PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student Progress Reports
Students will take home their half yearly reports this Friday. This is an important time in the school year for many reasons. Teachers are commenting on the progress of the student in the Key Learning Areas and also indicating the level of effort and application. The ability of the student to follow the school rules, interact with their peers, represent the school and develop leadership skills are some of the areas reported on across the stages. It also is a time of reflection and for setting goals for the second half of the year. Please consider the following when reading and talking about your child’s report.

1. Take the time to read the report and highlight the positives and define the areas of need.
2. Ask your child what they have enjoyed about school this year.
3. Start the conversation with a positive.
4. Discuss the areas of need with a commitment to learn and grow.
5. Avoid comparing your child’s report with other students.
6. If you have any questions write them down for points of discussion at the parent /teacher interviews or arrange a time to meet with the teacher.
7. Celebrate success and keep the communication lines open between home and school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
The response to the parent/teacher interviews has been very positive. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a discussion with your child’s teacher about your child throughout the first half of the year. If you are unable to attend the interview evening and would like to meet with your child’s teacher please contact the school to arrange a meeting time.

Attendance Success- Term 2
Attendance rates in 2014 have been excellent. The attendance data indicates that the school is at 93.7% this week. I would like to thank the parents/carers for encouraging daily attendance, the teachers for motivating and teaching students every day and to each student for attending consistently.

Farewell to Mrs Hanby
Mrs Hanby has been working with the Department of Education since 1986 and at Cooerwull Public School since 2000 in her role as the School Administration Manager. This is one of the most demanding positions in a school and Mrs Hanby has performed this role with a high level of care, professionalism and consistency. I would like to thank Mrs Hanby for her many
contributions to the life of the school and wish her all the best in retirement.

A Time to Celebrate

Term 2 has gone very quickly and as a school community we have a great deal to celebrate. Many students have represented the school in a variety of areas and they have done so with dignity and respect. It has been wonderful to welcome new students and their families to the school and I have been impressed with how they have been welcomed by the students.

The teachers have worked extremely hard to provide a great education across the curriculums and to be inclusive of the needs of all students. Support staff members have continued to support many programs and I have been witness to the additional work completed by these selfless workers on many occasions.

I would like to thank the parents/carers for their ongoing support on a daily basis and to the many volunteers for their efforts. The P&C have been active in many areas and continued to provide resources and opportunities for all students. At Cooerwull we have respectful, responsible and safe students and I would like to thank them for their outstanding efforts this term. A school is about providing a great place to be and a great place to learn.

Staff Development Day- Term 3

Teachers will return to school on Monday the 14th of July to participate in a professional learning day. The focus of the day will be the new Maths Curriculum. Students return on Tuesday the 15th July.

Have a great week

Mr Mark Snow
Principal

SPECIAL COMBINED ASSEMBLY

Prominent popular local lawyer and community member Ross Higgins from Higgins Lawyers attended Cooerwull Public School’s combined assembly.

Higgins Lawyers have recently become the sponsor of our newly formed school band and also our fortnightly Newsletter.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK –TRUST

- Trust means believing in someone or something
- Trust is having confidence that the right thing will happen without having to control it or make it happen. When you trust, you relax and let go of worries
- When you consistently behave in a trustworthy manner others will trust you to do the right thing
- Trust brings a positive attitude to your life.

NEWS FROM MUSIC !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Lithgow Musical Society will be performing ‘ANNIE’ as their end of year production. They are asking for any interested students from 8 years and upwards. There will be a meeting at the Union theatre on Monday 14th July at 7.30pm for parents and interested students. Rehearsals and auditions will take place on the following Thursday and Monday. The audition song will be ‘Tomorrow’. A speaking passage will also be auditioned. Interested students can see Mrs Manhood next week for a copy of the speaking passage.

REHEARSALS FOR THE OPERA HOUSE ON TRACK

On Friday 6th June, Cooerwull played host to a number of schools in the Lithgow District who came together for a mass rehearsal of the Festival of Instrumental Music repertoire. There were about 100 children in attendance, including 12 Cooerwull students. We were fortunate to have Mr Avery taking the string players through their pieces while Ms Schoeler-Jones, a guest conductor for the Opera House Concerts, worked with recorders. Everyone worked extremely hard and their efforts have resulted in very much improved playing. A special thanks to Kelly Morcom and Kristy Salling for providing a lovely morning tea. All the schools were very appreciative of having the rehearsal at Cooerwull.

MRS BAILEY’S 3/4 CLASS IS CURRENTLY STUDYING A SCIENCE UNIT ON THE SOLAR SYSTEM. HERE IS A DESCRIPTIVE POEM FROM CODY KINNEY

THE SUN
Tremendously Hot Scorching No Oxygen
Exquisite Zero Gravity
Yellow Orange Red
Spinning Twisting
Floating
Scorching Sound Sizzling
Sound Frying in a Grill
Solar Energy Flaming Ball
Tremendous Light
By Cody Kinney

DEBATERS NARROWLY DEFEATED

On Thursday 12th June Cooerwull Public School hosted Round 1 of the Western Debating Challenge. A strong turnout of friends and family supported our debating team in arguing for the topic: Australia needs a new flag. Our opponents were the mighty Cudgegong Public School who presented a very strong case for the negative team. Unfortunately we were narrowly defeated by 3 points. It was a fantastic team effort by all in preparing for the debate. The debating team would like to thank Mr Rob Morrow for adjudicating and providing quality feedback to our team and Miss Snow for helping the team prepare their argument.

A BUSY FEW WEEKS FOR THE INFANTS

Kindergarten and Year 1 students are excitedly anticipating Fairy Tale and Sea Day. This Thursday parents are invited to join the Kindy students for Special Fairy Tale Activity Time from 11.30 – 12.30. Next Thursday 26th, parents are invited to join Year 1 students from 12.10 – 1pm for Sea Day Activities. Today Year 2 is visiting the Fire Station at Littleton, tomorrow is combined recess at the Primary site and Friday sees Year 1 travel to the Sydney Aquarium.

CROSS COUNTRY

Nineteen students from Cooerwull travelled to Wellington last week to represent the Lithgow District in Cross Country. Congratulations to those students who proudly represented CPS and gave their absolute best.
The competition always proves to be strong at this level and many of our students achieved personal best times. Many of our families make the journey to Dubbo 3 or more times a year. We would like to thank all those families who made the trek to Wellington, some having to stay overnight, for your continued support of our students in their sporting endeavours.

**WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES JUST KEEP COMING**

Madalyn McLean and Alayah Lincoln have been successful in being selected to represent Western in the NSWPSSA Cross Country.

Madalyn running 2km’s came 4th in the 10 yrs and Alayah running 3km’s came 1st in the 12/13 yrs. Both girls will now compete at a state level at Eastern Creek on the 18th July. Congratulations to you both!!

Thank you to everyone that supported the P & C’s Disco. We raised $1100.00. The disco lights purchased for $200 by the P&C in the hall were a tremendous success, they will be an asset for future discos and school events.

The canteen raised $500 from sales at the recent Cooerwull Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Kel in the canteen and her tribe of volunteers!! The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd of July. The uniform committee is to meet at 5.00pm followed by a general meeting at 5.30pm. We will keep you updated as to what the monies raised from both events will be used for.

**U9 MINI BURRAS HOCKEY CLINIC**

FREE HOCKEY CLINIC TO BE HELD IN LITHGOW DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

RUN BY HOCKEY NSW

WHERE: LITHGOW HOCKEY CENTRE

WHEN: 2ND JULY 9AM – 11AM

REGISTER TO: kate.p@hockeynsw.com.au by 27th June.

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**TERM 2 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT/SUN**

**WEEK 8 JUNE**

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