



Coonamble Public School



Thursday 17th May 2018

Term 2 Week 3

We acknowledge the school is built on Wailwan land and the home to many Gamilaroi families.



Dates for the Calendar

- 17/05/2018 - **NAPLAN** - Language, Writing
- 18/05/2018 - **NAPLAN** reading
- 18/05/2018 - Walk Safely to School Day
- 18/05/2018 - Assembly 10.45 - Kinder Hosting - 6F Item
- 21/05/2018 - **NAPLAN** - Numeracy
- 25/05/2018 - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- 28/05/2018 - Monday - PUPIL FREE DAY

2018 Attendance Target

Week
2
85%

OUR
GOAL
94%

Attention Parents/Carers!!
 If you have changed your address or
 phone number please advise the office
 and update your details ASAP

Proud and Strong WEEK 2



Back Row: Bayley Platt, Jayden Thurston,
Adda Craig, Beth Underwood, Kymarni Astill,
Mitch Corby, Kaleb Blackhall

Front Row: Travis Jones, Meeah Thurston,
William Peacock, Kahlem Turnbull,
Matty Boney, Rhiley Payne, Harmonii Leonard

From the Principal.....

Dear parents,

It was a very busy week for events and community involvement and then NAPLAN at the end of the week for year 3 and 5. Our students (and I'm sure many parents and carers) will be tired this weekend.

Mother's Day

Thanks to all our mums, grandmas, nannas, aunties and carers who attended our Mother's Day assembly and morning tea last Friday. It was lovely to see our children enjoying morning tea with their caring relatives in the community room. Students always enjoy the opportunity to spend time with their parents/carers at school events.

A big thanks to staff who contributed to the catering of morning tea. It was appreciated by all those who attended. Special mention to Mim (coordinator), Gloria and Justine (cooking, set up) who made this event special for everyone. We are fortunate to have staff with a variety of skills and abilities which they are willing to share for the benefit of all students and families. Thanks to our P&C who had a small mother's day stall on Friday. All gifts were sold in a short time and we apologise to anyone who missed out. We will need to purchase more stock next year.

I hope all our mums, grandmothers, aunties and carers had a lovely day on Sunday and were spoilt.

The Show

Congratulations to all our students who received a certificate or award for their entries in the show this week. There were some incredible pieces of work and about 20 students won something. Thank you to the teachers who provided lessons and creative guidance for students in their class entries. It takes considerable time to present the works appropriately but the end result is worth the effort and the excitement when students see their work displayed is amazing.

Our school display of hands was a great idea and every student and staff member was represented on the tree. It was very impressive and I am sure we will find a place to display it at school. Thanks to Mrs Prentice for co-ordinating our show art efforts this year. It was great.

Congratulations to the students who entered items independently in other sections like lego and photography and won prizes.

We also have talented teachers who entered items and won prizes as well as our singing trio who took out second prize in the busking competition. Well done Coonamble Public School.

It is a wonderful community event that allows everyone to participate and it was good to see families enjoying the fun on Tuesday night. I'm sure many families attended on Wednesday to have fun and look at the exhibitions.

Congratulations to our SLSO Emily Ryan who was named showgirl yesterday. Emily works tirelessly in the community on committees to give the community experiences and opportunities to come together and have some fun. We are glad that Emily is a staff member at our school to support students in their learning.

Outback Arts ~ Waste To Art winners for the second year!!

It's been a week of winning for Coonamble Public School. Last Thursday I had the honour of attending the function to celebrate the Waste to Art competition run by Outback Arts. Our entry from K-6MJ of the Anzac Wreath won first prize in its' category. It was a stunning sculpture and looked amazing on the wall. It will now be entered at the regional level of the competition. K-6MJ also entered a giant lamington sculpture which was impressive.

It is great that our students have opportunities to participate and be successful in local events and activities. Learning takes many forms and the creative arts is an important part of a well balanced curriculum.

Cross Country

Tuesday was perfect weather for our cross country. All students participated in the event and again, it was lovely to have so many families and friends of students present to cheer them on. A number of students will now progress to the zone cross country at Quambone on Wednesday 30th May and notes will go home to those students who qualify. Even though the competition side of cross country is for students who are 8 years and over, it is wonderful that we run it for the whole school (including preschool) as students benefit from the experience and feel part of the school. It promotes healthy lifestyles and is good exercise for all. So many students I spoke to were excited to get a place and very proud of themselves for completing the course. Well done everyone.

Staffing

- Ms Wendy Smith will be working 4 days per week from next week. She will be away each Friday. Miss Rebecca Hunter who works in stage 3 will take 5S on Fridays.
- Mrs Lorraine Keen will also reduce her work hours to 4 days per week from this week and will not work on Fridays. Mrs Keen is the hub teacher in stage 2 and will continue in this role.
- Ms Lorraine King is on leave for a few weeks and we wish her all the best. We look forward to her return later in the term.
- Mr Dave Kershaw finishes his time as an SLSO this week. Dave is training to be a teacher and he will complete his final internship at the high school until the end of term and then he will be a qualified teacher from term 3. Dave has been working with stage 2 and then across the school as SLSO since the beginning of this year and we thank him for the support of our students. We also wish him all the best with his teaching career.

Students bringing personal items to school

I would like to remind all students and their families that valuables including toys should not be brought to school. We cannot be responsible when personal items are lost or stolen at school and it is difficult to resolve the issues around this.

If children want to bring an item for news or to show in class for a specific reason, please organise it with the teacher beforehand and either come in with your child and then take it home or arrange for the teacher to lock it away during the day.

Balls for soccer, football or netball cannot be brought from home. The school has balls for all games and sport and students are to use these when playing. Students **do** bring their own handballs.

Personal items cannot be traded or "sold" to other students at school. Students keep their own property and spend any money that parents give them for the purpose it was given e.g. at the canteen.

We would appreciate it if parents could talk to their children about these things and help them understand why this is the rule at school.

Connecting To Country – staff professional development

Our next session will be held in the yarning circle at our school this Thursday and we will share a meal followed by studying the night sky through telescopes and learning about the Aboriginal understanding of the stars.

It is wonderful that all staff at both schools can join together to learn more about the Aboriginal culture in general but the Coonamble local traditions. Many thanks to the Senior Leaders in each school, The AECG and local residents who have contributed to make our experiences authentic and meaningful.

STUDENTS WILL NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON MONDAY 28th MAY 2018. IT IS OUR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Teachers will be at school learning strategies to support and manage aggressive and potentially aggressive behaviour. All staff including non teaching SLSOs, general assistants and office staff will participate in the training.

We know that some families will need to make arrangements for students to accommodate this change. Please advise me if you have any concerns about this or require assistance.

Buses have been notified of the change.

I welcome parents with concerns, questions and issues to contact me so that I can explain or resolve issues quickly. It is difficult to resolve issues if I am unaware of them. Our school welcomes input and involvement of parents on many levels.

Have a great week

Annette

Annette Thomson
Principal

Cross Country 2018



Mothers Day Morning Tea 2018





CPS Coonamble Show Display 2018



Awards Week 2



Best Listeners

Shapharli Benton
Jay Newham

Playground Awards

Claire Blattman
Beth Underwood

Buddy Bonus

Maison Arrowsmith Jordan Briar, David Jones
Brax Blattman, Harmonii Leonard,
Destiny Wright

Bronze

Back Row: Bayley Platt, Shalaykah Leonard, , Shane Jones,

Middle Row: Kale Walker, Raegan Fernando, Teake Slack-Smith, Sapphirrah Boney, Montanna Russell, Tarni Smith, Destiny Wright, Shirleena Fernando-Roberts, Paige Kinsela, Jacinta Kinsela, Keechan Richards

Front Row: Bradley Turnbull, William Byrne, Jurnee Smith, Rhylee Astill, Rilee Harris, Ashton Dunn-Blackhall, Kalarni Slack-Smith, Nevaeh Leonard, Elizabeth Smith, Noah Thurston, Koopa Byrne



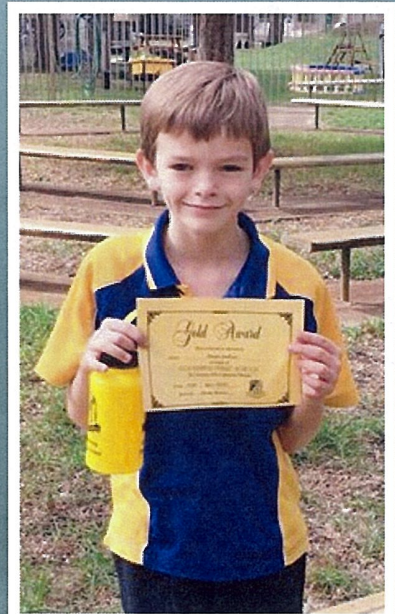
Gold

Cooper Jackson



Silver

Kiyara Lacrosse, Aylessa Davis,
Tiara-Ray South





FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 18 May 2018. Now in its 19th year, it is a campaign and annual event when all primary school children, their parents and carers are encouraged to walk and commute regularly and safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to the long-term and costly risks of heart disease and diabetes etc.. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

The Objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- * To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- * To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- * To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- * To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians
- * To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- * To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- * To promote the use of public transport

How your School and Council can be involved (detailed information is at walk.com.au):

Enclosed is the WSTD kit which contains stickers and posters for school and council noticeboards. We ask that every student wears a sticker on the day to help promote this important community event. Other ideas include:

- Use the teachers' tool-kit and publish our information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and around school (print more from our web-site)
- Print and colour in the online poster
- Ask your P&C and council to help promote and support the campaign and event
- Host a Healthy Breakfast (ask your P&C, council and local businesses to sponsor a breakfast at your school)
- Tell your parents, friends, carers, teachers and local businesses about the event
- Encourage parents or carers who have to drive, to park at least 1km away and walk to school
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador and assist with publicity
- Complete the online questionnaire
- Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Thank you for your support and participation.
Pedestrian Council of Australia



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

WALK.COM.AU



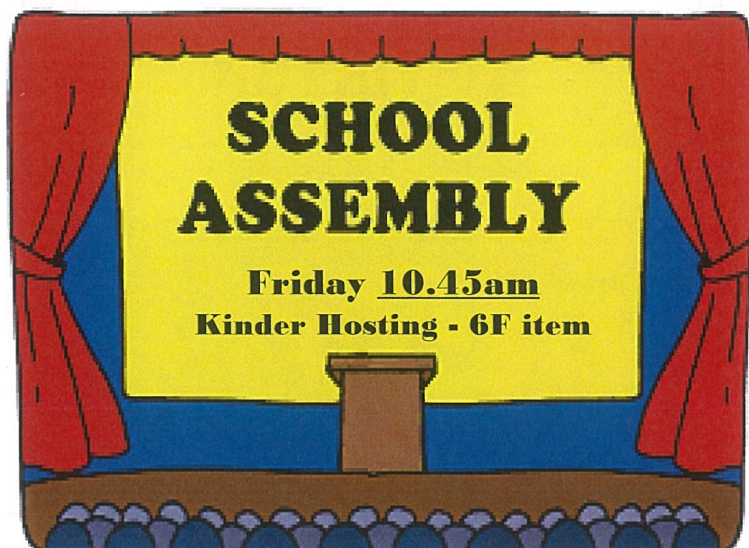
SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



Friday 18th May

- West side - 8.20am meeting **Mrs Gray** at the SES Headquarters in Aberford Street
- East side - 8.20am meeting **Mrs Parsons** at Smith Park netball courts

We will then all meet at the Coonamble Swimming Pool and finish the walk to school together. Parents/Carers and other family members are all welcome to come along.



Attention Parents/Carers!!

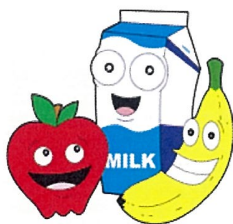
If you have changed your address
or phone number please advise the

P&C News

Next P&C Meeting.....

Tuesday 12th
June
5.30pm
CPS Staffroom

primaryschoolpandc@gmail.com



Canteen

Jasmin Fernando

8.30am - 2.15pm

Phone 6822 2817

Community News

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY



"If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family. Our daughter has a sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad."
Nicole, three-time host mum

CAN YOU HOST ME?

EMAIL SYLVIAKELLY@WEP.ORG.AU
CALL 1300 884 733
SMS 0428 246 633

WEP IS LOOKING FOR AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES.

HOST A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT!

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN OTHER CULTURES, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! REMEMBER, SOMETIMES THE GREATEST REWARDS IN LIFE COME FROM DOING THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

CONTACT WEP ON 1300 884 733 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



MAEVA D

16 from Belgium

"Mature, organised and quite a perfectionist, I would like to become a paediatrician when I am older so I can save children's lives. I hope my host family will show me the true Australian way of living."



NICOLO F

16 from Italy

"Ciao from Italy! My friends say I am big-hearted, sensible and always available to help and listen. My biggest passion is fashion. I also love art in general, books and movies."

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AVAILABLE AT
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SO
MUCH
FUN



THURSDAY 24TH MAY 6.00PM

TRIVIA FUN

COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL P&C

COONAMBLE
GOLF CLUB

PIZZA
AVAILABLE
AT CLUB



\$10.00 PER
PERSON
6 PEOPLE PER
TEAM
GREAT PRIZES

Community News

CANTEEN MANAGERS AND STAFF
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A...

NSW HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN WORKSHOP

BROKEN HILL
The Demo Club
Wed 6 June - 11am-2pm

COONAMBLE
Coonamble Bowling Club
Tues 19 June - 11am-2pm

ORANGE
Orange City Bowling Club
Thurs 21 June - 11am-2pm

DUBBO
Dubbo Golf Club
Mon 18 June - 11am-2pm

PARKES
Parkes Services Club
Wed 20 June - 11am-2pm

BATHURST
Panthers Bathurst
Fri 22 June - 11am-2pm

In 2018, this series of interactive workshops led by a Accredited Practising Dietitian will... Refresh of knowledge and understanding of the new NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

Provide an opportunity for those attending to review their school canteen menu and update it to align with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. There will be lots of tips and tricks to help out with purchase and supply of healthy food and market a healthy canteen!

Participants who travel more than 100 km one way will be eligible to receive a fuel card

There are up to \$750 of HOUSE VOUCHERS for canteens to receive as part of a menu check process - details will be provided upon registration!

RSVP
14 May 2018

TO REGISTER COMPLETE AN ONLINE FORM
AT: www.surveymonkey.com/r/nswcanteenworkshop

LUNCH will be provided.
Each canteen will receive a GIFT!

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Boarding Schools Expo

NSW EXHIBITORS

Abbotsleigh
Ascham School
Barker College
Calverley Anglican School Tamworth
Canberra Girls Grammar School
Canberra Grammar School
Cranswick
Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
Frensham
Huntstone Agricultural High School
Kambilla
Kinross-Willemore School
Kinross Willemore School
Knox Grammar School
Loreto Normanhurst
Macquarie Anglican Grammar MAGS
New England Girls' School NEGS
Newington College
PLC Armidale
PLC Sydney
Pymore Ladies' College
Ravenswood School for Girls
Red Bend Catholic College
Saint Ignace's College, Riverina
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
St Scholastica's College
St Stanislaus' College
Scots - All Saints' Bathurst
Shore
Tara Anglican School for Girls
The Armidale School TAS
The King's School
The Scots College, Sydney
The Scots School Albany
Wentworth
Yanco Agricultural High School
Isolated Children's Parents' Assoc. (ICPA NSW)
OLD EXHIBITORS
Anglican Church Grammar School
Brisbane Boys' College
Cayfield College
Dalby State High School
Downlands College
Fairholme College
John Paul College
St Hilary's School
St Joseph's Nudgee College
St Margaret's Anglican Girls School
St Peter's Lutheran College
Semenoville House
Stuartholme School
The Glenis School
The Scots PGC College
Toowoomba Anglican College (TACAPS)
VIC EXHIBITORS
Assumption College
Gonzaga FCJ College
Methodist Ladies' College MLC
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Xavier College
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2018 EXPOS

DUBBO EXPO Fri 18 May, 12.30 - 6.00pm	Dubbo Convention Centre Sat 19 May, 9.30 - 2.30pm
GRIFFITH POP-UP Thu 14 June 12.30pm - 6.30pm	Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club 12.30pm - 6.30pm
WAGGA WAGGA EXPO Fri 15 June, 12.30 - 6.00pm	Bolton Park Stadium Sat 16 June, 9.30 - 2.30pm
NARRABRI EXPO Fri 27 July, 12.30 - 6.00pm	Crossing Theatre Sat 28 July, 9.30 - 1.30pm

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SUBSIDISED FOR PREVENTION OF YOUTH SUICIDE

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

for those working with young people - 18-25 (Gatekeeper Training)

Half-Day WORKSHOP

Attendees will examine:

- Current Australian trends and statistics pertaining to child and adolescent suicide
- Protective factors, risk factors and warning signs of suicide to respond appropriately
- Proactive strategies and methods to improve the wellbeing of young people
- Listening, questioning and rapport building skills
- Conducting safe interventions with young people and effective methods of referral

Leading cause of death in young people aged 15 - 25.

Prevention starts by recognising warning signs and taking them seriously.

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MPREC

Dates: Friday 22nd June 2018
Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Cost: FREE
Venue: Coonamble Bowling Club
Aberford Street Coonamble
Catering: Tea and coffee will be provided

To REGISTER contact
Trish Butler, MPREC
0432 730 175
trishb@mprec.org.au

Awaken Youth Pty Ltd is endorsed to provide QTC Registered Professional Development for teachers accredited at Proficient Teacher.

Completing the Gatekeeper Training Full Day Workshop will contribute 3 hours of QTC registered PD addressing 4.4.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

Sign On

Hand and Sign Communication Services - NSW

Key Word Sign

New South Wales

KEY WORD SIGN BASIC WORKSHOP (FORMALLY MAKATON)

Learn how to use Key Word Sign, natural gesture and other strategies to communicate with your client or child.

9:00am to 3:30pm, Saturday 30th June 2018
Panthers Bathurst 132 Piper St Bathurst

Presented by: **Meagan Rudd** Dip. Auslan - Key Word Sign NSW presenter & tutor
Meagan has worked in special education at both primary & secondary levels with children & young adults with complex communication difficulties relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome & hearing impairment. She also has a Diploma of Auslan.

This workshop covers the use of Key Word Sign and natural gesture to assist individuals who have difficulties with receptive and/or expressive communication.

It is relevant for anyone living or working with a person with communication difficulties such as family members, education and medical professionals, teacher assistants, child care workers & volunteers. No signing experience necessary.

This workshop will enable participants to:

- explain the difference between Key Word Sign, Auslan and Signed English
- competently produce at least 80 signs
- select vocabulary for individual clients
- have an understanding of sign production techniques
- know where to find resources and follow up support in the use of key word sign and natural gesture
- be eligible to receive a Key Word Sign Basic Workshop certificate from Key Word Sign NSW

Completing the Key Word Sign Basic Workshop will contribute 5 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 1.2.2, 1.4.2, 1.6.2, 2.1.2, 2.5.2 & 4.1.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

Tea, coffee, lunch, a copy of "Getting Started with Key Word Sign" (Key Word Sign Australia reference book) and a resource package of presentation notes and reference material, are provided.

Registrations close: **Thursday 21st June** (Registration is essential as places are limited). To register, please complete & return the attached registration form.

Fee: \$210 for professionals, or \$150 for family members/guardians of a child or adult with communication difficulties.

For further information, contact Meagan Rudd
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Find us on [facebook.com/signoncommunication](https://www.facebook.com/signoncommunication)

WORKSHOPS MAY BE CANCELLED IF LESS THAN 8 PARTICIPANTS ARE REGISTERED