**Mock Trial Regional Winners**

On 9 August 2013 the school’s Mock Trial Team travelled to Gunnedah to compete against Armidale High School in the Regional Finals of this state-wide competition.

The team, comprising barristers Clayton McKinnon and James Nash, instructing solicitor Nathan Cox, court officer Jaimi-Lee Bennett and star witnesses Sharleen Jones and Makayla Munns (pictured below), successfully presented an intimidation charge, winning not only the case but also the Mock Trial.

This team is now undefeated after six rounds and hence are deservedly ranked as one of the top 32 teams in the state. This is a great achievement considering that the competition commenced with some 200 teams competing.

The team will once again call upon their prosecutorial prowess in the next round against Denison College (Bathurst) in Dubbo in Week 7. Our best wishes go with them for their future success.

**Superheroes School Social**

A great night was had by all who attended the Social on Thursday 15 August, many well known superheroes were in attendance which added a more interesting touch to the night. Thank you to all those who assisted in particular the SRC, Mrs Adam, Canteen helpers and supervising teachers. (photos next newsletter)

**School Brings Home 1st, 2nd and 6th Place from the EKKA**

Above: Lachlan McEvoy showing off the winning steer. Article and pictures pg. 6

**Upcoming Events**

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**Next P&C Meeting**

Monday, 26 August @ 5.30 pm
School Library
ALL WELCOME
Principal’s Report

Coonabarabran High hosted the District Attendance Team this week. We asked them to look at our school processes to recommend strategies to improve attendance for students across our school. The great news was the strong attendance of our Year 7 and 8 students. These groups have outstanding attendance above 90% and this has a very positive impact upon their learning individually and as a group.

We know that our caring and individualised approach to student learning supports regular attendance. Students attend school regularly when they enjoy the classes they attend and the environment that they learn in. We work hard to provide a broad curriculum that all students find relevant, accessible and enjoyable. We have high expectations regarding anti-social behaviour, we value social support of students by other students.

We also rely on effective communication with parents. If you have a concern regarding your child’s attendance or would like to discuss our policy, please call us to arrange a meeting.

Our Mock Trial team have marched forward into the final 32 school teams in the state. Clayton McKinnon, James Nash, Nathan Cox, Jaimi-Lee Bennett, Sharleen Jones and Michaela-Lee McGlashan, have represented the school with distinction throughout the competition.

The Cattle Show team had a fabulous time in Brisbane at the Royal Agricultural Show (the EKKA). Our team brought home ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 6th in the Open Steer Competition. Congratulations to all of our teams in the state. Clayton McKinnon, James Nash, Mike Myers, Peter Knight, Graham Enks, Nick Karagiannis, Leesa Kelly, Anita Tighe, Maria Deep, Helen Smith, Tracee McHugh, Ruth Mercieca and Skye Lambert.

Guest Speaker: Ms Bron Powell from the Australian Red Cross (Dubbo) speaking on Drug and Alcohol issues for Youth and in particular synthetic drugs. A key part of her job is helping youth learn first aid and behave safely in relation to drugs and alcohol. A summary of key issues raised on the night are noted here:

About 22% of young people never drink alcohol. This is a significant number of young people. Parents have a duty of care to ensure alcohol is not served to underage people, especially at parties. The drug causing most harm is currently alcohol, it has a worse impact than all the illicit drugs combined and it is widely available. Four Australians die every week from alcohol related issues.

What can parents do? Set boundaries; talk with their children before they go to a party. Get information so that you understand. Keep good contact with your child and keep an eye on their health and wellbeing. Be available for assistance.

At Coonabarabran High School, PDHPE classes raise many important issues for students regarding safety, decision making, drugs and alcohol as well as providing useful information to them.

How do I know if my son/daughter or friend is taking drugs? What are the symptoms? Some symptoms are similar to those displayed by most adolescents so detection can be difficult. They may demand more privacy, lock their doors, won’t look you in the face, they may have a lack of personal care, they may have an unusual smell on their clothing or body, or take precautions to hide the effects, for example more perfume or chewing gum. Drugs can interfere with sleep — there may be changes with the choice of friends. There may be money missing and more mood changes as well as a loss of interest in old hobbies.

Addiction is a disease — it alters the brain. There are serious long term effects of drug use. These can be physical, psychological and or social and relate to the different drugs and how they are used.

Synthetic drugs are chemically manufactured drugs and sold under lots of different names. These items have been available recently and were previously legal but not now — in NSW there is a temporary ban. Use of body building steroids is becoming prevalent and causes aggressive behaviour. The fastest growing area for drug use is prescription drug abuse — where medicines are obtained from chemists and used for the wrong purpose. These drugs are all illegal to pick up from a chemist if a prescription has not been made out to you. In conclusion, drugs and alcohol can have nasty both long and short term effects and are best avoided. For more details or to contact our speaker please forward a request to the P&C Secretary on email: chspnc@gmail.com.

Mel Johnston
Deputy Principal’s Report – Graham Enks reported that the Parent / Teacher Night will be held tomorrow night (Tuesday) from 4-7pm. On Wednesday Senior Constable Robyn Smith will be attending school. She will address year 8 girls on cyber bullying and positive relationships and anger issues with year 9 students. The year 10-11 subject selection booklet has been completed and will hopefully be distributed next week. A representative of the Board of Studies will talk to year 10 students on the 22nd August. The school aims to meet the needs and interests of all students. It has also been nice to have former students from Coonabarabran come back to talk about their successes.

General Business: None

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 26th August 2013. (5.30pm High School Library all welcome).

Meeting Closed: 7.20pm.

Administration Reminder - Could you please use the P&C’s new email address for all secretarial correspondence for any messages, apologies or suggested speakers. It is: chspnc@gmail.com. Thank you.

Treasurers Report Coonabarabran High School P & C Association Statements of Receipts & Payments as of 29 July 2013

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Balance as per statement 30 June 2013: $16,778.80

Cash book balance as at 27 May 2013: $7,280.80

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Total: $498.00

Add Receipts: $200.00

Add Deposits since 30 June 2013: $4,121.50

Barbecue fundraiser (includes rebanked float $200.00): $493.00

Total: $4,614.50

Balance as per statement 30 June 2013: $16,778.80

Reconciled total as per cashbook 29 July 2013: $7,280.80

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President’s Report

Having a daughter currently in Year 12, I am acutely aware that HSC Trial Exams were conducted this month and the real deal will be upon us before we know it. Staff, parents and students are working hard to prepare for the culmination of 12 years of schooling.

Ten students performed well enough at the NW Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth to progress to the Combined High Schools State Athletic Championship in Homebush on 5-7th September 2013. Well done and good luck to all.

The next P&C fund raising event is the International Feast of Food to be held at the school on Friday 15th November 2013. Staff, students and members of the P&C will prepare national dishes from the following countries; Mexico, Italy, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, South Africa, Israel, Thailand, China, Greece and Australia (bush tucker). (Mr Johnson assures us the BBQ flying fox with green salad is to die for) International music will feature throughout the evening. A flat rate of $10 will be charged, with all proceeds going to the school via the P&C. If you would like to assist with planning or preparation for the event, please attend the next P&C meeting or speak to a member of the P&C or staff. Otherwise, simply pencil the date into your diary now and turn up!

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for 5.30pm 26th August 2013 at the school library.  

Mark Tisdick

60 seconds….

My name is…James Bateson
My nickname is…Bato
My friends tell me…They will cut down the biggest tree in the forest with a herring
My favourite movie is…Shoot Em Up by Michael Davis
My favourite song is…Wasted Penguinz—Melancholia
It scares me, but I’d love to…Ride Dane Searls BMX jumps - Giants of Dirt
The best advice I’ve been given was…If something is meant to be, let it be. Don’t loose hope
My favourite place other than Coona is…Sussex Inlet
My funniest memory is…Taping Kieran Comyns to a pole with Duct Tape
If I could change one thing in the world, it would be…Tolerance
I have never understood…If transformers have Life Insurance or car Insurance
I am happiest when…I am out riding or with my best friend
I would cry if I lost…My best friend
The hardest thing I’ve done was…Talk to my mother after my cat died
If I was reincarnated I would come back as a…Sloth to be lazy
School has been…A long eventful journey in life
When I grow up I want to be a…Competitor in X-Games riding BMX
Any words of wisdom?…If you have an opportunity to do something, do it because you’ll end up regretting it if you don’t!

Indonesian Language news

Kemerdekaan Indonesia
(Indonesian Independence)

The 17th August was Indonesian Independence Day. Every year all across the archipelago the 17th of August is a national holiday and celebrations commemorate the struggle for independence which led to the formation of the United States of Indonesia in 1949. For many hundreds of years Indonesian nationalism had always been active against Dutch colonialism. In 1927 Indonesian intellectuals with a strong sense of nationalism had developed and began to promote Bahasa Indonesia as a national Indonesian language. During WWII the Japanese invaded Indonesia and defeated the Dutch. By early 1942 Japanese forces were well and truly in control across the archipelago.

However, Japanese invasion did not deter Indonesian nationalists, who saw this new situation as an opportunity to strive for independence from all forms of colonialism. By March 1945 the war was not going well for Japan in the Pacific and Indonesian nationalists seized the moment; convincing the Japanese command to form a committee that would deliver independence from the Dutch. Initially the Japanese agreed and a new constitution was prepared for implementation. Disastrously for the Indonesians, on the 15th August 1945 the Japanese surrendered to the Americans and changed their mind on Indonesian independence returning Indonesia back to the Netherlands. In an act of defiance the Indonesians organised to declare a proclamation of Independence. On the 17th August against Japanese wishes, in a secret location the new Indonesian flag was publicly raised declaring the Republic of Indonesia. On this very day Bahasa Indonesia was also proclaimed as the national language of Indonesia. After the war the Dutch-Netherlands returned to take control of their pre-war colonial possessions, but the Indonesians had other ideas, this led to a four year bloody conflict. Finally in December 1949, under overwhelming international pressure including Australia, the Netherlands officially recognised Indonesian sovereignty under the federal structure of the United States of Indonesia.

Language lesson with Pak Holden
Merdeka: independent
(Pronounced: m’r DAY.ka)
In Indonesia the word merdeka has a political connotation meaning independent or freedom, this connects to the Indonesian struggle for independence; hence merdeka Indonesia simply means free or independent Indonesia
Kemerdekaan: independence
By adding the prefix KE and the affix AN; merdeka becomes kemerdekaan: independent becomes independence!
‘Kemerdekaan Indonesia’ simply means Indonesian Independence
Remember what sampai jumpa means? (until we meet again)
Sampai Jumpa!
(Pronounced: SAM, pay – JOOM, pa)
So, on that note I will say,

Sampai Jumpa!
North West Debating

On the 1st of August the NW Debating finals were held in Tamworth along with a debating seminar. The debating team originally consisted of Bess Graham, Ashley Michael, David Tighe and Stephen Saunders. However, due to extracurricular school activities and a sporting injury the team that undertook the debate comprised a different cast of characters. Coonabarabran High School went into their debate against Quirindi undefeated in the competition and the efforts of Annie Nash, Bess Graham, Amee Saunders and Lilly Abbott (pictured below) must be commended. These young ladies made exceptional arguments as to “why politicians should be allowed to use personal attacks in parliament”; they competently rebutted their opposition’s arguments; though, unfortunately, they were not triumphant in convincing the adjudicator that they had won the argument. A big thank-you and congratulations must go to these young ladies for filling in at the eleventh hour and stepping out of their comfort zones; they should be justly proud of themselves.

Mendooran Horse Sports

Eight students from Coonabarabran High School enjoyed a beautiful day out at Mendooran on the 9th of August. All the students had their horses well prepared and were very successful, winning lots of ribbons. The team consisted of Maddy McNeilly, Kelly Phillips, Jonty Raeen, Sam Edwards, Emma Tudgey, Sally Deshon, Emily Yeo and Isobelle Fox.

A special congratulations must go to Emily Yeo who represented our school in an equestrian activity for the first time. Emily rode very well and had a great day.

A big thankyou to the parents who attended and helped out with running different events on the day.

Legacy is a uniquely Australian charity. Our annual fundraising day is on 6 September, when badges, pens, wristbands and bears are sold. All money raised goes to helping make a better life for those who have lost family members due to war.

Coonabarabran Junior Rugby League and Netball Club are holding their Presentation Day on Sunday 8th September 2013 at No 1 Oval (Youth Club if raining). Free Sausage Sizzle/Fizzy Drink 12.00pm. Presentation 12.30pm.

The Informatics Competition is a national problem solving competition which was held earlier in the year. Congratulations to the following students on achieving these awards:

Credit: Jarrod Lambert, Oliver Lucas and Stephen Sanders
Distinction: Charlie Knight and Ian Whittall

Exciting Car Project

What enthusiastic Metal and Engineering or Industrial Technology student wouldn’t love to work on a racing car? Kevin Keeler has kindly allowed these Years 10 and 11 students to not only fully strip his racing car but has organised for them to attend the race meetings and become part of the pit crew. To prepare the car for racing the students have had to; fully strip the 95 model Falcon, skin the doors, make a fire wall, plate it out, fit the racing cage, engine and safety equipment. Speedway specs and standards had to be followed closely during the refit. Once complete, the students will then be responsible for painting the car exterior and designing the promotional signage before finally experiencing the thrill of race day as part of the pit crew.
Outstanding Success at the EKKA
On the 3rd of August we travelled to Brisbane to exhibit four of our school steers at the Royal Brisbane Show. Ten students from years 7-11 entered Junior Judging and Parading Competition where they displayed excellent livestock handling skills. There were 350 steers competing in the Hoof and Hook sections. We were extremely successful receiving a 1st, 2nd and 6th in the Open and School Hoof sections. I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated as they were excellent ambassadors for our school. I would like to thank Leanne Doel, Shannon Mathews and Michelle McEvoy for helping supervise and transport students on the excursion.

Clockwise from top: Emily Young; Oska Brooker, Caitlyn Green & Shaun McNeilly; Group photo with the fantastic EKKA Grandstand in background: Joe Bowen; Ale Van Shalkwyk, Shaun McNeilly & Lach McEvoy; Caitlyn & Oska getting upclose.
North West Athletics 2013

On Friday the 2nd of August, 25 Coonabarabran High students travelled to Tamworth for the North West Athletics Carnival. Our students made the most of a great day by producing some excellent performances. It was particularly pleasing to see every student provide encouragement and support to one another and they should all be proud of their achievements.

Ten students gained selection into the North West team by achieving a top two placing in a track or field event. The results for Coonabarabran High are as follows:

- Annabelle Park 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m
- Brodie Draper 2nd Shot put
- Shaun McNeilly 2nd High Jump
- Darcy Cain 1st Shot put
- Jasmin Lucas 2nd Shot put
- Mitchell Fosdick 2nd Long jump, 2nd High jump
- Harley Wood 1st High jump
- Georgina Elton 2nd High jump
- Cody Brady 1st Shot put
- Maddie McNeilly 2nd 1500, 2nd Long jump

Good luck to all those students, who will compete against the best athletes in NSW at the Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival to be held in Sydney on the 5th-7th September.

Netball

Coonabarabran High School’s Open Netball team has had another successful year on the netball courts. To start the year off, Olivia Eastburn was selected into the North West netball team. Additionally, Makayla Munns and Rebecca Silk were named as reserves for the team and highlights the depth of sporting talent we have at this school. Olivia proved to be a very valuable and consistent performer in the centre court and helped guide the NW team to 10th in the state. Congratulations Olivia!

The team had some very solid and dominant performances, particularly in the mid court, against Gilgandra and Coonamble at the Single Cup carnival. The team’s fine form continued into the NW Knockout Tournament. They played some excellent netball and in the early rounds won convincingly against Coonamble (64 to 6) and Wee Waa (82 to 13). Unfortunately in their Semi-Final game, Gunnedah played more consistently on the day and they eventually went down 28 to 20. The girls fought all the way to the end and this is a testament to their sportsmanship qualities.

The team consisted of: Jenna Cormie, Olivia Eastburn, Caitlyn Green, Grace Leak, Maddie McNeilly, Makayla Munns, Rebecca Silk, Monique Tanner, Lakeyia Wood (pictured top right)

Looking for a rewarding career, or for a career change? What about a career in early childhood?

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Castlereagh Family Day Care is looking for caring, enthusiastic, healthy and reliable people who are passionate about working with children and families. All you need is a warm and secure family focused environment, a desire to succeed and a Certificate III in Children’s Services or the motivation to study this qualification.

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Industrial Technology Major Works

Year 12 Industrial Technology students’ major projects were marked last Wednesday. These projects were marked by external markers who travel around the state to each school. The students, under the guidance of Mr Stewart, have worked with the beautiful qualities of wood to create a variety of furniture. Additionally, the students were required to produce a folio demonstrating the processes they used during the design and construction of the project.

Clockwise above: Luke Scott’s Dining Table with Lazy Susan: Casey Draper’s Garden Seat: Jack Ayoub’s Music Stand and Stool: Kieren Comyn’s Billiard Table