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Last Thursday the 7th of May Mums, Nans, Grandmothers, and Aunties

alike gathered on the Infants school grounds for the first ever **Mother's Day** picnic. Thanks to the P&C patrons, everyone was able to help themselves to sandwiches and hot food to eat with their children on their picnic blankets.



Following the picnic the crowd then moved to the school hall for the ever popular **Mother's Day Concert**. Classes performed a range of acts that kept the crowd entertained for close to an hour. Thanks must go to all the primary teachers and volunteers who helped prepare sandwiches and hot food.



I hope all our Mums had a great day last **Thursday and Happy Mother's Day** for yesterday.



Happy Mother's Day



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BEAUTIFUL
unconditional love
creative UNSELFISH
LOVE U LOVE U LOVE U
BELIEVES
life patient GENTLE
compassionate
NURTURING
strength DEVOTED



Principal's news with Mr Brendan Maher



This Tuesday we commence the annual NAPLAN testing for all students in Years 3, 5 7 and 9. This is a way schools can measure the effectiveness of programs and the overall delivery of literacy and numeracy. More importantly, the data gathered, provides schools with the opportunity to fine-tune the curriculum and the ways we can support each student. The tests will run during the morning sessions on all three days, with normal classes running after the NAPLAN exams are completed.

Last Thursday we held our Mother's Day Picnic and it was great to see so many mums, grandmothers and aunties attend the picnic and the afternoon performance. I hope all of our mums were spoilt on Sunday and had a great day with their families. Thankyou to Shaun Rowlands for organising the event and to the staff for preparing the kids for their performances.

In cooperation with Pandora Gallery, Coolah Central School will be involved in a combined school Art Exhibition commencing on the 20th of May. There is an opening for the exhibition on the evening of the 29th of May. All students are able to submit their best art works and have them displayed for the entire community to see. This is a great initiative and I encourage everyone to take the time to go and see the great work from the kids of Coolah.

Once again Coolah Central School children are shining in the performing arts with three students representing the school at this years Canberra International Music Festival with Moorambilla Voices. Sophie Cook, Jade Gardiner and Phoebe Ellis have been performing since last Thursday and will complete their performances this Monday. This is a great achievement for the girls and also the largest number of students from one school participating with Moorambilla at the event. Well done girls on a great achievement.

Thankyou to all of the families that have finalised their school and subject contributions for this year. As mentioned many times previously, if families experience financial stress throughout the year, please come and see me to discuss options for financial support. In terms of practical subjects in secondary, until all contribution are paid, completed practical projects remain the property of the school.

Finally, I have been working with the RMS and Warrumbungle Shire Council to develop a Road Safety Plan for the school, with Binnia Street becoming busier during peak school zone times. In the coming weeks there will be some changes to the signage and zones on the road to make it safer for parents and students. Everyone should be aware of the speed trailer in the school zone at the moment, that is recording speeds to report back to the

RMS and local police on the speeds being travelled throughout the day. As the plans are developed, they will be open for consultation with students and parents, and more importantly we can work towards ensuring our school is safer for all students.

Until next week

What's coming Up At CCS?

Week 4 - Term 2

Tues 12th - Thurs 14th	Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9 Naplan
Wed 13th	Whole School Breakfast
Thurs 14th	School Cross Country 11am
Fri 15th	Year 8 Maths UNE

Week 5- Term 2

Mon 18th— Thurs 21st	Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
Tues 19th	Pri Southern Zone Rugby Union Trials
Wed 20th	Primary Boys & Girls North West Touch Trials
Thurs 21st	Primary Southern Zone Netball Trials
Fri 22nd	Primary Zone Cross Country

ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS

This is a reminder to **ALL** secondary students that you must come prepared for every lesson every day. This includes your books, diary, pencil case (including glue, scissors, rubber, coloured pencils, ruler, led pencil, calculator, pens, highlighters).

This is a requirement every day.

Deputy Principal - Mr Mick McLeod



A belated Happy Mothers Day to all the Mums...everywhere. Mums are the glue that makes the world go round, and since we all have but one Mum make sure you take care of them. I trust the flowers, chocolates and breakfasts in bed were in abundance yesterday.

This week our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have the task of the Naplan tests and we wish them well in those. Give it your best shot. Naplan is good as a way of finding where our students are at so we can focus on the areas needing improvement. Sadly Naplan has been used for many other things (including as a way to compare schools) which they were never intended to do and do not prove to be helpful in any way. It's not the way we use them at CCS!

The New Primary playground equipment will soon be in action with the sleepers going into place last week with Mr Maher and Mr Bailey having some willing student hands to help in that task. They are an excellent set up and I am sure the kids are keen to put them to use.

You will have noted that the Black Stump Coolah Kids Program (along with other Coolah Based Programs) has not been on air this past couple of weeks. That is because we have had a meltdown of the Coolah Computer that drives our transmission, and it is undergoing a rebuild. Hopefully it will be back and fully functional for this Tuesday. We have decided that we will only continue with one program per week, that being the Tuesday show, so soon hopefully you will again hear all the "news and Views" from the Black Stump Coolah Kids Program on 3 Rivers, 95.3!

Thinkspot 103

FRIENDS

The true measure of ourselves is the friends we keep.

It seems to me that one of the problems society faces is people have no sense of how to measure their personal worth. We are thrown images of success such as incomes, homes and cars, celebrity, (or notoriety) as being some reflection of how "good" we are.

They are all false measures.

There are only two real measures of our true worth as a person:

The Good things we DO,

And the Friends we make and keep.

It is a sad statement about modernity that people really think Facebook "friends" actually have any meaning, or that Tweet followers is some sign of our value.

These are as false and valueless as fairy floss.

Our friends (and here I include good healthy positive relationships with our family) are the true measure of who we are. Take a look at your circle of friends. Are they good, honest, reliable people? Are they the sort of person you would trust with your valuables, your deepest secrets and your family? Will they be there when you NEED them?

Are you prepared to drop everything when THEY need you?

Quality relationships with good friends are



the glue that hold our lives together.



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 **Ebony** and **Ryan**.

I hope that all of our much loved mums and grandmothers had a wonderful Mothers' Day yesterday and that you were all spoilt. We also hope that you liked your special little treat.

A huge thankyou to everyone who came along to our Mothers' Day concert last Thursday. It was great to see you all. Thankyou also to Mr. Rowlands for organising this concert.

Kindy's Homework is **Unit 11** and Year 1's Homework unit is **Unit 12**. This week Kindy will be learning the sounds "f" and "b" and Year 1 will look at the sound "h". Kindy's new sight words are **into, was, you, take** and **they** and Year 1 will be learning words which have the "h"

sound in them. Please keep up the great work with the Homework, spelling/sight words and Home reading. The children are definitely benefitting.

Sip and Crunch every day.

Wednesday- Library . Please remember to return Library books each week in a waterproof Library bag.

Thursday- School Cross Country (more details elsewhere in the newsletter). We are very excited and we hope that lots of parents and friends are able to come and support us on the day.

Friday- I will be absent this Friday as I have another L3 Stage 1 inservice to attend. I am looking forward to learning lots of interesting things which I can implement into K/1.

Good luck to all of the students who will be completing the NAPLAN assessments. Don't forget to read the questions carefully please. Also going to bed early each night and eating a healthy breakfast each morning is important.



Year 1/2 News - Mr Rowlands

Week 4 of term 2 already, its been a very busy start to the term but thankfully this week is almost back to normal with the only variation to routine being the CCS Cross country which is being held from 11am this Thursday. Students can wear their house colours for this event on Thursday.

This week in class we continue with a our L3 reading groups with a specific look at the unit 13 spelling sound of ai as in snail or ay as in say. This week in Grammar the focus is on sentences and using proper nouns to describe who is doing the verb, ie Jenny kicked the ball. Who kicked the ball? Jenny.

The hand writing focus this week is the letter Gg. This week in writing we will finish our unit on writing narratives, the students have written some excellent stories and have grasped the idea of the complication well. Our super spellers for last week were Alice, Sid, Lachlan, Ben, Clare, Camilla, Sienna, Indie, Isaac, James and Kruz. Keep up the great work.

In Mathematics this week we look at Multiplication and division as well as picture graphs and the time concept of a quarter past and a quarter too the hour. Last weeks maths test results saw Camilla, Tia, Isaac, James, Toby and Marcus achieve 83% or higher. Well done. Have a great week. Mr R



Year 2/3 News - Mrs Ferguson & Miss Bush

A huge thankyou to all those Mothers and friends who attended our Mother's Day picnic and concert last Thursday!! The students had a wonderful time and always enjoy performing for you!

We have another busy week ahead with NAPLAN testing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure the students are especially well rested for these important days. Our Cross Country is on Thursday, hope you have been practising!! We shall also try to fit in our normal classroom work!!

Our class will also be running the next Primary Assembly

on Friday.

Our SRC representatives, Maggie and Lawson participated well in Tamworth at the Leadership day last Monday. Congratulations on this achievement!

Homework for this week is Contract 12. Please complete and return by Friday. Spelling words are attached so don't forget to practise!!

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

Home Reading Awards went to Mervyn and Tia for 75 nights reading! Excellent work!!



Year 4 News - Mrs Burgess

Firstly happy Mother's day to all of our mums, grandmothers and aunts. I trust you all had a very enjoyable, relaxing day!

We had a fantastic day at school on Thursday at the Mother's Day concert/picnic. It was a very successful afternoon, well done to Mr Rowlands for his organisation of the event. I am sure you would agree that the concert was brilliant as well. Many thanks also must go to Mr Wells for his perseverance with the Year 4 and 5 band, it was well worth the effort!!!!

Well done - to **Skyla** and **Taylor** who travelled to Coonabarabran on Friday for netball try outs, to **Phoebe** who travelled to Canberra for Morrambilla on Thursday and to **Alana** who travelled to Curlewis for Horse Sports of Friday!!!!

ENGLISH: We are continuing to look at narratives and also starting the process behind writing our speeches. We made a start on Friday and many of the students should have gone home over the weekend and discussed what they were writing about. Our in class speeches will be in Term 3 week 1, and the library 'speak offs' will be in Term 3 week 2.

MATHS: There will be no math's groups this week due to NAPLAN. This will start up again in week 5. Year 4 will not have Mrs Wilson for Maths on Tuesday due to the two NAPLAN tests that will run into Maths time.

SPELLING: Congratulations to our 100% spellers this week - Roy, Xavier, Blake, Charlotte, Campbell, Reggie, Hamish, Jock and Taylor. All other students only missed out by one word, it is great to see the students succeeding with these lists. This week we will be looking at 'I, II' as in lizard and bell.

HISTORY: We will continue on with our unit on 'The Importance of Country and Place'.

PD & HEALTH: We will continue on with our unit '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 will start our unit on 'Landscapes' this week, this did not happen last week as we finished off Mother's Day gifts - which I hope you all loved!!!!

HOMEWORK: Unit 12 this week please and also remember to keep the home reading going as well.

Lastly please don't forget our cross country next Thursday, see information elsewhere in the newsletter.



Year 5 News - Mrs Wilson

Week 4 already, this term is flying by!

Another very busy week this week.

NAPLAN- This week all students in Year 5 will sit their NAPLAN tests in Language

Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The schedule for the NAPLAN assessments will be as follows:

Time	Tuesday 12 th May	Wednesday 13 th May	Thursday 14 th May
a.m - All test will be completed in the morning	Language Conventions	Reading	Numeracy
	Break (at least 20 minutes)		
	Writing		

The **School Cross Country** will be held after NAPLAN on Thursday. Please note our **Zone Cross Country** will be held next Friday the 22nd of May if you are able to volunteer to sit on a check point please let me or the front office know as soon as possible.

Homework and Spelling- Due to NAPLAN students will not be given homework books or spelling words this week.

Mother's Day Concert- A huge thank you to all our special mums, nans and aunties who came to our concert, we hope you had a great time.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for combine zone trials. Tyler Lennox, Ben Cox and Ryan Miller in Rugby Union and Bonny Morton, Bonnie Size and Charlie Roberts in Netball, well done!

Merriwa Horse Sports

Merriwa Horse Sports will be held on Monday 20th July 2015 for riders from Kindergarten to Year 12.

As entry numbers are limited for this event, all rider entry forms are to be returned to the front office by Friday 22nd May.





Year 6 News - Mrs Wesley

Thankyou to all the mums for attending the Mother's Day concert and picnic last week.

Homework for this week is Unit 12.

We also have this week a whole school breakfast on Wednesday and our school cross country on Thursday.

Happy birthday goes to Logan Gilbert for the 2nd, Zayne Ewers for the 4th and Terri Schiemer for the 6th.

Have a great week.

Primary Debating

This week students from Year 5 and 6 were invited to try out for our primary debating team which competes in the Western Challenge in terms 2 and 3. Firstly I would like to congratulate Charlotte, Ebony, Sophie, Noah, Bonnie S, Bonny M, Henrietta, Charlie E, Charlie G and Ben for taking the time to come and tell me their opinion on our first topic **That weekend sport should be played by all children.**

All students did a fabulous job and it made the selection of the team very difficult. Debating is quite a big commitment as it requires work at home on speeches and giving up numerous lunchtimes over the course of the 3 debates.

Consequently as the standard of speeches was so high, I have decided to choose 5 students to form the debating team.

Those students are Charlie Gilder, Charlie Ellis, Noah Moore, Bonny Morton and Ebony Lodge.

Primary Zone Rugby Union and Netball trials

On Friday 8th of May, 9 netballers and 3 rugby union players all travelled to zone trials in Coonabarabran. **Ben Cox, Tyler Lennox and Ryan Miller** all tried out for rugby and obviously impressed selector Mr Hardy on the day as they were all selected to attend the Southern Region Trials on Tuesday 19th of May.

Netball trials were very competitive with 25 girls vying for the zone team. The Coolah team consisted of Skylar Wicks, Taylor Wright, Heidi Packham, Gemma Pettet, Brie Pettet, Bonny Size, Bonny Morton, Charlie Roberts, and Henrietta Bourke.



In the end a Zone Team to compete on Thursday 21st of May at Gunnedah was selected and **Bonnie Size, Bonny Morton and Charlie Roberts** named in this team. Gemma Pettet was named as a shadow reserve and she will also attend if any child cannot go.

Congratulations to all students—your behaviour was exemplary and you all represented your school extremely well.

Zone Netball Trials

Absent from photo
Gemma Pettet & Brie Pettet

Year 11 Yearly Exam Timetable 2015 – Youth Hall

Monday 18 th May	Tuesday 19 th May	Wednesday 20 th May	Thursday 21 st May	Friday 22 nd May
English Standard (2hrs + 5)	Mathematics – General (1.5hrs + 5) Mathematics – 2Unit (1.5hrs + 5)	8:50am Exam Session begins Agriculture (1.5hrs + 5) SLR (1.5hrs + 5)	Modern History (2hrs + 5) Industrial Technology (1.5hrs + 5) Geography (1.5hrs + 5)	Catch ups as required
1:00pm Exam Session begins				
Food Tech (1.5hrs + 5)	Biology – (1.5hrs + 5)		PD/H/PE – (1.5hrs + 5)	Catch ups as required

School Cross Country

School Cross Country will be held this Thursday (14th). Students are encouraged to wear their house colours : Warung (red), Cunningham (green) and Liverpool (blue). Listed below are the times and distances that students will be competing in.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Distance</u>
9:00am	Period 1		
9:55am	Period 2		
10:45am	Assemble in Quadrangle & Proceed to Oval for Recess		
11:30am	1	Boys 16,17+ yrs	6 km
11:40am	2	Sec. Boys/Girls 12,13 yrs	3 km
11:50am	3	Boys 14,15 yrs / Girls 14,15,16,17+ yrs	4 km
12:00am	4	Prim. Boys/Girls 11 yrs	3 km
12:10am	5	Prim. Girls/Boys 12,13 yrs	3 km
12:20am	6	Prim. Boys/Girls 10 yrs	2 km
12:30pm	7	Prim Boys/Girls 8,9 yrs	2 km
12:40pm	8	Sec Fun Run	2 km
12:45pm	9	Infants 5, 6,7 yrs	1 km
1:00pm	Lunch -Handing out of ribbons		
1:45pm	Afternoon activities		

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.....

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Money enclosed \$.....

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

Zone & Regional Cross Country

On Friday 22nd May, CCS will be holding their Primary Zone Cross Country and on the 12th June, CCS will host the North West Schools Cross Country for the 8th year. This is a great day for our school as it showcases our great community and school. For these events to be successful we need the help of our parents and community members (who may be interested). If you would like and are able to help by being a course official could you please let us know at the school (6377 1101) as soon as possible.

Zone Cross Country

Course officials will be needed from approximately 10.00am to 1.30pm. There will be a canteen operating on the day for you to purchase your lunch if needed.

Regional Cross Country

Course officials will be needed from approximately 9.15am to 3.15pm and will be provided with morning tea and lunch and a golf cart. This is a good opportunity for our school to raise funds to help purchase resources for our students so any help will be much appreciated.

BREKKY CLUB

A huge thankyou to the brekky team again for their delicious breakfast. Don't forget this week is a whole school breakfast with French Toast on offer.

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

SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT/ASSIGNMENTS

Can parents and guardians please check students diaries as there may be additional homework or teacher correspondence

Year 7	History - Dreamtime Story	Week 4
Year 8	History - Viking Artefact Research	Week 4
	English - Reading & Questions	Weekly
Year 10	English - Wide Reading	Ongoing
Year 11	Modern History - Historical Investigation Presentation	Week 6
	Half Yearly Exams	Week 5
	SLR - Game assessment	Week 7
	Food Technology - Nutrition Assessment	Week 8
Year 12	Standard English - Wlifred Owen Assessment	Week 7
	Modern History - MacArthur Liftout	Week 6
	Food Technology - Food Product Assessment	Week 8
	SLR - Game Assessment	Week 6

Grip Leadership Day

On Monday 4th May, Year 6 and SRC went to Tamworth. At Tamworth we learned about how to be a better and mature leader. To start off our day, our host and leader Ronan started with a game of paper, scissors, rock, but it wasn't just an ordinary game of paper, scissors, rock, it was "the biggest game in the world" because there was approximately 400 students.

Ronan then got us to play a game called "Ultimate Name Bingo". This is where you are given some questions, and had to move among the rest of the students and find those who had the answers to your questions. It gave everyone an opportunity to mingle with the rest of the larger groups.

After that Rachel displayed how to stand up when:- there is an opportunity, for what is right, and how to stand up for others and for ourselves. Also sensible ways for leaders to stand up for themselves by answering the questions maturely and correctly. By the time that the activity was finished it was morning tea. Soon after morning tea ended we had a loud noise boy performance where you have to be extremely loud and learn at the same time. About 10-15 minutes later we learnt about generosity, and how to be generous with our triple T's (Time, Treasure and Talent).

When this was done Kristie gave us a taste of how to help people when they are having trouble, when they're down and a range of other things. That activity took about 10 minutes and by then it was already lunch. After this we had the job to "Look For Opportunities To Lead".

From that we moved on to the loud noise boys again and all I can say is that I know everyone had a bit of a laugh and no one got bored that's for sure. When we got over our laughing, Ronan was back and explained how we could develop our leadership plan. But that wasn't it, the loud noise boys were back for a grand finale, and to be honest it was probably the best performance they performed for us.

The day was a great experience for everyone, a lot of fun was had and we all came home with better skills on leadership and helping others.



by
Ebony Lodge



Year 8 Viking Shields



Please join us for the

OPENING NIGHT

Of the Combined Coolah Schools

ART SHOW



Opening Night– **Friday 29th May 2015 from 6-7pm at Pandora Gallery**

Children's works from the Coolah Preschool, Sacred Heart School and Coolah Central School will be on display in the Pandora Gallery from the 20th May to 20th June 2015. The opening night showcases our children's works to the public. Some artworks will be for sale.

Prizes will be given on the night for 1st, 2nd and Highly Commended in the following categories:

Preschool age, Sacred Heart- Kindy– Year 2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6;

Coolah Central School– Kindy-Year2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6, Year 7-8, Year 9-10 and Year 11-12.

Please bring your family and a plate of nibbles to share. Raffle will be run by Coolah Preschool. Tickets available on the night, at Pandora Gallery or at Coolah Preschool. Please note this is an Alcohol Free Night.



11-17 May 2015

Law and Justice in your Community

THE ENVIRONMENT & YOU

Join Mr John McCaffrey, as he discusses environmental law with a focus on mining and gas exploration in the local area and the impacts on personal property.

COOLAH LIBRARY

11.30am Tuesday 12 May 2015

Free Information Session

Morning Tea provided

RSVP: 6377 1910



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10am – 2pm

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Panorama Ave, Bathurst

Dress: Casual clothing.

Food: BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

See your Careers Advisor for a Registration Form or register your interest at:

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