PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Term 3 Welcome
It was wonderful to welcome back students and staff last week for another exciting term at our great school. Students have settled into their classroom routines with a high level of focus and respect. Term 3 will bring many opportunities for all students and I would like to encourage everyone to set their personal educational goals and work hard to achieve them.

Education Week 2014

Education Week 2014 is fast approaching and the school will be involved in a variety of events. The planned events are as follows:

- Western Gateway Education Community
  Students from our school will participate in a combined assembly at Lithgow High School to be held on Tuesday 29th July at 10:00am in the Hall. School Leaders will attend and some of our students will perform as part of the combined choir and various instrumental items. All parents/carers are invited to attend.

- Cooerwull Public School Open Day
  Education Week Open Day will take place on Wednesday 30th of July. The school community is invited to visit and participate in the following events:
  - 10.00am-10.45am Infants Open Classrooms
  - 10.45am - K-2 Choir
  - Recess with parents/carers

Primary Campus 3-6
- 11.20am-12.05 Open Classrooms 3-6
- 12.15pm Choir Performance
- Concludes 12.25pm

We look forward to welcoming the community during the open day.

Kindergarten 2015- Enrolment
The school would like to invite parents/carers with students intending to commence school in 2015 to complete a Kindergarten Enrolment Information Sheet. A copy is attached. The Ready Set Go Program, information sessions and school tours have been scheduled and the goal is to make the transition to school a great success for every student and their family. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school if you would like to discuss any issue related with Kindergarten 2015.

Staff News
Mrs Willison will be on long service leave and will return on the 21st of August. Mrs Lang will be teaching K4 during this time. Welcome back Mrs Lang.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:
- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
• Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek
the advice of your family doctor as you would with any
other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which
protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as
two other influenza strains, is now available free to
eligible people. More information about the vaccine is
available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s
vaccination page. Previous vaccination with the
pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to
also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

P&C Meeting
The next Parent and Citizens meeting will be held on
Tuesday the 5th of August in the Primary Library. The
uniform committee will meet at 4.30pm followed with
the P&C Meeting at 5.00pm. Parents and Carers are
invited to attend.

Primary Play Equipment
Student Leaders are working with Miss McConnell to
finalise the selection of a design for the playground
equipment to be built on the playground near the hall.
The P&C has made a generous donation towards the
purchase of the equipment and the students will benefit
greatly when it is built. More details will be provided
soon.

Have a great week!

Mr Mark Snow
Principal
Cooerwull Public School

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK - PEACEFULNESS

- Peacefulness is to feel calm.
- It is a way of quietly looking at things so you can
  understand them.
- You show peacefulness when you talk conflict out
  and listen to the other person, then look for peaceful
  solutions.
- You show peacefulness when you observe and think
  about your feelings, like anger, instead of acting with
  anger.
- Peacefulness means using positive language instead
  of name calling, yelling and gossiping.
- With peacefulness, everyone feels respected and
  safe.

Cooerwull placed first in NAIDOC Public Speaking and
Debating Challenge

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each year
to celebrate history, culture and achievements of
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year

the Aboriginal Education Team supported a NAIDOC
Public Speaking and Debating Challenge which was held
at South Bathurst Public School. Cooerwull Public School
was represented by Alayah Lincoln and Olivia Corney
under the guidance of Alayah Lincoln and Olivia Corney
under the guidance of Miss Snow. The girls were
required to present a 4 minute speech on the topic:
Aboriginal Peoples Serving Australia in War Times.
Competing against 9 other schools within our region,
Cooerwull was placed 1st which is a tremendous
achievement. Alayah and Olivia were presented with a
hand crafted Didgeridoo and a carved perpetual trophy
of Australia for the school. Both girls also received a

WINNING NAIDO PUBLIC SPEAKERS
$40.00 Target Gift card and a beautiful hand crafted,
hand painted glass encased boomerang to keep.
Cooerwull will now progress to the Western Finals in
Term 3. Thank you to the many parents and community
members who assisted with the preparation and
transportation of the girls.

NAIDOC RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS AT
COOERWULL

SCHOOL CAPTAINS ALAYAH LINCOLN AND LOGAN MCMANUS

As part of Cooerwull Public School’s NAIDOC celebrations
Bridget Cama was invited to be a guest performer our
school assembly. Bridget was a former Cooerwull School
Captain and has a proud Indigenous history. A talented musician, Bridget wrote and performed a song called “Together We Stand” which celebrates the coming together of all Australians. Darcie Daniels read her speech “What is Reconciliation Week” and really captured the meaning of reconciliation, recognising and understanding, celebrating the right choices we have made and acknowledging the wrong.

Aboriginal Education Officer at Cooerwull School Kym Cama has also been working with students about reconciliation and its meaning. Together they have created a stunning art work of Australia which will feature in our hall. The background of the artwork is red which represents the land, the yellow is the sun. The footprints follow the traditional tribal paths of the Aboriginal people and each contains a sentence from the students about what reconciliation means to them.

**THANK YOU... EXCEPTIONAL JOB LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL!!!!**

Four Lithgow High School students spent two days at Cooerwull at the end of last Term creating a masterpiece artwork. Visual Arts students Caitlin Plusis, Faith Stanley, Caitlin Grigg and Josana Stockdale designed and painted a fabulous ‘Australia’ on a blank wall, further enhancing our colourful playground. With some guidance from Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts John Bawden the girls showed maturity and flair completing the project alone from start to finish. We look forward to seeing what pops up on our walls next!!

**CREATIVE ARTS SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE!!!**

*Congratulations to the fantastic CPS recorder and strings group who had the privilege of performing at the Opera House last Term in the Festival Of Music-Instrumental. Many hours of practice at school and at home under the guidance of Mrs Manhood, Mrs Foster and Mr Avery lead to this memorable occasion. Our students were combined with around 1000 other Public School students in a mesmerising, spectacular performance!!! Great work kids and thanks parents for the support and transport.*
The Junior Campus was a hub of activity during the last week of Term 2. Kindergarten celebrated Fairytale Day, Year 1 had a great day at the Sydney Aquarium followed by ‘dress up’ Sea Day while Year 2 had a walking excursion to Lithgow West Fire Station in Littleton. Parents and carers were invited into the school to help celebrate Fairytale and Sea Day, running organised activities for the students. There were costumes galore!! As usual the Infants staff did an amazing job and the kids had a great day!!

Year 1 Sydney Aquarium Excursion
We would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful parents that joined us for the day!
On Friday 20th June 2014 year 1 went to the Sydney Aquarium on a big blue bus. I saw sharks, a seahorse and a jellyfish. I had a photo taken. We saw lion fish, swordfish and tortises. The fish were very smart but some of the fish were big. I had a fun day at the acquarium

BY ERIN GREY

Year 2 Emergency Services Excursion
As part of their PDHPD Unit, Year 2 walked to the Littleton Fire station. Here is a recount from Justin Horsfall.

Yesterday we went to the Fire Station at Littleton. We went to learn about “Road Safety” and “Fire Safety.” First we walked to the Fire station. On the way we saw the red and green lights and the fire hydrant and driveways. When we arrived they took us inside the training room and Donna dressed up and we saw the gas detector. Next we saw the office and the firefighters clothes and boots and hats. Finally we went outside and saw the fire truck and the hose. Then we sprayed the hose. Then I got to climb up the fire truck. My favourite part was when Donna dressed up!!!!!!

A BUSY TIME AHEAD FOR THE LIBRARY

Our first big event is our Book Fair. It will be a Scholastic Book Fair held on both sites during Education Week on Wednesday 30th July. The Infants Book fair will be during open classroom time in the morning session and the Primary Book Fair will be held during open classroom time in the middle session.

We have made a change to the Book Fair for this year in that you are able to purchase books for yourself to take home. This is the first time we have decided to do this and next year we will have Donate a Book. We have very well resourced libraries at present so that we are able to offer this to the students.

Our other big event is Book Week in Week 6 and the theme is ‘Connect to Reading’. We will be holding our Infants and Primary Book Character Parades on Friday 22nd August so it’s time to start planning your costume. Please come along dressed as your favourite book character. We will be having some local storytellers in to tell stories to the students throughout the day. Further details regarding parade times and storytelling times will be available in the next newsletter.

The other option during Education Week this year is to donate money towards purchasing iPads for our school in the libraries. A donation of $10 will be equivalent to a quarter of a gigabyte towards one iPad. We will display a tally of the donations in the library along with the people who have donated money.

We will be participating in a number of activities leading up to Book Week such as The Lithgow Library Learning Centre Competition, the Reading Hour and a number of activities related to the short-listed books for this year.

We also wanted to congratulate all of the Primary students who completed their Library Research Tasks last term. They were of a very high standard and some of the posters will be on display in the Primary Library. Well done and thank you for your efforts. Please remember to return your overdue books.

Drama Queens…….. AND A FEW KINGS!!!!!!

Adding to Cooerwull’s already varied Creative Arts repertoire, is our newly formed Drama Club. Using imagination, the students creative flair springs to life as they produce scripts, design scenes and bring their puppet shows to life. What a great way to spend your lunchtime once a week under the theatrical guidance
of Mr Foster and Mr Snow.!!!!!! A show not to be missed!!!

ANOTHER FOND FAREWELL
Kathy Thomas has been a long serving employee at Cooerwull Public School and has decided to call it a day. Kathy has undertaken many roles but has worked primarily as a Student Learning Support Officer. Kathy has worked tirelessly and contributed an amazing amount to the school, especially to the students in her care as well as staff and community. Mrs Thomas as she was known by students is an exceptional example of the public service and will be greatly missed!!!!!!

TOP 16 IN WESTERN NSW

Cooerwull Public School Peachey Shield Football Team competed in the Regional Finals Last Term in Dubbo. Unfortunately they did not progress into the semi-finals but showed exceptional sportsmanship representing their school with pride. The boys did however get to meet John Morris (Sharks), Allan Tongue (former Raider) and Russel Richardson (former Shark and Knight) Special thanks to Peter Bradford who could not make it to Dubbo today but has trained the boys team for the last 3 years.

NETBALL REPORT
On Tuesday 17th June the Cooerwull Netball Team travelled to Bathurst to compete in the Netball NSW Schools Cup Carnival. It was a rather cold day but it didn’t take long for the girls to warm up. They played seven games and a few of those games were nail biters, winning one game 8-4. Unfortunately we didn’t progress to the next round, but all of the girls had a fantastic day and their efforts were outstanding. Thank you to the

parents for your help and support on the day. Congratulations on a fantastic day girls!

FANTASTIC FUTSAL FOOTBALL............
On Thursday 5th June Cooerwull travelled to Katoomba to compete in the NSW Futsal competition. 2 teams of students competed in the open primary competition. The day began with road closures which saw the team travel via train to compete. The boy played with great sportsmanship and skill and both Cooerwull Yellow and Cooerwull Green made it to the semi-finals on the day. Unluckily neither teams was victorious being beaten by Mamre Anglican School, a much larger Sydney school with a Futsal program and two futsal coaches employed at the school.

Thanks to all the parents who helped with transporting the boys to Katoomba and to Mr Cummings who helped coach the boys.

MAUREEN NEWELL AWARD FOR MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT 2014

Local music students (instrumental or vocal) are invited to apply for this award which provides some assistance towards tuition costs.

Maureen Newell was a dedicated and successful music teacher in Lithgow. Maureen died in 2011, but through the Trust she continues to encourage local music students.

Applications available from:
Lithgow Library
Portland Library
Wallerawang Library
Higgins Lawyers
LINC

Applications close on Friday 22 August 2014.
Late applications will not be considered.
For further information, telephone 63513210 or 63522862 or apply to:
The Secretary, Maureen Newell Trust,
P O Box 3049, Lithgow
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