PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

New School Shirt
The first order of the new school shirts has arrived at the school and will be sent home this Wednesday. I would like to thank Mrs Bodnar, Mrs Lane and the uniform committee for all of their hard work with organising the sale of the shirt.

Ready for high school
Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days. Watch the videos: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7

Carols Cancellation
Unfortunately the school has had to cancel the planned Carols Evening this evening. We apologise for any inconvenience that this decision may cause. However, we would like to encourage families to support the junior choir at the Chocolate Wheel at Cook Street Plaza this Thursday evening.

JUNIOR CHOIR PRACTICING HARD WITH MRS AULD

Student Progress Reports
Reports will be sent home on Monday the 15th of December. Teachers have been working very hard to complete the progress reports and I have enjoyed reading the thoughtful and caring comments. This is a time for parents/carers to sit with their child and have a positive discussion about the school year. A focus on the positive is very important and also to highlight an area for improvement next year. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s report please contact the school to make an appointment with the teacher.

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays
Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child’s hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit: http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html

Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 6

Year 6 students will soon be leaving the school for the last time as they move on to High School and for some families this will be end of a significant chapter in their lives with all family members leaving Cooorwull. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish all of Year 6 and their families all the best for the future.

Thank you for supporting the staff over many years.

Term 1 2015- Important Dates
School resumes for students on the following dates:
- Years 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday 28th of January 2015.
Kindergarten students will take part in the Best Start Assessments during Week 1 and a time has been provided to all parents/carers.

Kindergarten will then start as a group on Monday the 2nd of February 2015.

Please contact the K-2 campus on 63 525053 if you have any questions regarding Kindergarten 2015.

Happy Holiday Season
I would like to wish everyone a joyful, happy and safe holiday and please take the time to enjoy the company of family and friends over the festive season. Congratulations to everyone for a fantastic 2014.

Have a great week.
Mr Mark Snow
Principal

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK………….COURAGE

Courage is doing something that needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary.

Courage is needed in trying new things.

When you are courageous you bounce back and go on when life has been difficult for you. You admit mistakes and then do the right thing.

Courage is not doing dangerous activities or being foolhardy (e.g., jumping into shallow water to impress your friends).

KINDERGARTEN ALL SET TO GO FOR 2015

Week 8 saw the finale of the Ready – Set – Go Program for 2014. These little dynamite kids have graduated with flying colours and will be joining us at CPS next year in Kindergarten. Kindergarten teachers Mrs McKinney and Mrs Lang are delighted with the number of new students enrolled and are keen to kick off 2015. Families and friends gathered after the final session of the program for a BBQ in the glorious playground and kids were excited to receive a bag of goodies to get them started including a free school broad brimmed hat!! Thanks to Assistant Principal Dave Prior for his hard work coordinating the program. Cooerwull extends a warm welcome to all the new students and their families.

LIBRARY NEWS - CHRISTMAS TECHNOLOGY BOOK FAIR AGAIN A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Book Fair. Once again students were able to purchase some beautiful books for Christmas. We raised another $500 to go towards the school I-pad fund so it was a very successful fundraiser.

OVERDUE BOOKS AND INFANTS STOCKTAKE

The stocktake in the Infants library ran very smoothly. However, there are still a number of books missing from the shelves though so please have one more good look at home for any overdue books and return them to the library. Overdue notices will be sent out again this week.

Thank you to the whole school community for supporting the library throughout the year and we wish you all a merry Christmas!!!! Mrs Howell and Mrs Manhood

TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT BAND VISIT

Cooerwull Schools newly formed concert band had something to aspire to after witnessing an unbelievable performance by the visiting Turramurra school. The Year 6 Concert Band thrilled our students with renditions of ‘Let it Go’ from Frozen, ‘The Circle of Life’ from The Lion King and popular Queen songs. Principal Mr Snow was overwhelmed with the professionalism of the staff and students performance and received a hearty thank you from the school.

“You’re school motto Manners Maketh Man described the incredibly polite and well-mannered students of your school. You could have heard a pin drop while they waited for the band to play. They set a very high standard and are a credit to your school. Thank you to
the wonderful students who helped us to set up and pack up for our performance our students were thrilled to receive a souvenir pen and we hope we have inspired some more Cooerwull students to play an instrument.”

ART SHOW PROVED TO BE A HIT

At Cooerwull this year there has been a heavy influence on Creative Arts. All students were given the opportunity to display their very own masterpieces to family and friends recently, which saw the hall turned into a splendid gallery of colour and talent. A steady stream of visitors flowed into the hall to witness the magnificent display. P&C’s Treasurer Michael Officen cook up a storm at the sausage sizzle and homemade goodies by Chris and Kel completed the affair! Great job to all, especially Assistant Principal Mr Prior for this fabulous idea!!

RECYCLING WITH PURPOSE!!!

Class 5/6F have created some magnificent Christmas decorations. Using old used exercise books the class created wreaths and decorations to display and take home.

COOERWULL’S WORLD RENOWNED SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY

The Canteen will be sizzling again this Friday at both Junior and Senior sites. An end of year sausage and bread will be available for just $2. An order form will go home today, please return to either canteen.

After finishing our studies on Rainforests, class 56F built a 3D model of a rainforest. We used cardboard leaves and sticks found on the school grounds. We also used plasticine, egg cartons, paper and a pencil, bark and strings. The model took 5 days to make. Luckily we managed to finish it on time and Mrs Mundy took a picture. The best thing about this project was that the whole class contributed. IT WAS FUN
By Kapisi Togia

FAREWELL TO OUR FABULOUS YEAR 6 STUDENTS

This years Year 6 students will be sorely missed as the move on to their Secondary education next year. They have been nothing but a pleasure and have provided the younger students with some solid foundations for leadership. They have been outstanding role models throughout their Cooerwull school life and we wish them all the best. Students are moving onto various High Schools but the majority are heading to Lithgow High School where recently they participated in a transition day. Some students are a little nervous but spending the day there seemed to relieve a little anxiety!!

QUICKSMART MATHEMATICS PROGRAM

QuickSmart is a programme designed to help students to learn addition, subtraction, multiplication
and division facts. It also teaches a six step problem solving method to help students better understand how to work through word problems. Fourteen of our students have participated in QuickSmart this year, and they have found it has helped with their classwork. Most of them have gained confidence in their mathematical ability. Some children have learned all of the times tables up to 12 x 12! The QuickSmart students work in pairs and each lesson ends with a game. The program has had outstanding results and will continue next year.

**P&C PIPELINE**

The P & C held their last meeting for 2014 on Tuesday 2nd December. Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual fete a success. All proceeds raised will go towards various programs at the school. Our Christmas Calendars have again been very successful with approximately $500 raised. Thanks Kellie Morcom for all you hard work! As in previous years Cooerwull School is participating in the Christmas Chocolate Wheel with Lithgow Public and Zig Zag Schools. This event will be held on Thursday 11th & 18th of December at Cook Street Plaza. As this a joint effort Cooerwull is required to provide helpers to sell tickets. The Carols begin at 5.30pm and goes for less than 2 hours. If you could help out at this event please contact Alison Preston on 0438 854 843. Lastly, Thank you to everyone who has helped at any of our events held in 2014, many hands make light work! If you are interested in helping the hard working P&C next year our first meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 3rd February at 5pm.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!**

**CHRISTMAS CHEER TO END THE YEAR >>>>>>>>>>>>>**

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