PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Staff News
Mrs Greer has commenced her maternity leave and Mrs Slaven, Mrs Hookham will be teaching 3/4G. Mrs Slaven will teach the class on Monday to Thursday and Mrs Hookham on Friday.

Mrs Cama is now working at the school as an Aboriginal Education Officer. This is a one day a week position and more details will be provided to the community in the coming weeks.

Parent/Teacher interviews
An invitation to parents/carers to attend a half yearly interview is attached to this newsletter. This is a very important opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and to have a meaningful discussion with the teacher. Please complete the slip and return to the school to ensure an interview time.

New Computers in Classrooms
The school received 14 new desktop computers from the Department as part of the school’s allocation for 2014. These computers have been placed in classrooms to support the 21st Century Learner strategy and to enhance learning opportunities for all students.

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

Athletics Carnival 2014
The 2014 Athletics Carnival was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many students participating, getting involved and having fun. Thank you to Mrs Bell and Miss Snow for organising the carnival. A special mention needs to go to all of the volunteers for assisting with many roles throughout the day.

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
Teenagers seeking more independence

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

Have a great week!

Mr Mark Snow
Principal
Cooerwull Public School

VIRTUES: THE GIFTS OF CHARACTER

Each week students will be studying a virtue in order to develop considerate behaviours. Through the virtue of the week program we aim to foster a positive, safe and happy school environment.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: COURTESY ........
courtesy is respectful and gracious ways of behaving and speaking that helps us all to get along better. being courteous is to show others that you care, value and respect them. it is having good manners, being kind and thinking how your actions affect others. simple ways to be courteous include treating others how you want to be treated and using good manners by saying please, excuse me and thank you. the importance of courtesy at cooerwull public school is demonstrated in our motto: manners maketh man.

COMBINED RECESS

As our school operates as a split site, twice a term we hold a Combined Recess. This is a great opportunity for our school to come together as one, for staff and students. Brothers and sisters in particular love sharing some play time together.

LHS ............GUYS AND DOLLS PRODUCTION>>>>>

Notes have been sent home to students 3-6 to attend the production at the High school. There will only be 2 buses for transport so you need to get your permission note in quickly if you would like to attend. First in best dressed!!!!

ACTIVITIES STILL POPULAR THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

Students across the school are still actively involved in a variety of sport and other daily activities. All students participate with enthusiasm and are always learning new and valuable skills such as co-ordination, agility, core strength, balance and fitness as well as fair play, role modelling for the older students and good sportsmanship.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Cooerwull students recently participated in the ‘National Simultaneous Story Time’ which is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young students to read books. Students enjoyed the book and the activities provided. Classes had an online link to the book ‘Too Many Elephants In This House’ which was watched nationally throughout Primary Schools.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On the Friday 23rd, May 52 Cooerwull students competed at the District Cross Country event held at Lake Wallace.
Cooerwull was well represented in the field with many outstanding performances. Nineteen students were selected to travel to Wellington to participate at a Western Region Level. Congratulations to all students who represented the school displaying great strength, sportsmanship and excellent manners. Students representing the Lithgow district from Cooerwull are:

8/9 Years Boys - 4th Zac McCann
8/9 Years Girls - 1st Indiana Lincoln - 2nd Jenna Sheather - 4th Jacqueline Ismay
10 Years Boys - 1st Lachlan Thompson - 2nd Connor Traish
10 Years Girls - 1st Madalyn McLean - 4th Carly Bulkley - 5th Tameika Quinn
11 Years Boys - 1st Justin Newsome - 6th Caleb Melnyk
11 Years Girls - 6th Caleb Traish
12 Years Girls - 1st Alayah Lincoln - 2nd Teoni Schleibs - 3rd Jessica-Rose Lutschini

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following athletes who were declared Age Champions following the carnival.

Junior Girls : Madalyn McLean
Junior Boys : Lachlan Thompson
11 Yr Girls : Bethany Newsome
11 Yr Boys : Kobi Egan
Senior Girls : Teoni Schleibs
Senior Boys : Luke Thompson

FINLAY-ATHLETICS HOUSE CHAMPIONS

Caleb Traish and Imogen Snow Finlay House Captains

BOYS SOCCER THROUGH TO THIRD ROUND...
Congratulations again to the Boy’s Soccer Team who have made it through to the 3rd Round of the PSSA Knockout. This is the furthest the team has progressed in the competition in many years and we wish them all the best in their next game. Sadly the girls were defeated in their game. The girls tried extra hard as they were missing some senior due to representative Basketball duties. Thanks to Mrs Bodnar for coaching and again parents for transportation.

BOYS HOCKEY
The Cooerwull Boys hockey team played against Bathurst Small Schools in the opening round of the...
PSSA Knockout. After a thrilling match and a see-sawing scoreline Cooerwull just went down 5 -4. Cooerwull’s goals came from Luke Thompson (2), Lachlan Wilson and Mitchell Thompson. There were no stars in this fantastic all round team performance, a combination of talented hockey players and all round sportsman. Thanks to Mrs Bell for her outstanding organisational work, Mr McManus for coaching and Dee and Abby Wilson for refereeing.

GIRL’S HOCKEY REPORT>>>>>> BY SARAH YOUNG
On Wednesday the 28th of May, the girl’s hockey team travelled to Orange to play against Bletchington Public School for their first match. The whole team played well, but we sadly lost the game. In the second half, the team came back very strongly. Emily Kemp was outstanding as goal keeper and she was selected as our player of the match. The team would like to thank Deanna Goodsell for coaching and Miss Snow for her organisation and humour on the trip up. Finally, thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and cheered us on from the side lines. We all had a good time and feel proud about our efforts and sportsmanship.

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