Mrs Bailey was appointed to Cooerwull Public School in 1977 as a classroom teacher. Throughout the past 38 years she has taught many generations of students across a variety of roles. I had the privilege of being taught by Mrs Bailey, when I was a student at the school, in Grades 4 and 6 and personally owe a great deal to her for the positive influence she has had on my life. Mrs Bailey has a caring heart, a love of teaching and continues to inspire and motivate students every day in the classroom.

On behalf of the school community I would like to pay tribute to this remarkable educator and thank her for the countless contributions she has made to the life of this school. Mrs Bailey will continue to work at the school, as a casual teacher, and also take an active role with the preparations for the 130th Anniversary in 2017.

3 Way Interviews
Parents will be provided with an opportunity to participate in an interview with their child’s classroom teacher during Week 8. The purpose of the interviews will be to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and the year ahead. Another interview will be offered in Term 3.

If your child is in Years 1-6 there will be an opportunity for them to participate in the interview. Kindergarten interviews will have the teacher and parent. The interviews will take place between 8.30am and 4.30pm on an allocated day for each stage. Dates for interviews are as follows:

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I would encourage all parents/caregivers to participate and if you would like to have an interview please complete the attached slip and return it to your child’s classroom teacher by Thursday the 12th of March.

Curriculum News
Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015
Competition’s theme is “My place in today’s world”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

Multiplication times tables
Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in...
exams. Here’s School A to Z’s help sheet:  
**Sorting fact from fiction**  
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. For more:  

Have a great week.  
Mr Mark Snow  
Principal

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK - KINDNESS!!**

眵  Kindness is showing that you care.
眵  You can show kindness by being a great friend, taking care of our school and choosing to be polite.
眵  Kindness is choosing to treat others and yourself gently.

**KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE 1 REPORT**

Junior students are warming up for their annual Dance Night on 26th March which will be held at Lithgow High School Hall from 5-6.30pm. Parents and carers are invited to attend and witness the traditional dances as well as the new exciting moves they have learnt from Miss Pru and Dance Nation. Students may dress up in their favourite dance outfit or just play clothes. Recently, students took part in a ‘Dance Off’ strutting their best moves and stunning the judges with their performances. The Junior Campus has also been really working hard on settling quickly and quietly in the mornings and on their transition around the school. Kindergarten is now in a regular, familiar routine and are having fun learning ‘Letterland’. Years 1 and 2 have been captivated looking and learning about Hanukkah in their Unit on Celebrations. Hannukkah is an 8 day Jewish holiday.

David Prior  
Assistant Principal Stage 1

**STAGE 3 REPORT**

Stage 3 have had another busy couple of weeks, but all students are coping well and showing great maturity and responsibility in dealing with the interruptions that always impact on the senior classes. On Friday, Chelsea from Lithgow Basketball was very impressed with the behaviour and involvement of students from Stage 3 when she came to the school for a Basketball clinic. She was particularly impressed by the skills of Elliott Smith, Keegan Phelan and newcomer to our school, Giuliana De Santis from 5/6 S who showed off some amazing shooting skills. 5/6M’s Isaac Foster and Hayden Slattery were on fire as well! Mr Foster’s class had all the skill and technique of Michael Jordan. Tameika Quinn and Brodie Bailey were stand outs. Band rehearsals, dance and choir practices are all underway with students busily preparing for The Senior Citizen’s Concert. All students involved are making a fantastic effort.

Miss McConnell and our Stage 3 Leaders organised our first assembly for the year with Olivia Corney and Kyle Sheather doing a great job. All classes showed exemplary behaviour and attentiveness.

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that it is a legal requirement that the school/teacher be notified with a reason why a student is not at school. Please attempt to do this with a note on the day your child returns to school or a phone call to the front office.

Naomi Morrow  
Assistant Principal- Stage 3

**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>**

We are now accepting payments for the Annual School Contributions. This year, the cost per student will be $40.00. These funds are committed each year to the purchase of valuable classroom resources, that benefit all students from Kinder to Year 6. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

**STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE**

Last week forms were sent home requesting you to review and update your contact details and student information. It is very important that the school has the most up-to-date information for your child, so it would be greatly appreciated if you could return your
forms to the school by tomorrow, so we can begin to enter the information into our records.

MORE LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

We would like to announce and congratulate the following students who have been elected by their peers as Cooerwull Sports Captains for 2015. The Captains are;

- Bracey: Sophie Swift and Cody Griffiths.
- Coates: Amelia Jeffery and Cody Grant.
- Newham: Mickaylah Puckeridge and Ethan Kemp.
- Finlay: Tyiesha Hamlin and Jack Mantle.

Well done, we are sure you will lead your houses with enthusiasm and pride!!!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CHANGE OF DATE!!!
The date of the Cooerwull Athletics carnival has been changed to MONDAY 30TH MARCH (WEEK) 10 with the backup date for bad weather Thursday 2nd April. The carnival will be held at the Jim Monaghan Athletics Field and this year all Year 2 students will be attending. This is a great opportunity for Junior and Senior parents and carers to involve themselves in the school community with help needed for the day in the canteen, time keeping and helping staff with events. CONTACT THE JUNIOR OR SENIOR OFFICE IF AVAILABLE TO HELP.

DANCE CLUB
Mrs Howell and Mrs Manhood have started a Dance Club for Primary students. Any student from Years 3-6 are welcome to attend. It will be held Friday lunchtimes in the School Hall. Mrs Shireen Sheehan, a professional dance teacher, will be our guest dance teacher for the next few weeks in preparation for the Senior Citizen’s Concert.

There is no cost and no out of school time practices required so we look forward to making up some exciting new dance routines with the students.

Mrs Howell and Mrs Manhood

Mr Mitchell inspired students with his engaging Drama lesson. Students were to choose an ‘Expressive White Mask’ (Basel Mask) and become the character in front of their class. All students found they were creative and confident and became ‘at one’ with their character. They acted out scenes in pairs and small groups being: Mr Dopey, Daisy, Mr Proud, Lizard, Butterfly Catcher and many more.

SUCCESS AT THE DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

After some outstanding individual performances at the District Swimming Carnival held recently at Portland, five Cooerwull students will now travel to Dubbo to compete in the Western PSSA Swimming Carnival. Thomas Matchett, Cheyenne McDonald, Kobi Egan, Indiana Lincoln and Madalyn McLean will be
representing Lithgow District and CPS and we wish them all the best.

**MADDY MCLEAN DECLARED DISTRICT CHAMPION!!**

Year 5 student Madalyn McLean is the best 11 Year old female swimmer in the Lithgow District. Maddy ploughed through the pool demolishing her opponents in Backstroke and Freestyle. Well done Maddy!

**RED CROSS MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**

The Red Cross helps thousands of people who are alone and struggling, support disaster relief and recovery and help thousands of elderly and isolated Australians. Our school will be supporting this very worthy cause with a Mufti Day on Friday, 27th March 2015 and we ask the students to bring a gold coin donation and wear something RED!

**BASKETBALLERS ARE ON TARGET**

Eight students were successful at the District Basketball trials last week at Wallerawang. Kobi Egan, Cooper Egan, Jack Mantle, Lachlan Kendall, Lachlan Thompson, Hayley Ranse, Amelia Jeffrey and Sophie Swift will attend Western Trials in Cowra and Bathurst on Thursday. Principal Mr Snow received an email from the trial co-ordinator Mr Campling from Wallerawang Public School praising our students on their fine sportsmanship and outstanding manners!!! Many thanks to Mr Foster and the parents for support and transportation.

**LOST PROPERTY**

An abundance of lost property at both sites. Please ensure clothing is labelled for a safe return.

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