PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN Results
Students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN report last week. This assessment information is an excellent way for the school to confirm how a student has gone in the various assessments during the testing period. This information is used in conjunction with a wide range of assessments to make decisions about the academic performance of a student. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report please contact the school to make an appointment with the Assistant Principal for your child’s stage.

UNSW 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
Students from Cooerwull Public School have participated in the University of NSW International Competitions this year. Results across the different disciplines have been excellent and the English competition was no exception. The students were tested in a variety of areas including vocabulary, syntax and reading factual and literary texts. Congratulations to the following students;

We Qi Yin – Distinction
Bailey McManus – Credit
Heather Sy- Merit
Sarah Young - Merit
Logan McManus – Participation Award
Emily Kemp – Participation Award

2014 Spelling Bee
The Regional Spelling Bee competition was held in Bathurst last week. The junior representatives were Keira Gray, and Wei Qi Yin. Senior representatives were Bailey McManus and Heather Sy. Congratulations to all of the students for their efforts on the day.

Farewell to Mrs Lawler

Mrs Lawler was appointed to Cooerwull Public School in 1989. This Friday will be her last day teaching 2.11, before she goes on long service leave and then formally retires. Mrs Lawler has made a significant contribution to the lives of many students across all stages throughout the past 25 years. Her commitment to improving the lives of all of her students has been most commendable and the dedication shown has been exemplary. On behalf of the school community I would like to say a sincere thank you to Mrs Lawler and wish her many years of happiness and good health in retirement. Mrs Price will be teaching 2.11 for the Term 4.

Term 4
Students return to school on Tuesday the 7th of October for the commencement of Term 4. Please note that Term 4 will be an 11 week term. Last day of school will be Friday the 19th of December.
A Wonderful Term 3
Term 3 has been a wonderful time at Cooerwull Public School with many opportunities provided to all students. Students have worked hard in their classrooms, represented the school in academic, cultural, sporting, creative arts and leadership activities. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the teachers, support staff, P&C and supporters of this great school for their dedication and commitment. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Have a great week!

Mr Mark Snow
Principal

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: EXCELLENCE

Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your best to any task you do or relationship that you have. People who practise excellence learn from their mistakes, plan and know and use their special strengths. Excellence is not trying to do everything.

Students from 1-8 were discussing the importance of ‘Excellence’ and its meaning while making their Pirates with Mrs Lang. No matter what you are doing, or why you are doing it, always strive to do your best!!

THANK YOU EVENING FOR OUR SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

Last Wednesday Cooerwull held a Creative Arts Evening. This concert was to thank the parents of all our children involved in extra-curricular music activities for their support. The band, Junior and Senior choirs, recorder ensemble, as well as some very talented dancers and musicians entertained an appreciative audience. The children worked hard to achieve performance readiness and should be extremely proud of their efforts. As well as parents, a number of our school patrons and benefactors were able to attend. Everyone enjoyed the evening’s entertainment and the lovely supper provided by Chris Monaghan and her wonderful canteen helpers.

ALIENS TAKE OVER THE SCHOOL!!!

On Tuesday Stage 2 held their ‘Alien Day’ after completing their Science unit on the Solar System. Students were allowed to dress up in a theme, based on the Solar System and participated in many different hands on activities throughout the day. Lunch was a picnic hosted on Mars and the Aliens gobbled hot Astronaut party food. The day was topped off with a movie, ‘ET’ which was also part of Reward Day, Green is Go!!! The Infants students were delighted when the ‘Aliens’ dropped into their classrooms.

REPARITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM @ COOERWULL

Foster and Kinship Carers are invited to attend a Reparative Parenting Program which will run for 9 weeks next Term. The course is aimed specifically at Foster and Kinship Carers with children and young people with challenging emotional and behavioural needs. The program will be held in the Cooerwull School Hall weekly beginning Tuesday 7th October and ending 2nd December from 12.30 – 2.30pm. Please contact the school if you are interested.
STUDENTS ON TRACK-BATHURST SUPERCHEAP AUTO!!

Some fortunate CPS students will be part of ‘Students on Track’ at Mt Panorama on Thursday October 9. Students will receive free tickets that have been provided by V8 Supercars, but will need to pay for the return bus trip. Throughout the day the students will learn about Marketing, Maths and Engineering while trackside. Unfortunately places are limited so its first in best dressed. A permission note will be sent home on Tuesday 7th and will need to be returned the following day.

‘THROUGH MY EYES’ ESKBANK HOUSE EXHIBITION

The official opening of Cooerwull’s Photographic Exhibition “Through My Eyes” at Eskbank House was a great success. There was standing room only in the Courtyard Gallery as Olwyn King declared the exhibition open. Olwyn, former long term teacher, prominent local figure and Patron of the school captivated the crowd with her definition of photography. The Photography was a culmination of practical and theory based lessons. Thanks to Lithgow City Council’s Cultural Development Officer Wendy Hawkes for her organisation and support and our great CPS parents again for supporting yet another event!

SMALL MUSICIANS WITH BIG TALENT........

Two Infants students with great musical ability are learning the guitar with Mrs Auld. Once a week during lunch time Erin Gray and Sky Willott are learning about the guitar and playing basic notes and chords.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO SCENIC WORLD...........

We were all excited. Mrs McKinney called the roll. We went on the bus, it was Friday. We put on our seat belts. When we got there we had little lunch. We went up in the clouds. We went down to a valley on the railway. We went down into a dark tunnel. The railway was the steepest in the world. Then we went on the board walk. We were told interesting things and saw trees and vines. Then we went back up on the cable way. Then we had lunch. We had fun!!!

Recount by Elijah Garland K3

END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

Students from 2.10 and 2.11 paraded in front of their peers yesterday as part of celebrating their Science Unit on Dinosaurs. Infants students always find this topic fascinating and many came dressed up as their favourite Dinosaur. Popular costumes were Allosaurus, Apatasaurus, Stegasaurus and T-rex as well as many Palaeontologists! A great day was had by all!

BOY’S BASKETBALL

After the Cooerwull School’s Boys Basketball Team were crowned PSSA WESTERN CHAMPIONS for 2014 they went on to contest the state title in Bathurst. The first semi-Final was against Nulkaba Primary from Cessnock and in a fast moving and hustling game the boys kept their heads, winning 41-24. The Major semi was against Armidale City Primary School where our boys were at a great height disadvantage. The Cooerwull boys showed great courage and determination and were complimented by the opposition coach for their ability and sportsmanship while representing Cooerwull and the Lithgow community. Thanks to Mr Foster, Mr Morrow and all of our parents and supporters.
STUDENTS LOVING HEALTH, FITNESS AND SELF DEFENCE....

Students in the senior campus have been thoroughly enjoying the Future Champions Health, Fitness and Self Defence School Program run by Paul Traish from THRIVE MMA Fitness and Nutrition. Paul has put them through their paces while focusing on respect, responsibility and reliability. The program covered basic fitness and a self-defence component students could use to avoid harm. Group discussions were also held about positive behaviour, healthy eating and anti-bullying. The school would like to thank Mr Traish for helping to instil these important values in our students and the positive results in the students!!

Parents and Carers play a vital role in our students education. Kids love and thrive on adults being involved in their school life and it is great to see helpers come in. Class 2.11 recently had a mum come in to help the students with their Huckerback sewing. Grace Collins' mum Alana joined the class to help teach this great skill. Sewing is fun, relaxing, is good for fine motor skills, patience and concentration!! Thanks Alana!

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

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