PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Open Day Success

It was wonderful to welcome families and friends to the school last week as part of the Education Week celebrations. Open classrooms provided an opportunity for students to share their work, provide a tour of the school and most importantly communicate their feelings about school life. Congratulations to all of the staff and students for working very hard to make the day a success.

INFANTS STUDENTS PERFORMING ON OPEN DAY

Western Gateway Education Community Concert

The launch of Education Week took place at Lithgow High School. This provided an opportunity for local schools to join together and showcase a performance from their schools. Cooerwull was well represented with School Captains Alayah and Logan on stage, jointly announcing, and a number of very talented musicians performed. The combined school choir sang beautifully and it was a wonderful concert.

Congratulations to Jacquilin, Courtney, Elllie, Emily and Electra for their wonderful instrumental performances. Imogen, Talisha, Isabella and Jessica-Rose joined the choir and were fantastic. Many thanks are extended to Mrs Foster and Mrs Manhood for organising the students.

NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge

Students from Cooerwull will participate in the Principal Network Finals at the Banganalanha Centre in Dubbo on Wednesday the 13th of August. Miss Snow and the team will represent the Bathurst network of schools at this event. Good luck to Olivia and Alayah.

Curriculum News

Parents’ guide to the NSW primary syllabuses

As the parent of a primary school student, you will want to know what your child is learning so you can help them at home. You and your child’s teachers will be the most important influences on their education.


Have a great week!
Mr Mark Snow
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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
FRIENDLINESS
• FRIENDLINESS IS BEING A FRIEND.
• IT STARTS WITH LIKING YOURSELF AND TAKING AN INTEREST IN OTHER PEOPLE.
• YOU SHOW FRIENDLINESS BY SMILING AND GREETING OTHERS.
• FRIENDLINESS MEANS SHARING THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD TIMES TOGETHER.
• FRIENDSHIPS DON’T JUST HAPPEN. THEY ARE MADE BY PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO BE THEMSELVES WITH EACH OTHER.

YEAR 6 STUDENT GEORDIE GOODWIN DEMONSTRATING FRIENDLINESS

PYJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER SUCCESS
Last Thursday’s Pyjama Day was an enormous success with the school raising over $500 which will be donated to the Geldenhuy’s Foundation. Dr Leonie was a well respected doctor in the Lithgow area. The Foundation is raising money to help support the Geldenhuy’s children. Students and staff turned out in their favourite pj’s and donated a gold coin. The day was very enjoyable and it was great to be rugged up in dressing gowns and ugg boots in the freezing conditions!

ART EXHIBITION WAS SENSATIONAL
Earlier in the year Students from 4/5/6M took part in two photographic workshops. Wendy Hawkes, an acclaimed local photographer taught students the basics in the classroom and a visit from Sally from Moran Arts Foundation led them to the more practical side of photography. Students had the opportunity to use a supplied camera and were let loose on the Infants and Primary playgrounds. The product of the two workshops is a very professional Art Exhibition where the student’s work has been printed, framed and displayed. Wendy Hawkes re-visited the school last week and was astounded with the high level of photography and what captured the students imagination. Students thoroughly enjoyed the Photography Unit, with most commenting they were able to “see things with a new eye”.

WENDY HAWKES AND MISS MCCONNELL WITH STUDENTS FROM 4/5/6 M

WANT TO KNOW WHAT WHAT’S HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL?? DON’T FORGET TO COME AND JOIN OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY! TODAY’S P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PRIMARY LIBRARY FROM 5PM
MORE FROM MUSIC……………………………..
On Thursday 26 June a group of eleven Cooerwull students travelled to the Sydney Opera House for the Festival of Instrumental Music Concert. Nine children were part of the Primary Recorder Ensemble- Elektra McKenzie, Claire Tilley, Sam Garland, Jessica-Rose Lutschini, Izabella Tanti, Cassandra Rindfleish, Lara Compton, Isaac Foster and Emily Kemp; and two in the Strings Ensemble- Courtney Reid and Wei Qi Yin. The children have all been learning the three piece repertoire for some months, practising during lunch times and most children also attended practice sessions held after school over the few weeks prior to the concert. They are all to be commended for their perseverance and dedication. The concert, as always, was a resounding success. The children performed admirably in the concert and were treated to a feast of quality musical experiences. They should all feel very proud of themselves. To be able to perform in one of the world’s most famous concert halls is a memory I’m sure they will always treasure. A special mention must be made of Courtney Reid. Courtney participated as a recorder player for the past three years, and this year as a string player!
I, and the children, would like to extend a big “thank you” to a number of people. To Mrs Foster and Mr Avery, for their tutoring of the bass recorder and string groups. To Mr Snow, whose support has been
unwavering, and who supplied a bus for the day, making a very long day much safer and easier.

On a personal note, I would like to thank and farewell a dedicated group of mums who have accompanied us for four years with their children to provide additional support and encouragement. To Mrs Lutschini, Ms Howell, Mrs Reid and Mrs Leighton, thank you for your company and your assistance. Rosalie Manhood, Music Teacher

INFANTS WRITERS OF THE WEEK
Believe it or not, writing actually helps with your reading and speaking skills. Writing is important because you need to be able to express yourself through the written word. It helps to preserve our ideas and memories. These fantastic students have been chosen as this week’s writers of the week. They have been writing recounts of holidays and excursions, narratives and wonderful explanations. Well done students!!

LEARNING WHILE PLAYING
Kindergarten K4 students got a real handle on mass and volume with a practical Maths lesson in the sandpit yesterday. Filling different sized and shaped containers the kids could see the difference in weight and volume. Being a hands on and fun experience, students often retain more information as they are using oral, visual and physical skills. It is also a great social experience with students interacting with each other and taking turns.

MEANWHILE IN K3

As part of their Science and Technology Unit K3 have been studying Australian Animals. Here are some fabulous ‘Information Reports’ from students.

KANGAROOS
KANGAROOS DRINK WATER.
WHEN THE WEATHER GETS HOT THEY GO TO SLEEP IN THE SHADE.
KANGAROOS ARE MARSUPIALS
Mikayla K3
KANGAROOS EAT GRASS
KANGAROOS DRINK WATER

BOOK FAIR AND IPAD DONATIONS
A very big thank you to all of the families that purchased a book or made a donation towards purchasing our iPads. Our school community purchased over $4000 worth of books which gave us a 20% cash commission of $800 which was added to our iPad donations. We raised $3200 which will greatly assist us in purchasing the iPads. Thank you very much for your support.

BOOK WEEK ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!!
Two more weeks until our Book Week Character Parade which is on Friday 22nd August. (Times for Parades will be announced soon). We are looking forward to celebrating our love of literacy, so it’s time to get those costumes planned. There will only be participation prizes so you don’t need to go to great lengths to be the best dressed! Families are welcome to come along and see the students dressed up as their favourite book characters. The students will enjoy hearing some stories from local storytellers throughout the day and there will be a number of activities related to the short-listed books in the lead up to Book Week.
Mrs Howell and Mrs Manhood

NEED PAMPERING ??????????? THIS SOUNDS GREAT!!
NEED SOME UNWIND TIME FOR YOURSELF??
FREE PAMPERING DAY AT LITHGOW INFORMATION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
7TH AUGUST 4TH SEPTEMBER AND 9TH OCTOBER FROM 10.00AM – 12.00NOON
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: CALL 63522077 TO ENQUIRE OR BOOK IN NOW
TERM 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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