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ANZAC Day School Service



Grandfriends Day



Principal's news with Mr Brendan Maher



Last Tuesday we held our school's ANZAC Remembrance Ceremony. The day included student activities, such as triage of injuries, reviewing local ANZAC history and information sessions on the various aspects of World War I, such as weaponry used. Our formal assembly was attended by RSL ex servicepersons, where our students laid out their Field of Poppies. I was impressed by the students' commitment and engagement throughout the activities; it was great to see the students treat the day with such respect. Thankyou to Mrs Alison Riley for her work to organise the events.

New to our website is the 2014 Annual School Report and the new 2015 – 2017 School Plan. I am committed to school improvement and we have been working with external professionals to guide our school improvement. One of the tools used was the survey completed by parents last year, with the results in the published Annual School Report. In 2014, we achieved so much as a school community with increased parent involvement and students showing growth across many areas of their learning, the new 2015 – 2017 School Plan is the future mapping of where we see the school heading and the strategies we will use to get there. The School Plan is a dynamic document, so as the needs of the school change, so will the school plan to make sure it is always moving ahead. Please feel free to download a copy from the schools' website.

The Primary Playground Equipment is just about finished. We are waiting on a few more components and then it will be available for students to use during school hours. When the remaining items arrive I am going to re-institute an old school tradition of the "Working Bee" to fast track the completion of the area so that students can use it as soon as possible. I will update Facebook as soon as I have been able to lock in all materials required. If any parents or community members have some to spare to assist the school it will be appreciated by all students.

NAPLAN exams are being held this term from the 12th May to the 14th May. These exams provide information for schools to plan an appropriate curriculum for your child. More information will be provided in the coming weeks leading up to these exams. Also, in August, every school in Australia will be required to complete the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) process. This is another way we record the ways in which we address the individual needs of your children. Again, this data is used for school planning and identifies areas where we need to map resources.

Until next week

What's coming Up At CCS?

Week 3- Term 2

Mon 4th	Primary Grip Leadership SRC Excursion Tamworth - meet at 6.20am in the school car park
Thurs 7th	<u>Change of Date</u> Mothers Day Concert & Picnic
Fri 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball & Rugby Union Trials • Coonabarabran • Singleton Junior Judging • Curlewis Horse Sports

Week 4 - Term 2

Tues 12th - Thurs 14th	Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9 Naplan
Tues 12th	Yr 11 & 12 Abs & Flipout
Thurs 14th	School Cross Country
Fri 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Maths UNE • Primary North West Touch

Mother's Day Picnic & Concert

Dear Mums Nans Grans & Aunties

You are invited to attend the Coolah Central
School Mother's Day picnic and concert on

Thursday 7th May 2015

A catered lunch of sandwiches, quiches and slice as
well as coffee from the P&C will be served to all
students and their Mums @ 1pm.

Gold coin donation per person

Following lunch the students will entertain you
with their Mother Day concert @ 2pm

☺ BYO Picnic blankets ☺

Deputy Principal - Mr Mick McLeod



Last Tuesday's Anzac Commemoration at CCS was a wonderful reflection on the trials and challenges faced by young Australians in War one hundred years ago and in numerous conflicts since. I am sure our students learned much from the many activities and hopefully it will guide them in life as they appreciate the commitment and sacrifice of those who went before them. Congratulations to all those people who contributed to the successful day, but specifically Mrs Riley who has tirelessly prepared for the day for some time. I trust the small memento badge that each student and staff member received will be looked after and cherished.

Congratulations to our combined Rugby League boys (with Gunnedah HS) who last week defeated Narrabri HS and will now play Coonabarabran in the University Shield competition. Unfortunately our Touch combined side (Dunedoo) could not continue the run of success of recent years as they narrowly missed the cut.

Our Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students are preparing at the moment for Naplan which is on next week and which will give us an indication of where each student sits next to the national standards.

Today our Primary SRC and seniors are at the Grip Leadership day in Tamworth and I trust they learn valuable lessons from the day. This week also sees our Public Speaking program get into full swing. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and I trust every student will prepare and present their speech to the best of their ability. The Speak-off will be held a little later on after all classes have held their speeches.

Thinkspot 102

The Spirit of Anzac

Society is built on the shoulders of those who went before us.



Last week saw us commemorate 100 years since the fateful landing at Gallipoli which shaped our national day to recognise the sacrifice of those who have fallen in battle in the name of our nation. In the century since there have unfortunately been many Australians make the sacrifice of life, or of life-long injury. Over that century many of Australia's finest young people have been lost; their full potential never to be realised.

When we march and remember on Anzac day what is it we are actually recognising? We remember those who fell of course, but also those who bravely faced the tests of war in our name. We remember that these young took up the challenge when asked. WE recognise the fears and dangers they faced and triumphed over, and the great cost they paid.

We also are asked to challenge ourselves to ponder how we will or might respond to the call to the service of our community or nation. We can only trust and hope that when needed we too will measure up to the standards set by our forebears.



At the going down of the sun, and in the morning;

We will remember them.

Lest We Forget



REMEMBER TO CHECK K-6, 7-12 OR WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS FOR INFO WHICH AFFECTS ALL STUDENTS



Kindergarten/Year 1 News - Mrs Simmons

Our class captains for this week are Aveisha and Will.

Birthday wishes go to Sophia who will celebrate her birthday this Sunday. (we hope that you have a wonderful birthday Sophia).

Our ANZAC commemorative activities last Tuesday were excellent! We all learnt a lot about the meaning of ANZAC and we enjoyed all of the interesting and exciting activities which we undertook during the day. A huge thankyou to Miss Riley for organising this very important day.

Our Grandfriends day last Friday was also lots of fun! We thoroughly enjoyed having our Grandfriends visit us and join in with the different activities. A big thankyou to Mrs Wilson for organising our afternoon of fun and another big thankyou to all of our Grandfriends who came and supported us.

Our homework this week will be Unit 10 for Kindy and Unit 11 for Year 1.

Please keep practising the home readers and the sight words (Kindy) and spelling words (Year 1). As the home readers are becoming a little longer and trickier, we will now change them each Wednesday and Friday. So the students will only have to return them on these days.

What's on this week?

Tuesday: I will be absent as I have an inservice course to attend in Mudgee. K/1 will be in the capable hands of Ms. Warwick.

Thursday: Mothers' Day Concert. We are all very excited about having our much loved mums and grandmas come in and join us for lunch and our concert (more details are elsewhere in the newsletter).

Congratulations go to Amber and Angus who each received a merit certificate at our K-6 assembly last Friday.

Congratulations also go to the following children who have completed nights in their Home Reading books - Will and Nathan (25 nights), Amber, Zoe and Evan (50 nights) and Amber (75 nights).



Year 1/2 News - Mr Rowlands

Last week was a very busy week capped off with a nice afternoon spent with our Grandfriends on Friday. I wish I could say this week will be back to normal, but it is just as busy.

Well done to the following students who have been reading regularly to achieve awards at last weeks primary assembly; Marcus for 25 nights, Tom, James, Cooper and Kruz for 50 nights and Ben for 75 nights. Isaac and Indie were the year 1/2 class award recipients for their continued hard work in class.

This Thursday is the Mothers day picnic and concert. Students and their Mums can take advantage of a catered picnic lunch for a gold coin donation, don't forget your picnic blanket!! Following the picnic the annual CCS Mother day concert will take place from 2pm. Year 1/2 will be performing the Craig Smith children's book 'The Wonkey Donkey'. If you have the following props at home could you please start bringing these in this week. Blue jeans, checked shirt, cowboy hat, eye patch and sunglasses. Please don't feel like you have to go out and purchase these things, its only if you have them at home already. Thanks

This week in class Ms Bush will get the students started on their curriculum content in L3 groups as I will be away in Tamworth with the SRC @ a student leadership day. The spelling sounds for week 3 is h as is house j and g as in

jellyfish or giraffe. The handwriting focus is therefore the letter 'Jj' and this week in grammar students are completing a unit on questions, when a question mark should be used etc. Last week the students and I wrote a narrative on CeeCee the black cat which we were able to publish in computers. To follow on from this the students will start their own narrative starting with the title and orientation. Last weeks "super spellers" were Alice, Sid, Lachlan, Clare, Camilla, Sienna, Indie, Tom, Isaac, James, Toby, Kruz, Nicholas and Marcus. Well done, Keep it up!

In Year 2 maths this week students will complete unit 11 in their Maths Plus textbooks. This unit focuses on the counting back method of subtraction, halves and quarters, angles in simple shapes and volume. Last weeks assessment results were excellent with the following people achieving 87% or greater; Amelia, Adysen, Maddison, Camilla, Tia, Sienna, Indie, Tom, Isaac, Brendon, James, Cooper, Toby, Kruz and Wyatt. Great work, keep it up!!

In History this week we finish the first topic on Family structures by completing the Indigenous Australians section of the unit. We look at the structures of Aboriginal families and their methods used to hunt and gather for survival. Science did not happen last week with the busy schedule so the chemical sciences unit will start this week. In Creative arts students will finish their Mother day cards and gift while for PE this week we will run the cross country course to prepare for next weeks cross country carnival.

Hope to see all our Mums this Thursday, have a great week.



Year 2/3 News - Mrs Ferguson & Miss Bush

A huge thankyou to all those Grandfriends who attended our Grandfriends Day despite the cool, damp weather last Friday!! The students had a wonderful time and always welcome you to our school!

We have another busy week ahead with NAPLAN practice most days and our Mother's Day concert and picnic on Thursday, as well as our usual classroom work. Make sure you leave Thursday afternoon free, especially all Mothers as we have a great line up organised for your entertainment!!

Good luck to our SRC representatives, Maggie and Lawson who head off for Tamworth today to attend a Leadership day. Hope you have a great time!!

Homework for this week is Contract 11. Please complete and return by Friday. Spelling words are attached so don't forget to practise!!

Congratulations to Maggie, Fiora, Rhianna, Grace, Kane and Kiesha from Year 3 and Tia from Year 2 who all had zero errors in Friday's spelling test!!

Home Reading Awards went to Lawson for 25 nights reading and to Adysen and Max for 75 nights reading! Excellent work!!

Primary Assembly Awards went to, Lachlan for great Homework completion, Tessa for being a helpful, caring classmate and Amelia for her effort in Art!! Well done!!

Our Cross Country is coming up on the 14th May. Students should be trying to do some regular running practice to improve fitness and prepare for the two km course.



Year 4 News - Mrs Burgess

What a wonderful day was had on Friday for Grand friends day, thank you to all the Grand friends who came along, I am sure you had a wonderful time. Thank you also to Mrs Wilson for the organisation of the afternoon.

Last Friday we also had our first K-6 assembly for the term. Congratulations to Roy and Skyla who received our class awards, congratulations also to those students received other awards.

This week we have been looking at our Public Speaking topic based around ANZAC Day. The topic for year 4 this year is 'ANZAC's', I have sent home an information sheet and brief outline regarding the Public Speaking topic for this year. If you did not receive this hand out and would like a copy please let me know and I can organise a copy for you.

ENGLISH: We are continuing to look at narratives and also starting the process behind writing our speeches.

MATHS: Year 4 have started a new unit, Volume, Capacity and Mass the students have looked at liquid measures and are learning how to convert litres (L) to Millilitres(mL). This week we will look at the relationship of cubed centimetres and volume.

SPELLING: Congratulations to our 100% spellers this week - Xavier, Hamish, Ardie, Jock and Archie for. It is great to see the students succeeding with these lists, some of the words do pose a challenge to the students however, it is good to see their determination. This weeks we will be looking at 'l, ll' as in lizard and bell.

HISTORY: We have begun a unit on 'The Importance of Country and Place'.

PD & HEALTH: We have started a unit on 'Healthy Living' looking at what we put into our bodies and how we treat our bodies and the effect that this has on us now and in the future.

ART: We are wrapping up our activities focussed around ANZAC Day and will move onto a unit of 'Landscapes' Starting this week.

HOMEWORK: Unit 11 this week please and also remember to keep the home reading going as well.

Happy Birthday to Reggie for Thursday, 7th May. We hope you enjoy your special day!!!

Lastly please don't forget to come along to our very special **Mother's Day Picnic** and concert this **THURSDAY**. Year 4 have some very special performances they are presenting. VERY exciting!!!!



Mother's Day Gifts

\$3 each

choice of two

Available from Mrs Wesley & Mrs Rhodes
at morning assembly





Year 5 News - Mrs Wilson

Yr 4 Maths: Year 4 have started a new unit, Volume, Capacity and Mass the students have looked at liquid measures and are learning how to convert litres (L) to

Millilitres(mL). This week we will look at the relationship of cubed centimetres and volume.

English: Students are looking at narrative writing. We will also be looking at the types of questions the students may come across in their NAPLAN, writing, spelling, reading and grammar and how best to answer multiple choice questions.

Mathematics: Mrs Wesley is reviewing NAPLAN problems with the Year 5 students each lesson.

History: We are currently looking at some major events that have influenced Australia's development as a nation. We are looking at the gold rushes at the moment.

Leadership Day: I hope the students who have travelled to Tamworth today have found the leadership forum a great experience.

Mother's Day Concert Thursday the 7th May: The students have been busily working on their performances for the Mother's Day Concert and we would like to thank Mr Wells for putting in so much time with the 4/5

students. We would love for as many mums as possible to come in and watch our concert.

Rugby Union Trials & Netball Trials: Students need to return their notes as soon as possible. Mrs McMaster will be attending the trials. Good luck to all students and I hope you have a great time.

Cattle Judging: Good luck to our cattle team students who are participating in a judging competition on Friday.

Moorambilla Choir: Well done to Jade Gardiner, Sophie Cook and Phoebe Ellis who have been selected in a regional choir to sing in Canberra next weekend. We hope you have a great time and enjoy this great opportunity.

NAPLAN: will be held next week, please let the school know if your child will be absent for any of these tests as soon as possible.

School Cross Country: Our school cross country will be held next week on the 14th May.

Whole School Performance: Year 5 will be taking part in our whole school performance as a class group this year. Our theme in Year 5 is the outback and rodeo. Please keep an eye out for any useful props and costumes that may fit into this theme. More detail will be available closer to the date.

For your information, I will be away tomorrow.



Year 6 News - Mrs Wesley

Just a reminder for Year 6 students to bring in 3-4 photos for a little Mother's day surprise we have in stall. We need a photo of self, mum, nan, whole family, self and mum/nan. Select 4-5 photos only and please bring them ASAP. They can be scanned in at school or if you have them on a thumbdrive etc bring that in to work with.

Homework for this week is Unit 10. Please hand in by Friday.

Congratulations to Izaiah and Bonny M for their awards at last weeks K-6 assembly.

A Huge happy birthday goes to Zayne for today. I hope that you have a great day.





More Grandfriends



Questacon Science Circus

On Monday 1st June 2015, CCS are being visited by "Shell Questacon Science Circus". These Science based visitors will be doing and demonstrating lots of Scientific Facts with all out students in K-10. The cost for this activity is \$4.00 per student payable to the front office.



Questacon Science Circus - Monday 1st June 2015

Cost \$4.00 per student

Student/s name..... Class.....

Money enclosed \$.....

Signed..... Date.....

Secondary Sport

- Well done to the boys who were part of the Combined CHS Coolah/Dunedoo Touch Team who were narrowly defeated by Dubbo in Bathurst on Friday and hence missing out on the finals.
- Well done also to Jarrod Douglass and Hugh Wesley who represented North West at the CNS Under 15's Touch in Mudgee over the weekend.
- Don't forget the annual cross country is fast approaching, next Thursday after the Naplan test.
- Sport this Wednesday will be sport choices.
- Please encourage all students to wear hats on Wednesday, particularly.

Careers

- Thanks to Mrs Meyers for taking four Year 12 students to UNE last Thursday/Friday for the UNE Open Day.
- Parents of Year 10 students are encouraged to talk/discuss with them their up coming Work Experience.. We need to try and finalise placements in the next few weeks.



CCS Cattle Club

It is set to be a really busy term for Cattle club!

Group 2 met last Monday for Cattle Club, learning how to fat score our mob of sheep and do a visual estimate of length of loin and rump. This was the last chance we had to work with the sheep before they were sent to the abattoir.

On Wednesday the whole Cattle club (27 kids) visited Rob and Narelle Worth's property to select 4 cattle for showing this year. It was a great afternoon as the students select the cattle based on what they know about how cattle put on muscle and grow out. Every one learns something new each time and it gives all the students a real ownership over the cattle which they choose. A big thankyou to Rob and Narelle for allowing us to come and select cattle!

Cattle Groups:

Please note: this Monday is for Group One. Next Monday (11th May) will be for Group 2.

Here are the Groups again, in case you have forgotten which one you are in:

Please don't ask to change groups: you are organised so that there are a rough split of experienced students with inexperienced students.

I would like to remind **ALL** students that Cattle Club is a serious commitment and once you decide to attend an excursion and your name is on the list, you are expected to go. I understand if you are sick or there are sport trials or other school events that are on at the same time but if you pull out **NOT** due to these reasons, I will have to ask you to reconsider being a part of the team. You need to be committed to **ALL** parts of the Club, including judging and not pick and choose what you want to do.

Please don't hesitate to call me at the school if you have any queries about Cattle Club.

Thanks

Group One	Group Two
Noah Moore	Sophie Cook
Charlie Gilder	Emma Kuchel
Bonnie Size	Edward McDonald
Charlie Roberts	Tyler Lennox
Shanisha Sunderland	Ben Cox
Harry Mihan	Angus Morton
Jordan Sternbeck	Ryan Miller
Rachael White	Edward Cox
Jacob Sternbeck	Nathan Morgan
Georgiah Nye	Caitlin Cook
Cassie Spina	James Williams
Korina White	Brody Pettet
Johnty Pettet	Branioc Rankin
Naomi Monckton	Gwyn Rankin
	Jessica Stokes

Mrs Kuchel

Coolah/Dunedoo Combined CHS Team Final 8 in Western region.

On Friday the 1st of May the combined touch team travelled to Bathurst to play in the Top 8 from the Western Region gala day. To get there the boys had played and convincingly won against Gulgong High and Mudgee High. Our first game of the day was against Orange High who have topped the Western Region for the last 3 years. We won 5-2 in what would be the best Mr Bush and I have ever seen this team play. They were outstanding in both attack and defensive, keeping their cool throughout the game. However, by finally beating Orange High we then played the unknown in Lithgow High and under estimated them going down 3-1.

Our last round game was against Kelso, winning 5-4. By coming second in our pool, we went on to play Dubbo Secondary College; it was an exciting, nerving racking game going down 5-4. All boys played extremely well and we could not ask anything more of them. It was a shame that Sam Wesley injured his knee in the first minute of the game and was unable to play the rest of the game.

Mr Bush and I have been privileged to coach this combined team for the last 4 years, with 9 originals playing their final game for this team. They have provided us with great memories and will be missed for there playing ability and personalities. Looking ahead there is some excited younger students who have big shoes to fill to join the remaining 5 players to continue on the success, partnerships and friendships made by combining our 2 small schools. From Mr Bush and I we would like to thanks all the players, parents that have transports students and referees for us this year.

Mrs Bush





Whole School ANZAC Day Service



BREKKY CLUB

A huge thankyou to the brekky team, the pancakes were delicious. Don't forget that next week is a whole school breakfast.

We would like to thank our sponsors below for their contributions.

- **Eggs are donated by Anne Mumford**
- **Milk is donated by H.O. Haynes IGA - Coolah**
- **Bacon donated by Keyhaze Pty Ltd from Coolah**
- **Milo is donated by Apache Angus**
- **Fruit juice, cereals, cheese, fruit toasts, bread, crumpets and honey and are provided with funds donated by our major sponsor - Soroptimist International of the Hills district.**

Eat well to work well.

If you can contribute, in any way, to our very worthwhile program, please contact me at the school. Thank you.

Soo Tan

Breakfast Co-ordinator

Coolah Central School - Cross Country - 14th May 2015 Canteen List

Chicken Gravy Rolls	\$4.00	Assorted lollies and chocolates
Hot dogs	\$3.00	\$0.20 - \$2.00
Egg & Bacon muffins	\$2.50	Chips \$1.00
Scallops	\$1.00	Water \$1.20
Pie	\$3.50	Poppers \$1.20
Sausage roll	\$3.00	Cans \$2.50
Cup Noodles -		
Beef or Chicken	\$2.00	
Soup - pumpkin	\$2.00	

Canteen Order Cross Country 14th May 2015

Name: _____ Class: _____

Order: _____

\$_____ enclosed

Please place orders in your class tray on the day, before recess, as the trays will be taken up to the oval on the day.

Please order separately for each child.

If you need another sheet please see the canteen or the front office.

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Panorama Ave, Bathurst
Dress: Casual clothing. *Please note that closed in footwear must be worn if you wish to take a campus tour.*
Food: BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

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Connecting community members with the help they want

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- understanding services and how to access them
- how to have a conversation with someone you're worried about and encourage them to seek help
- how to provide simple and helpful support
- how to help someone at risk of suicide
- how to look after your mental wellbeing

Mendooran

Thurs 7th May 2015

9:30am - 11am

Mendooran Takeaway Café, Bandulla St

Coolah

Thurs 7th May 2015

2pm - 3:30pm

Coolah Sporting Club, Goddard St

For more information contact Camilla Kenny on 0419 266 493 or camilla.kenny@health.nsw.gov.au

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