PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Staff News
Mr Pangas will be on long service leave for the remainder of the term and has then decided to retire from the teaching service. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish Mr Pangas all the best in his retirement. The Assistant Principal position will be advertised shortly.

Who do I speak with when I need to discuss my child?
When you need to discuss an issue regarding your child please make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher. If you need to discuss the issue further please contact the school to arrange a meeting with the Assistant Principal.
Mr Prior - K-2
Mrs Greer - 3 & 4 (Stage 2)
Mrs McConnell - 5 & 6 (Stage 3)
Your cooperation with following this procedure would be greatly appreciated.

Attendance Success
Congratulations to all the students who attended the 100% Attendance Morning Tea last Friday. Consistency is the key to success and regular attendance at school will benefit a student in many areas. I would like to thank the community for their ongoing support with encouraging positive attendance.

100% ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 1.. GREAT WORK KIDS!!

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

P&C Donation towards Primary Playground Equipment
The P&C have made a generous donation of $15000 to be spent on playground equipment for the primary students. This is a wonderful, thoughtful and welcomed decision and the students will benefit greatly. The School Leaders will now investigate different types of equipment for consideration. Ms McConnell will lead the leadership team with the consultation process.

Drop Off/Pick Up
Many thanks to parents/carers for following the school drop off and pick up procedures. This ensures that teachers are able to supervise students with confidence and also that the school is adhering to child protection laws.
The split site can, at times, present some challenges for parents/carers with students at both sites. However if parents/carers only have students at the Primary the
expectation is that the child will be collected from the Primary site and the same applies for the Infants.

**Hats**

As the colder weather commences students are asked to continue to wear a hat or beanie whilst on playground. Beanies and hats can be purchased from both front offices.

**What is your child studying in HSIE this term at school?**

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**Mental maths strategies**

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

**New Students - Welcome**

We have welcomed a number of new families to the school recently and I would like to thank the staff and students for ensuring that their transition to a new school has been enjoyable and welcoming.

Have a great week!

Mr Mark Snow
Principal
Cooerwull Public School

Mrs Bailey’s 3/4K and Mrs Greer 3/4G class are regularly seen in the playground burning off some energy. Each morning students are put through their paces with timed running and stretching. Exercise reduces discipline issues and is linked to improved learning and memory. During the day when students become restless after working hard, exercise can help re-set the brain and allow students to become re-focused on the task at hand

**Library News**

It is another busy term in the Library with all Primary classes completing research tasks on topics related to areas of study in class. Infants’ students will be continuing with Library skills and appreciating stories from Australian authors.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

A number of students are completing the Premiers Reading Challenge up until August. Please encourage your children to keep their reading records up to date and we will see who the first person to complete the challenge will be. https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

Some of the classes will be involved in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday. It is a great way to promote and appreciate literacy within our school.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades F3 to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

Please ensure that students return their library books each week and that they keep their books in their library bag.

Happy reading!

Mrs Howell and Mrs Manhood
MOTHER’S DAY MADE SPECIAL.....
Staff at the Infants site put in a lot of time when it comes to Mother’s Day. Hand made gifts by the little ones always mean so much and are usually kept for a lifetime. Students from Mrs Ruhan’s 2.10 spent lots of time designing and decorating surprise necklaces and bookmarks using washers, nail polish and ribbon. Mrs Lawler’s class produced a fabulous longstitch choosing a heart or flower.

TREASURES FOR MUM TO KEEP FOREVER xxxxxx

JACK AND JILL PRE-SCHOOL
Jack and Jill Pre-School is a great feeder of students to Cooerwull Public School. Many of our school leaders and successful students began their early education at Jack & Jill.

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-6 YEARS FOR 2015
2 BREN ST LITHGOW
0263 514347

ENRICHMENT CLASS LONG REEF EXCURSION
On the 10th of April 2014, 27 out of 30 students from class 4/5/6M attended a photography excursion to Long Reef for a chance to take fantastic pictures of the beach, rock pools, shells and anything else interesting that we could capture.

SPORTING TEAMS ON A WINNING STREAK!!
Our Boy’s and Girl’s Soccer teams have moved to the next round of the PSSA Knockout, both having wins over Rylstone at the Marjorie Jackson Soccer Fields. The reasonably inexperienced Girls won 3-0 with goals going to Beth Newsome and Alayah Lincoln (2). The boys who play together regularly registered a massive score with most players finding the back of the net. Thanks to Mrs Bodnar and Deputy Dave for the time put in coaching and to parents for transportation. Both teams travel to Bathurst tomorrow to play Raglan. GOOD LUCK!!

CALE BEECROFT IN HIS ELEMENT...loves creatures!!
WALLERAWANG CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the students who competed and completed the Cooerwull Cross Country. Sixty students will now travel to Wallerawang on the Friday 23rd where they will run against all other schools in our District. The distance is 2km for the younger students and 3km for the older ones. Wishing you all the best!!

COMMUNITY HELPING OUT COOERWULL STUDENTS

On Friday 9th May class 10B went on a walking excursion to the Main Street to visit a local business ‘Alena Knit and Craft’ as the owners Ken and Norma Tulley have been very generous with their time and supplies to the class. 10 B have been extremely busy sewing different patterns on huckaback material. All students enjoyed this opportunity to try something new and were very rewarded with their efforts. Mothers were also very happy with their Mother’s Day present. We also visited the Lithgow Learning Centre (library) and read a few books and had a lovely morning tea at the Black Rock Café. Big thank you to the owner, Gary Boyd-Skinner as he was very supportive of the students and commented on their good behaviour. Thanks also to Kathy Lane SLSO and Rhiannon Cowie LHS student for assisting Mrs Bodnar with the walk.

P & C PIPELINE

The P & C have received our new Marquee. It looks fantastic in the school colours with our logo on top. This will be used at all the upcoming events where our school is represented. This purchase is of high quality and should be able to be used for many years to come!

The next Disco will be THIS THURSDAY 22ND in the school hall. Entry is still $5 payable at the door and includes one packet of chips and a popper drink. Other glow items will be available to purchase for $1 or $2. It would be wonderful if we could have a few volunteers to help serve, contact Amanda Lane 0408975051.

DISCO DISCO DISCO

Our Mother’s Day stall was held on Friday 9th May. Thank you to all the helpers on the day. Our next P&C meeting will be held on 4th June at 5.00pm in the Primary Library. Please come along and help support your school.

Did you know that once a month the Regional Markets are held at our School Hall? The next Regional Markets are on Sunday the 25th May 2014. The P & C is having a Pancake stall from 9.00am so be sure to come down and support your P & C or come down to lend a hand on the stall.