PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thanks to Mr Prior
During the first two weeks of this term I was on long service leave and Mr Prior relieved as principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work, commitment and dedication during this time. We are most fortunate to have Mr Prior working at the school.

Snow Clean Up
The school is still in the process of working with a number of approved contractors to clean up the extensive tree damage on both sites. As a result of the high volume of work around the Lithgow area it could take a number of weeks before the work is completed. Areas deemed unsafe will continued to be zoned out of bounds until the work is complete.

New Assistant Principals
It is with great pleasure that I can announce the appointment of two new Assistant Principals to commence work at the start of the 2015 school year. Congratulations to Mrs Naomi Morrow and Mrs Donna Quinn who were successful through the Merit Selection process recently. Mrs Morrow has extensive teaching and leadership experience and has worked in a number of schools throughout her successful career. Mrs Quinn has had a high level of experience working in a variety of roles including Teacher, Consultant, and Community Liaison officer over many years.

I am looking forward to introducing the new executive teachers to the students, staff and community in the coming weeks. The expertise and professional experiences that both Mrs Morrow and Mrs Quinn will bring to Cooerwull Public School will benefit the school greatly. On behalf of the school I would like to welcome them both and wish them success, happiness and fulfilment in their new roles.

General Assistant
Mrs Colleen Brownlow commenced at the school this term as the new General Assistant. Mrs Brownlow brings expertise in horticulture and has already commenced work in the gardens and ensuring that the maintenance
of the school is kept to a high standard. I would like to publicly welcome Mrs Brownlow to the school.

**Canberra Success**

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students for their outstanding behaviour during the Canberra excursion. Miss McConnell, Miss Snow, Mr Foster, Miss Roberts and the parent volunteers did a fabulous job looking after, guiding, supervising, organising and ensuring the safety of our students throughout the trip.

**Positive Attendance at School**

It is essential that students attend school every day and maintain a consistent approach to regular attendance. Term 4 is a time when students consolidate their learning for the year and begin the transition into the next stage. Keep a positive attitude towards school and remember that for every day a student is away it can take considerable time to catch up. If you need support with your child’s attendance please contact the school to make an appointment with either Mr Snow or Mr Prior.

**Check the Calendar and Claim the Days**

Term 4 is always an exciting and busy time of the school year. Please check out the school calendar and claim the days for the many celebrations and events being held at the school.

Have a wonderful week,
Mr Mark Snow
Principal

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK…………COURTESY**

- **Courteous is being polite and having good manners.**
- **When you are courteous you make requests instead of demands.**
- **Courteous is greeting and treating others with respect.**

**CRAZY DAY PROMOTION FOR THE P&C FETE!!**

A crop of crazy cuts, colours, curls and caps covered Cooerwull’s catwalk under our Cola for the annual ‘Crazy Hat and Hair day’. Students supported our P&C Fete by donating a block of chocolate or bag of lollies. Our school Fete will be held in Week 6 on Friday 14th November. Congratulations kids, carers and our community for supporting Cooerwull. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!**

**READY AND SET TO GO>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>**

Next years Kindy students at Ready Set Go with Deputy Mr Prior.

Today was the first day of the Kindergarten transition program READY SET GO. We would like to extend a warm welcome to those existing families as well as the large amount of new families to our school. There were smiles all round as the youngsters were captivated by Mrs McKinney and Mrs Willison. Deputy Principal Dave Prior lead a procession of parents on a tour of the school while the first session was underway.

**KINDY STUDENTS CREATIVITY**

Students from K4 have been collecting recycling materials from home to design and create their very own toys! Students spent the morning session using a variety of resources. Their imagination ran wild with many demonstrating design and creative flair!!

**MORE OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS**

Once again Cooerwull students have excelled in the University of NSW International Competitions. Students participated in the Mathematics Competition and were
tested on Algebra and Patterns, Chance and Data, Measures and Units, Number and Arithmetic and Space and Geometry.

Congratulations to the following students;
Year 6: Heather Sy – Distinction
Logan McManus – Participation
Year 5: Seamus Kearney – Participation
Year 4: Jai Morgan – Credit
Wei Qi Yin – Credit
Year 3: Sarah Mantle – Participation

Principal Mr Snow and Mr Peter Harvey with our Mathematics stars

SNOW DAY...By Elijah Garland K3
On Tuesday night it was snowing. The flakes were beautiful. On Wednesday morning I looked out my window and there was snow everywhere. There was no power or anything! We didn't go to school! I was so excited and happy. I wore my warm clothes to play snowball fights. It was so cold I shivered. I built a snowman and named him Olaf. I made it with two snowballs and used buttons for the eyes and a carrot for the nose. Then I went to bed. I loved the snow, I hope it comes again. I had a wonderful time! They came and fixed our power.

Term 4 Library News
Welcome to another busy term in the library. Please save the following dates in your diary!
28th November – Christmas Book Fair
Due to the success of our Education Week Book Fair we have decided to hold another Scholastic Book Fair. This will be a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!! Students will need to bring some money in to purchase a book. The price range is from $5 to $30. Parents are welcome to attend!
The fair will be open from 9.00-10.00am in the Primary Library where Primary classes will be able to purchase books.
The Infants students will be able to purchase books in the Infants Library from 2.00-3.00pm.
Please support our book fair as we will be putting our commission on sold books towards our school I-pad fund.

1st December – Library Stock take
All library books will need to be returned by this date for the annual stock take. Please search your home for any missing books and return them to the school by the 1st December. Any lost books will need to be paid for at the office. Overdue notices will be sent out in a few weeks time.

During Term 4 in the library Stage 3 have been involved in 'The Genius Hour'.
This is a project related to something that they are interested in. Students are able to make, create, and invent something that they want during library time.
We have all created our own websites and we are now designing, creating, uploading images and information on a topic that we are interested in.
For further information regarding the genius hour you might like to look at this website:
http://www.geniushour.com/

NOT ONLY CAN SHE TEACH, BE AN ACCOMPLISHED LIBRARIAN......... SHE CAN DANCE!! MRS HOWELL IS A WOMAN OF MANY TALENTS. AS A FULLY QUALIFIED GROUP EXERCISE INSTRUCTOR THROUGH FITNESS AUSTRALIA SHE PUTS THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CAMPUS’ THROUGH THEIR PACES WEEKLY. STUDENTS AND STAFF ALL GET INVOLVED!! THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN SEEING KIDS EXERCISING AND SINGING WITH HUGE SMILES ON THEIR FACES ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN THE SUNSHINE!!!
LITHGOW COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA EXTRAVAGANZA
On Sunday 9th November Cooerwull will be hosting a community concert in the school hall. The Lithgow Orchestra in conjunction with Cooerwull’s P & C will hold a spring concert showcasing the talent of our local musicians.

There will be a mix of music from popular movie themes to Mozart and Beethoven. Afternoon tea will be provided and the concert kicks off at 3pm with tickets just $15, kids are free. Peter Avery has remarked on the amazing acoustics in our hall, well worth a listen!!

NEXT MEETING IS TODAY TUESDAY 28TH AT 5PM ALL WELCOME!

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