PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome to Term 2
Welcome back to Cooerwull Public School for another exciting and productive term. I hope that everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the break and spend time with their families. I would like to encourage all students to work hard this term and get the most out of school life.

Attendance Success
A special morning tea has been organised for Friday the 16th of May to celebrate outstanding attendance success during Term 1. 44 students achieved 100% attendance and 96 students achieved 96% or above. Well done.

Staff Development Day
The school welcomed 240 staff members from nine local schools last week from the Western Gateway Education Community professional learning day. A variety of workshops were offered and the guest speaker was Wayne Pearce, former International Rugby League star. This was a wonderful day and the organisers from Cooerwull Public School are to be congratulated for their efforts in making the day a success.

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms
Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning. Ask your child for an example, like this one: I prefer a fine tip on my pen.

He gave me a tip for the Melbourne Cup.
Don’t tip the water on the floor.
You gave the waiter a generous tip. For more

Kids, social media and privacy
Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

• 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
• a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
• more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
• young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Have a great week,
Mr Mark Snow
Principal

INFANTS COMES ALIVE AT EASTER...
THE COOERWULL COMMUNICATOR  
Tuesday, 18th March, 2014

The Cooerwull Infants EASTER HAT PARADE is always a colourful event and this year was no different!! Parents and carers gathered as the students proudly paraded their Easter creations. Visitors were then invited to stay for morning tea supplied again by our wonderful canteen staff and volunteers. The P & C raffle fundraiser collected $245 which was tremendous!

SOME DELIGHTFUL INFANTS CREATIONS AND SMILES

HOT HOT HOT...... STUFF FROM THE CANTEEN!!!

The canteen is now selling Hokkein Noodles and Potato Bake. The meals come in sealed aluminium containers and will be $4 each and only at lunchtime.

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT

The last week of Term 1, Cooerwull held its annual Senior Citizens Concert. The capacity crowd was treated to a wide variety of items which included dance, musical bells, ukuleles and even bubbles!! Our solo artists, students from Yr 3 and Yr 6 performed song dance and instrumental acts across a broad range of styles, to the delight of the appreciative audience. Many thanks to Bridget Cama for her help with Choreography and to all the parents who donated items for morning tea and those who helped on the day. Great job again to the canteen ladies!!

COLOUR AND MOVEMENT AT SENIOR CITIZENS

ANZAC DAY IN LITHGOW

Thanks to the many students and parents who braved the cold and damp conditions to march for our school in the local ANZAC Day march during the holidays. Cooerwull was very well represented and looked spectacular in full summer uniform.

HELPING AUSSIE FARMERS >>>> FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

Well done to Yr 6’s Caleb Traish for initiating the “Buy – A- Bale “ Fundraiser last Term . Students came to school dressed in their mufti farm clothes and donated a gold coin. All proceeds collected have been donated to Buy-A-Bale, an organisation supporting our rural communities through the drought. Well done Caleb!! Thanks to Woolworths Lithgow who once again supplied fruit for the occasion.

REWARD DAY WAS GO……GO……GO!!!

Students who maintained Green Level throughout last Term were provided with a “Reward Day”. A jumping castle/slide was erected in the Infants playground with all classes rotating throughout the fun all day. All Term one students were reminded to respect themselves, respect others and respect the environment. The excitement level was high as the students have been
looking forward to this for months. Teachers also got in on the act joining in with their classes for the fun!

LITHGOW HIGH...... VISIT FOR SCIENCE FUN

This year teachers from Lithgow High School will be running a series of Science Workshops at Cooerwull as part of Stage 3’s transition to L.H.S. Last term students were kept mesmerized as they learnt how to make honeycombe and sherbert as a result of a scientific reaction and also the conduction of electricity through steel wool. Students from Hampton also attended the workshop.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MOTHERS DAY STALL

Don’t forget your orders for the Mothers Day Stall this Friday 9th, notes were sent home and gifts are $5 each. Please return your money by tomorrow.

TALENTED COOERWULL ARTIST WINS A NOTEPAD PC FOR THE SCHOOL...

Students from 4/5/6 Mall designed an ad for Westfund as part of a Lithgow Mercury promotion for 9 local businesses. All schools across the WGEC Community entered with Keira Gray chosen as the overall winner. The Notepad will be evenly distributed between classes across the school.

CROSS COUNTRY ON THIS FRIDAY + ATHLETICS DATE

A reminder to all parents that Cooerwull’s Cross Country is on THIS FRIDAY. Students in Year 2 turning 8 this year and all students 3-6 will be attending and will be leaving the Primary Site to walk to the showground at 1pm. The Athletics Carnival will be in week 4, May 29th. The same students will be attending. This is an all day event, students will be walking to the Jim Monaghan Track straight from assembly. This is usually a great day out and parents are invited to come along and cheer the kids on!!!

LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL TOUR DATES:

Ann Caro Principal of LHS has invited parents to tour the school with her at 9.15 on the following dates 26th May, 23rd June and 21st July for this Term. Bookings are essential.

PEACHEY SHIELD CHAMPIONS!!!!

The Cooerwull Open Boys Rugby League team have taken out the Peachey Shield competition held in Portland. On their way to the title they overcame Kandos 8-2, Portland Central 4-1, and Wallerawang Public 4-3. In the semi-final the boys beat Lithgow Primary with the game going to Golden Point. The Final was an intense display from both sides. Oberon Primary were a much bigger and stronger side but were overcome by the determination and courage of the Cooerwull boys. Every team member was outstanding on and off the field. Kyle Cummings was chosen as man of the match in a remarkable team performance.

MORE WESTERN HONOURS FOR COOERWULL

Cooper Egan is the latest Western Representative after being selected as Half Back in the U/11’s Rugby League Team. With brilliant individual and team performances Cooper was the only boy from this area to be chosen. The team will
participate in the NSWPSSA rugby league Championships in Cronulla during June. Well Done Cooper!!

MORE DESCRIPTIVE WRITING FROM YEAR 2

I AM A LIKEABLE GIRL. I HAVE SHORT CURLY BLONDE HAIR. I HAVE SPARKLING GORGEOUS BROWN EYES. I AM GOOD AT BASKETBALL. I LIKE MY DOG PRINCESS

LILLY RICH 2-11

BULB FUNDRAISER COLLECTED $2800 FOR OUR SCHOOL

The P&C would like to thank the school community that supported Term 1 fundraisers. The “That’s Mine Labels” raised $96 and the Bulb orders raised a whopping $2800!! Well done to Hayden Gunn from 1-8 who collected $685. All moNey raised will be put towards the payment to the school of $8000 which will assist in the purchase of playground equipment for the Primary site.

HELPING PROTECT YOUNG LIVES

Ensure your child is as protected as possible! MedicAlert Foundation has designed some really cool Medical Bracelets so you can communicate your childs medical information and special needs in an emergency. Great for students with severe allergies or on medical plans. Information is available from the foyer.

LITHGOW CITY RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

Still looking for boys and girls turning 9 or 10 this year. Contact Nigal Lloyd on 6351 2697 or 0409676019

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| WEEK 3  |        |         |           |          |        |         |
| May 12th|        |         |           |          |        |         |
| 12      | Western Boys Hockey Trials Lithgow | 13      | NAPLAN    | 14      | NAPLAN | 15      |
|         |        |         |           |          |        | Western Touch Footy Trials |
|         |        |         |           | 16      |        | 17/18   |

| WEEK 4  |        |         |           |          |        |         |
|         |        |         |           |          |        |         |
| 19      | Athletics Carnival- Jim Monaghan Field ALL DAY | 20      | 21       | 22      | 23     | 24/25   |
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| WEEK 5  |        |         |           |          |        |         |
| May 26th|        |         |           |          |        |         |
| 26      | LHS SCHOOL TOUR DAY | 27      | 28       | 29      | 30     | 31/1    |
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| WEEK 6  |        |         |           |          |        |         |
| June 2nd|        |         |           |          |        |         |
| 2       |        |         |           |          |        | 7/8     |

| WEEK 7  |        |         |           |          |        |         |
| June 9th|        |         |           |          |        |         |
| 9       |        |         |           |          |        | 14/15   |