PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Generous Donation to Support the Concert Band
Mr Ross Higgins, from Higgins Lawyers Lithgow, made a donation of $2500 to the Concert Band last week. This generous donation will go a long way towards providing new equipment and uniforms for the band. The school would like to thank Mr Higgins for his ongoing support of the school.

K-2 FROLIC SUCCESS

Our Infants frolic was held last Thursday and the Lithgow High School hall was ablaze with colour, movement and an incredible atmosphere! All the children looked wonderful in their costumes. A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and friends who joined in the dancing and supported the evening. The Macarena, Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance and The Nutbush were still amongst the favourites for the students and staff. Also, thanks you to Lithgow High School, for the use of their hall and to ‘Party Boutique’ for supplying our balloon decorations. We all had a wonderful time, going home tired and happy. Well done to Mrs Willison and the K-2 Team for a fantastic event.

2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
The 2013 Annual School Report can be found on the school website at www.cooerwull-p.schools.nsw.edu.au If you would like a printed copy they are available at both the Junior and Senior School Offices.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD BOOK FOR YOUNG KIDS?

BEST START REPORTS
The Best Start Assessment provides teachers with a great deal of information about kindergarten students when they commenced school. Parents would have received the Best Start Report last week and this report will provide relevant information about the assessment which was carried out during the first week of school. Students have made steady progress since this assessment and if any parents have questions regarding their child’s report please contact the school to make an appointment with the teacher.

MANAGING DEPRESSION
One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O’Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children
REWARD DAY – GREEN IS GO!
Students will be provided with a reward day on Wednesday the 9th April for maintaining “Green Level” throughout the term. A jumping castle/slide will be the reward and it will be a great deal of fun. To assist the school with ensuring that your child is invited to attend please encourage them to continue to respect themselves, respect others and respect their environment. At Cooerwull Public School we always strive to remember “The Golden Rule” and treat others the way we would like to be treated.

HELPING KIDS LEARN HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find more at: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

ATTENDANCE IS ON TRACK
The start to 2014 has been very pleasing with the school attendance data indicating that we are at 96.2% for the first nine weeks of school. This is an increase of 3% on the same time last year. I would like to thank the school community for working hard to make regular attendance at school a high priority.

KIDS AND PHONE BILLS
How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It’s called “bill shock”, and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month. Find more at: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/avoiding-bill-shock

TERM 2 STARTING DATES
- Staff will return to school on Monday 28th of April for a professional learning day.
- Students return on Tuesday 29th April.

A GREAT START TO THE YEAR
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the school community for their ongoing support of the school this term. The school has had an excellent start to the year and I am looking forward to continuing the partnership during Term 2. Have a great week.

Mr Mark Snow
Principal

A SCHOOL IN HARMONY.........

Harmony Day was a day of celebration at Cooerwull Public School last week where the message was “Everyone Belongs”. Students were able to dress in Orange with the Infants and Primary students coming together as one. After a combined recess, senior students paired up with the juniors to make a Harmony Butterfly. Together they cut out and coloured in handshapes! It was wonderful to see the whole school working together. The Butterflies have been on display beneath the electronic sign on the school hall wall and certainly catch your eye!!

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT TOMORROW >>>>>>
Don’t forget the Senior Citizens Concert is on tomorrow from 10-11am in the Primary Hall. This is always a highlight on our school calendar. Come along and be entertained by performances the students have been practicing all Term!!!

LIONS DONATE HEARING SPEAKER SYSTEM
Cooerwull Public School would like to thank the ‘Lithgow Lions Club’ who has kindly donated a hearing speaker system for one of our classrooms. Teacher Emma Smith approached the Lions Club after she found out about a student with a hearing impairment in her class.
Harrison Honey is a Year 1 student at Cooerwull Public School who has had a rough start to life medically and now unfortunately suffers from a mild hearing loss. The speaker system will assist Harrison and his fellow classmates to hear better which will in turn improve results in their education. The system is a welcome enhancement in the classroom and teacher Miss Emma Smith has seen great enjoyment in the eyes of all students and also improved listening in all, especially Harrison!!! Cooerwull Public School is very grateful for this donation and the support of the Lithgow Lions Club.

SUCCESSFUL LHS INFORMATION SESSION
After another well received information session, Cooerwull parents requested the Lithgow High School “Meet the Principal” morning tea and school walk dates be available in the newsletter. Make a booking now for Term 2.
- 5th May
- 26th May
- 23rd June

YEAR 2 WRITING DESCRIPTIONS
CHEETAH
I AM A FAST MEAN CHEETAH. I LIVE IN A SPOOKY SCAREY CAVE. MY FUR IS CAMOFLAUGE. MY EYES ARE RED AND SPOOKY. MY POISONOUS FANGS ARE BLACK. MY CLAWS HURT PEOPLE WHEN I TOUCH THEM. I AM REALLY MEAN.

BY LEVI HOW YEAR 2

CANTEEN KIDS
Chris and Kel from the canteen have had some pint sized helpers - helping out!! Some Year 6 students have volunteered to serve students at recess and lunch to get the queues down quicker and feed more kids!! Well done to those who have put their playtime off to help others!

OUR STARS SHINE AT WESTERN BASKETBALL TRIALS
Cooerwull Public School has always had outstanding success when it comes to Western PSSA sporting selection. Geordie Goodwin, Alayah Lincoln, Luke Thompson, Lachlan Wilson and Cooper Egan have been chosen in the girls and boys Western Basketball side to contest the NSWPSSA State Championships. The boy’s carnival will be held in Bathurst while the girls will travel to play in Albury. These students are no strangers to representative duties and For most of them it is their second or third year representing Western and we wish them all the best at their respective carnivals.

UNIFORM SALE !!!!!!!
THERE WILL BE A UNIFORM SALE NEXT THURSDAY AT THE INFANTS SITE DURING THE EASTER HAT PARADE. THERE IS LIMITED STOCK AND LIMITED SIZES, GOING FOR AS LITTLE AS $2!!!
THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2014 MUSTER DAY

Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, 11am-1pm
Marjorie Jackson Sportsfields (Clubroom)
Juniors plus Senior Men and Women
More Information contact
Lorraine Keay 0419 621 426

NET-SET-GO

An introductory program for netball.
8.45am to 9.30am, First Session Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May and will run for 12 weeks. Wallerawang Stadium. $50 fee which includes junior netball pack. Contact Kerrie Brown on 0411 607 287

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