 28th Nov:	Infants Assembly Captain's Speeches
Tues 29th Nov:	Captain's Speeches
Wed 30th Nov:	eVe Solar Car - 8:30-9:30am
Thurs 1st Dec:	Primary Assembly
Fri 2nd Dec:	Yr 6 High School Orientation
Wed 7th Dec:	Yr 6 Farewell Social
Mon 12th Dec:	Awards Night
Mon 12th Dec:	School Reports distributed

eVe Solar Car



A special event on Wednesday 30th November will be early in the day when eVe visits our school.

Students and parents are invited to come along at 8:30am to see eVe on display and to listen to the UNSW Solar Car Racing Team Sunswift talk about eVe and the technology that makes her work.

Questions are also invited by the team, but you'll have to be quick! The Sunswift team need to leave our school by 9:30am to be back on the road.

All students are encouraged to be at school by 8:30am on Wednesday to enjoy this special visit to our school.



Swimming for Sport Year 5 Only

This Friday 2nd December, Year 5 will participate in swimming for sport. Please bring your swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and \$3.00 pool entry unless you have a season ticket.

Library News

The last Book Club orders for the year are now closed. Orders will be sent home as soon as they arrive. We look forward to enjoying these over the holidays.

Please keep looking for those overdue books and return them to the Library as soon as possible. If they are lost please pay the amount shown on the overdue slip at the school office.



Coonabarabran Public School



The Coonabarabran Public School Early Bird Program will commence on Monday 6th March & Tuesday 7th March 2017

9 - 12 noon

Parents have the opportunity to enrol their child for a Monday or Tuesday session.

These sessions will continue throughout 2017.

We will be following the Early Years Learning Framework. There will be a curriculum followed each week in preparation for school readiness.

Contact the school on 6842 1771 for any enquiries or to arrange your child's enrolment form.



Canteen News

**Little Lunch Special
Wednesday and Thursday
Ham Pizza or
Ham & Pineapple Pizza
\$1.00 per slice**

Wear Purple for Evie

On Friday 18th November, our school held an out-of-uniform day in exchange for a gold coin donation.

Students very generously gave in excess of \$500.00 to go towards the Crawley family.

Our school sends love and best wishes to the Crawley family and a speedy recovery to little Evie.

Thank you to our wonderful, generous and thoughtful students who showed their love and care for others in our community!

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Assembly Awards

Early Stage 1

Ellen Mills	Reading independently within reading groups.
Macy Edmondstone	Always trying her best with her school work.
Ashleigh Murnane	YCDI: Getting along with her fellow peers.
Dryden Harris	Writing his letters correctly and neatly!
Elara Jenner	Writing a fabulous procedure!
Emily White	YCDI: Being more organised in class.
Amahni Sandow	Being a persistent reader.
Charles Wham-Campbell	Being persistent in writing.
Luke Ruttley-Higgins	YCDI: Always being a resilient student.

Stage 1

Logan Bishop-Murnane	For listening to instructions in class.
Shakiah Harper	For being more focused and organised learner.
Anna Strong	YCDI: For working hard to get along with others.
Kelsey Hollis	For AMAZING writing about the high schoolers visiting 1/2M.
Randall Rumbel	For being a kind and caring class member.
Rachel Dicks	YCDI: For always trying her best to show the five keys.
Levi Heywood	Always showing five keys to success.
Tyler Milligan	Working hard in the classroom.
Ashlee Goard	YCDI: Extending her ideas when writing and showing confidence.
Maggie Willis	YCDI: Showing great resilience skills.
Zoe Wark	For being the most sensible student with excellent leadership skills.
Jett Crothers	For excellent 'light bulb' moments when learning place value.
Taylor Percival	YCDI: Settling beautifully to 2A – you are confident.



Personal Best Award

Zane Regan

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

Zane is a conscientious and hard working member of 1/2K. He is always organised in class and completes his work to a high standard. Zane is a good listener and uses his initiative to help out around the classroom. Zane has improved across all areas this year. He has been very persistent with his efforts in writing and this has paid off. His writing is always detailed, interesting and is a pleasure to read.

Zane is a kind and caring friend to others and is always one of the first to help others out, whether they need help in the playground or with their work in the classroom. Zane plays nicely and gets along well with his friends and you can definitely see that they value his kind and caring personality.

It has been wonderful to see Zane blossom this year. Thank you for all of your efforts Zane!

GOT TALENT?
Dance!
Sing!
Recite a poem!

Coonabarabran Public School's Talent Quest

will be held on **Wednesday 14th December**,
commencing at **9:30am** in the School Hall.

Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Auditions for Stage 1 and Stage 2 students will be held on **Thursday and Friday, 1st & 2nd December**, and **Stage 3** students may **audition** on **Monday and Tuesday, 5th & 6th December**.

Miss Lynch is organising the Talent Quest so if you'd like to participate, let her know!

Acrobatics!
Tell a joke!



Reconciliation Action Plan at Coonabarabran Public School

Lots of great things have been happening lately at Coonabarabran Public School in Aboriginal Education. We have a strong team of people committed to 'closing the gap' in Aboriginal Education.

Some of our successes so far include:

- an Aboriginal Mural at our school
- the celebration of Aboriginal Children's Day
- the formation of an Aboriginal Education Team
- Stage 3 students writing an 'Acknowledgement of Country'

We still have more wonderful things planned at our school over the coming weeks!

"This is all about our kids ... they are our future" - Aunty Sue Blacklock



Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$70 for school-aged children and \$50 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).



Macquarie Regional Library Summer Reading Club

1 December 2016 - 31 January 2017

Calling all Heroes and Villains to the Library

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a HUGE success! It is hoped, with the help of your school, this year's participation will be even bigger and better!

Your students are encouraged to read along with the program by...

- Registering for the Summer Reading Club and receive a free Summer Reading Activation Kit.
- Reading and collecting heroes, villains and bonuses.
- Unleashing their imagination in fun workshops held in the library all through the holidays.

Children can register from the 1st December at the library, for their free Summer Reading Activation Kit filled with fun activities, giveaways and reading log and continue to collect incentives as they read across the summer.

To improve participation this year, teachers at St Lawrence's Central School are encouraged to promote this program to children and parents as they enquire about holiday activities. Information about the Summer Reading Club could also be included in your school newsletter.

If you would like more information, posters for display or a visit from library staff to promote this program, please contact me on 6642 3293.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Funnell
Coonabarabran Branch Manager
Macquarie Regional Library



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Gain knowledge about the NDIS from Independent Planners

Get your plan ready for meeting with the NDIS planner?

We are inviting individuals with disability / mental health, their family members and their invited supporters to participate in the **Pathways to a Good Life** workshop.

Our facilitators are independent and have no alliance with any service provider or funding body. Participants are free to discuss any situation in a safe and confidential environment. Our facilitators are experienced planners that will work with you and your unique set of circumstances to support you to describe your life right now and what it will take to get you to a desirable future.

Why is planning important?

We know that thinking about what you want in life and planning your goals is a positive step to:

- Assist you in your NDIS planning meeting
- Getting the support you want / need
- Creating a person centred plan with more choice and control

This 2-day workshop can help you achieve that.

These workshops are interactive and full of examples of successful plans and approaches. Workshops are facilitated by family members with experience in Person Centred Planning and Self-Managing supports, as well as experienced professionals from the disability/mental health industry.

When: 15 and 16 December 2016

Time: 10:30am - 3:30pm both days

Where: 27 John Street Coonabarabran
(Community Services Meeting Room)

Register at: www.jeder.com.au

Free 2-day Workshop - lunch provided

Over the 2-days you will know / learn:

- How funding works under the NDIS
 - What makes a good life?
 - Circles of support and Micro-boards
 - Describing how life is right now
 - Developing a vision for the future
 - Setting goals to achieve the vision
 - What a typical week looks like now & future
 - The budget to make it work
 - Completing the NDIS paperwork
- Next steps towards Self-Managing

Coonabarabran High School Year 8 students and Year 1/2M work together, learning about Indonesian Language and Culture

Grace Roberts
Our visit from Year 8
 Today I learnt about Indonesian stories. My friend told me one about a Gajah a Harimau and a buaya, which means tiger, elephant and a crocodile. The story was about the animals and a boy.
 I liked the stories.
 I also got a certificate.



Archie R.
The High School
 Today Maddie and Ollie taught me a new word. sapi = cow. They read the story to me.



Kelsey Holles
Today we learnt lots of new words.
 It was so so so so so so so so so so. I loved it. We learnt the words from the year 8 the year 8s were from the high school.

It was an Indonesian visit. The high schoolers were nice and the stories were so so so good. One of the stories was Ikan, the friendly whale.

It was about a friendly whale who had no friends and one day he had found a little turtle named harin. I loved it because it was nice and friendly.

The word that I learnt was Ikan and that means whale. So Ikan = whale.

The high schoolers were so so so so so so so so so so. I had a good time with them.

We had the best day ever.

Rachael Dicks
our visit from Year 8
 Today year 8 came they read about. They were telling Indonesia. A cow is called sapi. A crocodile is called buaya. They gave us a certificate.

I got to work with my brother and cousin. My brother gave me a butterfly but Jacob kept it. I had fun. Now I know Indonesian words.



Thursday 24th November, 1/2M had a lovely visit from the Year 8 Indonesian class with Miss Taylor. Students had the opportunity to read stories the Year 8 students had created about Indonesian animals. 1/2M learnt an Indonesian word for an animal and received a certificate.



Star Mathematicians Show Their Talent

Last term many of our students sat for and performed very well in this year's U.N.S.W. International Schools Mathematics Competition. Once again competition was fierce for those involved.

Star achievers included Cameron Whittall, Fred Kearney, Jacob Bonello and Jordan Dicks who received Merit Certificates, and Jolyon Somervaille, Dustyn Owers, Tristan Nielsen, Tully Andrews, Declan Eshman, Alex Letts and Amy Maher who received Credit Certificates for their efforts.

Congratulations to all those students. You should be very proud of your achievements.



L to R: Alex Letts, Amy Maher, Tully Andrews, Jordan Dicks, Declan Eshman, Jacob Bonello, Tristan Nielsen, Cameron Whittall.
Insert (L to R): Fred Kearney, Jolyon Somervaille, Dustyn Owers.



Year 6 Transition to High School

Friday 2nd December will see Year 6 students spending the day at Coonabarabran High School in order to prepare for a smooth transition into High School in 2017. The timetable below is an outline of the day's activities.

Time	Group	Activity	Location	Staff	HS Students
Roll Call 8.55 – 9.06	All	Meet	Outside of Hall	M Jenner	Yr 9
Period 1 9.06 – 10.03	All	Introductions Timetable practice Roll call practice	Hall	M Jenner M Johnston M Doolan A Stanton M Birrell D Graham	
Period 2 10.06 – 11.00	1 – Blue	English	TBA	T Aitken	
	2 – Red	HSIE	210	D Graham	
	3 - Yellow	Food Tech	179/181	A Adam B Doyle	
Recess 11.00 – 11.24					
Period 3 11.24 – 12.21	1 – Blue	HSIE	210	D Graham	
	2 – Red	Food Tech	179/181	A Adam B Doyle	
	3 - Yellow	English	TBA	T Aitken	
Period 4 12.21 – 1.18	1 – Blue	Food Tech	179/181	A Adam B Doyle	
	2 – Red	English	TBA	T Aitken	
	3 - Yellow	HSIE	210	D Graham	
Lunch 1.18 – 1.58 (BBQ provided for students in Quad)					
Period 5 1.58 – 2.55	All	Treasure Hunt	Hall	M Jenner, D Graham	Yr 9

'Tell Them From Me' Student Survey 2016

Earlier in Term 4, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a survey from the Department of Education and Training. The survey took students about half an hour to complete and it was mostly multiple choice questions to see how Coonabarabran Public School is going in student outcomes and school climate. The survey in Term 4 was compared against the same survey from Term 1 this year. At Coonabarabran Public School, teachers reviewed the first survey and professional learning was designed to target student and teacher learning needs. Survey results show that:

- * We have had an increase in the number of students who value schooling outcomes from 88% to 93%.
- * Students who complete homework has gone down from the beginning of the year from 41% to 31%.
- * Aboriginal students showed that they thought teachers had a better understanding of their culture from 68% in Term 1 to 75% in Term 4.
- * Students were asked how they would describe Coonabarabran Public School. Many students said our school was fun, great and cool!

We look forward to continued work at Coonabarabran Public School to make our school safe and respectful, and where students aim for excellence.

'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey 2016

In Term 4, parents were asked to participate in a 'Tell Them From Me' online survey very similar to the student survey. At Coonabarabran Public School we had twenty five parents participate. Feedback from the survey showed that parents felt Coonabarabran Public School supports positive school behaviour and student learning. Areas of improvement show that parents would like:

- * Coonabarabran Public School to help prevent bullying.
- * Some would like a different type of school report.

Multiple choice questions showed that most parents read the newsletter to find out about what is happening at school. Parents were asked for feedback on what they felt were the most important issues to be addressed to make Coonabarabran Public School a better learning environment. We had many suggestions which are all valued and will be considered seriously in future planning. Thank you to the parents who participated in the survey!



FREE EVENT!!! You're invited to the...

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