PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Staff News
Senior Administration Manager
The school welcomed Mrs Kylie Clarke this week as the new Senior Administration Manager. On behalf of the school community I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Clarke and wish her many years of enjoyment at our great school.

General Assistant
Ms Jessica Trudgett has been working at Cooerwull Public School for the past three years as the General Assistant. Ms Trudgett recently received a transfer to Lithgow High School and this new position will commence next term. Staffing are still finalising how the position will be filled at the school.

Parent/Carer Survey
The school values the opinions, suggestions and ideas expressed by parents and carers. The school will be entering a new planning phase in 2015 and the survey attached to this newsletter will provide important information to enable the community to make decisions together about the future of the school. Please complete the attached survey and return to the K-2 or 3-6 Office.

NAIDOC Public Speaking Success
Congratulations to Alayah and Olivia who won the regional competition held in Dubbo last week. This is a high level competition and the standard of public speaking very competitive. Schools from across the region represented their areas and Cooerwull Public School won the Primary event. The duo delivered an exceptional and engaging speech on the topic, Aboriginal peoples serving Australia in War Times. Alayah and Olivia will travel to Sydney on the 3rd of November for the State NAIDOC Public Speaking & Debating Challenge. Many thanks to Ms Snow for coaching the students, Mr Corney for his dedicated coaching assistance and to the parents for their ongoing commitment to the program.

Basketball Brilliance
Mr Foster and the Basketball Teams travelled to Bathurst last Friday to play Eglinton. The teams performed extremely well with the boys winning and the girls a close second. The players represented the school with outstanding manners and a high level of respect was shown by all. Well done teams.

New students
Over the past few weeks we have continued to welcome new families to our school. I am so impressed with the way in which students have welcomed the new families to Cooerwull. I am most grateful to the teachers and staff for working hard to ensure that the students and their families are provided with the best start.
Have a great week!

Mr Mark Snow
Principal
Cooerwull Public School
VIRTUE OF THE WEEK  COURAGE

- Courage is doing something that needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary.
- Courage is needed in trying new things.
- When you are courageous you bounce back and go on when life has been difficult for you. You admit mistakes and then do the right thing.
- Courage is not doing dangerous activities or being foolhardy (e.g., jumping into shallow water to impress your friends).

BOOK WEEK PARADES THIS FRIDAY!!!

‘CONNECT TO READING’

This Friday we will be celebrating Book Week. We would like to welcome parents, relatives and friends to attend the parades. We will be holding two book character parades so make sure that students are dressed up as their favourite book character. If students have a copy of the book that they are from to bring along that would be great but if not that is fine. Students will need to tell their teacher who they are dressed up as on Friday morning. There are prizes for participation and the winners of the Book Week Colouring in Competition will be announced.

Parades will be held in the school hall on the Primary Campus.

10.15 am Infants Parade

11.30 am Primary Parade

Please join us at recess as the canteen will be open to purchase morning tea. The hall will be open during recess so that parents and relatives can stay for both parades. We have three local storytellers – Mr Rob Morrow, Mrs Kathleen Compton and our Principal, Mr Mark Snow who will be coming in to the school after the parades to share stories with the students.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day and we look forward to seeing you there!!!!

BOYS BASKETBALL WESTERN CHAMPS !!!

On Thursday 7th August the Cooerwull School Boys Basketball team travelled out to the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Complex to compete in the Lithgow District Basketball Gala Day. The boys had a very successful day winning this event. During the day the boys defeated Lithgow Public, Kandos and Wallerawang Public. Starting slowly, the boys improved greatly with each game. Coached by Rob Morrow, the team was guided throughout the day, learning to combine with all team members contributing.

The boys were able to use this opportunity to work on team structure and strategies leading up to the Western Finals which were held last Friday in Bathurst. Up against Eglinton Cooerwull proved too strong and advanced to the Final to play the strong Alma primary School from Broken Hill. The boys played brilliantly, taking on all the skills and strategies that had been taught to them over the previous training sessions. Everything came together to give the boys a 61-30 win and the title of WESTERN AREA CHAMPIONS!!!! Mr Morrow was extremely proud of the boys who played with integrity, enthusiasm and pride while representing CPS. Many thanks to Mr Morrow for providing his coaching expertise, Mr Foster for organisation and parents/carers who supported and transported the boys.

YOUNG LEADERS…………… LEADING THE WAY!!

The Student Leadership Team have been investigating a variety of designs for playground equipment to be built on the primary site. This task has included researching designs, obtaining quotes and working within a budget. The next step will be consulting with the students to finalise a design for purchase and construction. This is an example of effective student leadership and all of the young leaders are to be congratulated for their contribution. The school most grateful to the P&C for their financial support.
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

On Monday 1st September there will be a meeting for parents, carers and families with Aboriginal children in Primary or High school. A guest speaker from ‘New Careers for Aboriginal People’ will present a talk to parents and students who will be looking for work now and in the future and the pathways available to them. The meeting will be held in the ‘Learning Circle’ (next to the music room) at the Primary campus at 2pm, all welcome.

OUR LITTLE MATHAMATICIANS OF THE WEEK

Infants Mathematicians of the week proudly displaying their hard work!

AND THE RESULTS KEEP COMING>>>>>>>>

The Cooerwull Girl’s Basketball team also made it to the final and were crowned Western Runners Up!! The girls like the boys were undefeated throughout the District Gala Day at Wallerawang, dominating while playing a very high level of basketball. Accruing some massive scores they defeated Wallerawang, Kandos and Lithgow Primary. In the Semi Final last Friday the girls once again were superior, displaying incredible teamwork against the much bigger Eglinton School winning 62-8. Going down against the very experienced Broken Hill side in the Western Final, Cooerwull demonstrated great resilience, strength and persistence. Former representative basketballer Tanya Goodwin has coached the Cooerwull girls for a long time, and couldn’t have been prouder with the effort the girls gave. Thanks again Mr Foster and for our great parents for transport and support.

CHAMPION SCHOOL!!!!!!

After a dismal first attempt the sun gods shone down at the Jim Monaghan Sports Field for the District Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all those students who proudly represented Cooerwull at a District level. Their sportsmanship, effort and participation were reflected in Cooerwull receiving the trophy for the Champion School!!! A highlight of the day was the splendid teamwork displayed to win 3 out of 4 school relays, Junior Girls and Boys and Senior Girls. Four Cooerwull students were then named as age Champions which is a tremendous achievement. Senior Girl: Teoni Schleibs Senior Boy: Luke Thompson 11 Years Girl: Madalyn McLean Junior Boy: Lachlan Thompson Well done to Mr Prior, Mrs Bell and Miss Snow for outstanding organisation of the day. Thanks also to the P&C canteen crew for another awesome job and the mums, dads, nans, pops and carers for all their support and encouragement of our students. Great day!!

PSSA EASTERN DIVISION RUNNERS UP!!!

The Cooerwull boys played the 3rd, 4th and 5th rounds of the PSSA Boys Soccer yesterday in Orange. A blustery day
played on sodden grounds produced a marvellous team effort by all 12 boys. The team played Lithgow Public in the first game of the day in a close game coming away victors 1-0. The second game was against Eglinton Public school and at 3-3 after 50 min the game went into 10 min extra time with a penalty shot providing CPS with the game winner. The boys then moved into the final to decide the Eastern Division champions in a tough game against Orange Public School. The game was an end to end battle with the OPS finally breaking the 2-2 deadlock scoring the final goal 2min from full time. The boys all played in the spirit of the day with great sportsmanship and teamwork, never giving up. Assistant Principal Mr Prior has done a wonderful job coaching the boys

Although we lose some Year 6 students, the side looks formidable for next year! Thank you to the parents who transported the team to Orange and spent the day in the cold cheering our boys along!!!!!

P & C PIPELINE

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd September at 5.00pm in the Primary Library. This meeting will be the A.G.M. and all positions will declared vacant. Please come along to this meeting and help support the school.

A new uni-sex school shirt has been chosen to update our school uniform. This shirt will be displayed at both sites. Please feel free to comment and share your opinions on the new shirt.

It was Cooerwulls’ turn to run the canteen at this year’s District Athletics Carnival. Thank you to the people that gave up their day to assist.

The senior students are well on the way of deciding on new playground equipment for the Primary site, this project has the support of the P & C and we will be making a substantial contribution to this purchase.

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