Christine Anu features at 2013 ‘Feast of Words’

Indigenous Youth Leadership Scholarship holder Madison Watton, who delivered the ‘Welcome to Country’ at the schools’ special assembly in honour of Christine Anu pictured above with Christine Anu.

Upcoming Events

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Parent Teacher Evening

There will be a Parent Teacher Evening next Tuesday, 30 July from 4 - 7pm.

Next P&C Meeting

Monday, 29 July @ 5.30 pm
School Library
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Treasurer’s Report - COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens’ Association

Statement of Receipts and Payments
as at the 24 June 2013

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| Total | $14,250.33 | $19,384.53 |

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| 241       | North West Equestrian Expo - rug | $137.50 |
| 245       | Julie McGlashan - reimburse for Expo | $36.95 |
| 246       | Krystie’s Meats | $690.00 |
| 247       | Coona Bakery | $2,020.15 |
| 248       | Kalolane Food Services | $1,564.09 |
| 249       | Advanced Coffee Systems | $1,325.14 |
| 250       | Taylors Eggs | $112.50 |
| 676       | InLand Distributors Pty Ltd | $353.05 |
| 677       | John & Marion McCabe (Lion Distributors) | $639.20 |
| 678       | CHS Canteen - Expo - reimbursement | $341.65 |

| Total | $7,220.23 |

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**Principal’s Report**

Term 3 has begun with a fast tempo and great enthusiasm. Our first week included our school and community NAIDOC celebrations and also the Feast of Words writing festival over three days and the Feast of Pi mathematics day. Each of these events is a major learning opportunity for students.

The NAIDOC assembly celebrated the achievements of our Aboriginal students. We were very pleased to have a good representation of parents and community attend the assembly. The theme for 2013 was: **We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963.** The Yirrkala Bark Petitions were created to appeal to the government for consideration of Aboriginal rights to traditional land in 1963. Our students recognised the similarities for Mary Jane Cain and her appeals to the Queen and later to government for rights to own and manage land in our community. Our students assisted the delivery of Traditional Indigenous Games at the community NAIDOC event on Thursday and all enjoyed the historical and cultural presentations and musical performance.

Our Feast of Words is in its third year and is going from strength to strength. Our headline guest this year was Christine Anu. She captivated students with her story. I was very impressed with her ability to deliver a sophisticated message about belonging and identity to the entire student group in a way that engaged all from Year 7 to Year 12. Her use of language and images provided students with a memorable message and her singing was beautiful and poignant.

From Wednesday through to Friday students from across the school enjoyed workshops with a range of writers. From journalism and public speaking to screenplay, game design and fiction writing our students engaged with professionals about the craft of writing. It is an outstanding program and a fantastic opportunity for your children.

The Feast of Pi toasted all things mathematical with fun and participation at the forefront in each classroom. Students were engaged in mathematical applications related to engineering and science. The workshops for senior students added to the momentum of their HSC preparation with instruction to support their HSC coursework.

We have taken up an initiative of the University of NSW to introduce students from rural schools to career options which may include study at university. Five students in Year 8 travelled with Mrs Kenny to Sydney to participate in three days of activities including time at the Powerhouse museum, Sydney Aquarium and the University of NSW. Mrs Kenny came back from leading the ASPIRE excursion to Sydney, brimming with pride for the students in her group and the detailed diary of their journey and the learning that took place.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Scholars hosted a Mini-gathering at Baradine during Week 1. Approximately 25 students from across the state came to our district to participate in the cultural event. Well done Jayd Robinson, Talisha Kuras and our newest scholar Abbey Edmondstone. The students visited Dandry Gorge and Burra Bee Dee as a part of the excursion.

On Tuesday we held a Formal Assembly to recognise the achievement of our students. The Young Australian of the Year, Akram Azimi was our special guest. Akram has a remarkable story. He came to Australia as a refugee from Afghanistan as a child. He has achieved outstanding academic success and has given a great deal back to the Australian community. He was very humble and said that he had been very fortunate to be here speaking to us. Akram believed "... people should value their past and build their identity with each new experience. I am an Afghan from birth and have become an Australian through my experience. This has not made me less of an Afghan but has grown my identity to include both cultural experiences." He also commented that many people feel some guilt about being more fortunate than others and that he believed that gratitude was a much more positive response because gratitude for good luck will lead to giving back to the community.

Our students have commented on the strength of his presentation - he prompted students to ask him questions and answered them all with intelligence and humour. We were all impressed by his boundless enthusiasm. Akram was amazed by the achievements of our students and commented upon the school’s success in the Henry Lawson Writing Competitions and the breadth of learning at the school. We have made a powerful start to learning this term and we are focussed on achievement for all of our students.

Parent / Teacher interviews take place next week and I encourage all parents to meet teachers and discuss the progress of their children.

I also encourage parents to attend the P&C Meeting on Monday evening at 5.30 pm in our school library.

**Mel Johnston**

**President’s Report**

Third term started with a bang, with the Feast of Words and Feast of Pi which was another outstanding success. Christine Anu and all the other guest writers and mathematicians presented students and staff with life experiences, knowledge, skills and learning techniques that make a significant impression on all those that participate. Congratulations to all the other staff that put in the long hours to run this program – it is worth the effort.

This Saturday morning, 8.00 - 12.00, 27th July, the P&C are running a sausage sizzle at Woolworths to raise funds for the school. The first shift is from 7.30 – 10.00 with the second from 10.00 – 12.00. We will be cooking sausage and steak sandwiches and bacon and egg rolls. Please come down and support this small fund raising activity. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for next Monday 29th July 2013. See you on Monday.

Mark Fosdick
Coonabarabran High School P & C Association Meeting
Minutes Monday 24th June 2013

Meeting Opened: 5.40pm. Attendance: Mark Fosdick, Tammy Samuel, Mel Johnston, Kellie Nash, Angela Karagiannis, Narelle Pfeiffer, Martyn Wilkin, Mandy Suller, Mike Myers, Peter Knight, Graham Enks, Nick Karagiannis, Leesa Kelly, Anita Tighe, Anne Maree Elton and Skye Lambert.

Apologies: Tracee McHugh, Ruth Mercieca, Nancy Doolan and Julie McGlashan.

Motion: That apologies be accepted. Moved Peter Knight, seconded Angela Karagiannis.

Business arising from Previous Minutes:

- The P&C Hut at the Horse Expo worked exceptionally well and Julie McGlashan did an excellent job in coordinating and organising the Hut and its volunteers. Mark Fosdick thanked everyone for their effort. It was moved that the P&C would provide a $100.00 dinner voucher to Julie McGlashan as a thank you. Motion moved Peter Knight and seconded Skye Lambert.

- Leesa Kelly raised the issue of poor scheduling between the Horse Expo and the Junior Exams. Graham Enks took her comments on board, took responsibility for the unfortunate clash and has assured members of the meeting it will not happen again. It was noted that an additional cost for the Horse Expo was the cost of the Cool Room (provided by Greg Weatherall). A motion was moved at the meeting that Julie and Rob McGlashan were to be reimbursed for this cost. Motion moved Peter Knight and seconded Angela Karagiannis. [Special note: as the invoice was received by the P&C directly, there was no need to reimburse the McGlashans the P&C simply paid the bill directly]. It was suggested for future Hut organising that there be a separate kettle for 2 minute noodles and tea, otherwise from a volunteer perspective it was great to work in the new Hut from comments received.

- It was decided that a P&C member would not be available to travel to Orange for the special farewell of Mrs McDiarmid.

- The International Food Event as an upcoming fundraiser was discussed. It was suggested we could get students involved by decorating stalls, finding out information about different countries, having a prize for best dressed stall, best dressed student and teacher and there could be some performances to enhance the atmosphere. Money should be handled at a central entry point and possibly from a volunteer perspective it was great to work in the new Hut from comments received.

- It was recommended the P&C approach Orana Arts about possible funding and Pilliga Pottery to possibly borrow a large number of small bowls for the event. Arrangements for set up and with the art department for visual ideas are also recommended. A sub-committee has been set up to manage the event. So far this sub-committee includes Nick Karagiannis, Tammy Samuel, Annette Adams and Mel Johnston. If you would like to be part of the sub-committee, please contact Tammy.

- Mr Johnston has given permission for the event to be held at school. A date has not yet been set. The school executive will look at other important High School events such as dates for the HSC exams and junior exams and provide some suggested dates to the P&C at the next meeting. The date is expected to be either in October or November. It is expected at this stage that the International Food event will cater for around 300 - 400 people, with possibly seven different countries represented. It is intended that portion sizes should be smaller meant mainly for tasting, not full meal sized.

- There is to be a P&C Fundraiser outside of Woolworths – a sausage sizzle. This is scheduled for Saturday 20th July. [Please note this event was delayed by one week to Saturday 27th July]. Woolworths will provide a $50.00 gift voucher to be used towards costs. Mark Fosdick, Graham Enks and Nick Karagiannis are scheduled to attend the sausage sizzle from 7.30am to 10am, with Mike Myers assisting from 10-12noon, other members will be organised to also help out. Angela will organise the float. It is expected that helpers wear our new P&C aprons.

Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Previous Minutes approved – Moved Martyn Wilkin, seconded Tammy Samuel.

Presentation: Mike Myers provided a presentation on role in the community as the Youth Development Officer as well as providing an overview of the Youth Action Group.

The primary focus is on youth aged between 12 and 18 years. As part of Mike’s role, he is developing a wide ranging school holiday program, which he is gradually spreading out through the region.

The region is divided into six key geographical areas and special projects and programs are being developed to cater for the important priorities in each of these areas. The school holiday programs include Dunedoo, Binnaway, Baradine and Coonabarabran.

It would be great to have a few adults to attend a few of these events in each area so to keep these activities vibrant and ongoing. If you would like to be involved Mike can be contacted on telephone (02) 6849 2222. If you are between 12 and 18 years and would like more details about what’s coming up Mike would be happy to hear from you too. During the July school holidays youth will be playing quidditch, just slightly different from the Harry Potter style (no brooms). There will be arts and crafts as well as some sporty events. The aim is to work at a community level. Mackillop and Mission Australia are also involved in supporting these special programs. There is to be a Police program called Midnight Basketball from 9pm to midnight the aim being to get kids off the streets and into a safe environment. Coolah Youth Club will run a similar program. In Coolah there is a focus on looking at and reducing the stigma of mental health issues as well as looking at extra curricular and out of school events.

The Youth Action Group has action based leadership as a key priority of group members. It is intended that members will start to work progressively more with Council, be introduced to community meeting styles and start to develop some key goals for the group which will also be fun for the youth in our region. There is the additional goal of trying to dispel the myth that there is nothing to do in this region and no future for our youth. Mike emphasized the importance of youth safety and told members that as at 15th June new safety procedures had

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come out which changed the process for the working with children checks. The initial working with children check is now going to be transferable. If you are required to have one completed for work purposes it will cost $80.00 but will be free for volunteers. It will cost schools $2,016.00 and for child care workers a cost of $2017.00. You can look up the details online under “NSW Commission for Children” which tells you if you have a clearance or bar and gives you a special number. It is recommended that people check these new rules for themselves in case additional changes to the rules and procedure are made. Mike commended the 90 youth that attended a special musical event in Dubbo recently for their fantastic behaviour.

Correspondence In:
2. Email from Peter Crowe (Piggy) – advertising his payments system.

It was left open for members present to consider whether P&C wanted to nominate any teachers for the National Teacher’s Awards. This was not acted on at the meeting.

Correspondence Out:
1. Return email to Peter Crowe thanking him for his email and advising him that we do not need his services at present. Correspondence accepted: Leesa Kelly moved that correspondence be approved and Mike Myers seconded the motion.
2. Canteen Report – Vicki Cousens will replace Beth Pilcher in a paid capacity in the Canteen. There has been a loss recorded due to large expenses. Linda Greenwood is to remain as Treasurer.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Angela Karagiannis provided the Treasurer’s Report and advised that we had earned nearly $7,500.00 from the Horse Expo Hut. A paper copy of her report was tabled at the meeting. Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report was moved by Angela Karagiannis and seconded by Leesa Kelly.
4. Environment and Grounds Committee report – Graham Enks advised that the North Wall project will start shortly. It was suggested by P&C members that the school sign was too quick and it was suggested it be slowed down so that it was easier to read.
5. Principal’s Report – Mel Johnston advised that the Feast of Words and the Feast of Pi were to both start in the first week of next term. A special guest among many being Christine Anu who would be present for the day event and the dinner on Wednesday 17th July. In writing Coonabarabran High School had 12 finalists. It was a great effort from all students. Our students defeated the Oxley High team in Mock Trial. The Ag Skills day was a sensational day and the HSC seminars for UNE and Dubbo were very successful. The year 8 Medieval Games were also exceptional. Media studies students have been asked to be involved in a “Forever Dare” project where students are involved in selecting great photos to represent the spirit of the school. Special Naidoc events will be held the first two days of term 3 including a branch smoking ceremony. It was suggested St Lawrence’s and the Public Primary School could be invited to attend as a transition to high school event.
6. Deputy Principal’s Report – Year 12 motivation and support program is to be offered on Wednesday afternoons instead of them attending sport. Year 11 reports have been distributed. Some issues have been raised with a minority of students, otherwise they are good role models. A special Transition program for primary school students has been organised for this Friday. There will be a police visit focusing on year 9 anger management and other issues. Junior School reports are to be distributed this Friday. There is to be a formal assembly Tuesday of the second week of term with a special guest being Young Australian of the Year. A Parent/Teacher Night is to be held Tuesday 30th July.

General Business:
- The P&C have agreed to use a formal layout for a letterhead for future outgoing correspondence. Mr Johnston has approved use of the school logo on this letterhead. An example version of the letterhead was provided by Angela Karagiannis at the meeting. Subject to a minor correction for an apostrophe a motion was passed to approve use of this letterhead for future correspondence. Motion moved Nick Karagiannis and seconded Anita Tighe.
- A special thank you was given to Mike Myers for his very informative presentation.

Date of Next Meeting:
Monday 29th July 2013. (5.30 pm High School Library all welcome).
Meeting Closed: 7.10 pm.

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.

A Big thank you to the Acacia and Prezzies and all those who attended the ‘Feast of Words’ dinner, all proceeds go to supporting this wonderful event, and without this support the festival would not be such an ongoing success.
Geography Excursion

On Tuesday the 28th of May, Year 11 Geography and Biology participated in a fieldtrip to support our learning on biophysical interactions. This involved traveling out to the Siding Springs Observatory and other impacted areas of the Castlereagh River system. We were assisted by the local environmental crew which consisted of Meg Leathart and Pete Thompson with local Coonabarabran High School staff members, Phil Draper, Anna O’Brien and Kellie Nash.

The first stopover was the Mount Woorut (Siding Springs Observatory) where students assessed the impacts of human life on the local environment. We assessed the hydrosphere, biosphere, lithosphere and atmosphere and concluded that human development on the mountain had affected the lithosphere and hydrosphere as the compacting of the ground has altered water runoff to the headwaters of the Castlereagh River.

We then proceeded to Mopra Rock where they came into contact with the local geologist Pete Thompson. Pete explained how local farming around the rock has caused major landslides in the last few decades. This has affected the river system and biosphere as the soil contaminates the quality of the water and affects local marine life. He also discussed the major environmental issue of the formation of plunge pools and how they erode the river bank causing further problems with water quality and land erosion.

After a brief morning tea the squad proceeded to Timor Dam, where they met local council worker, Andrew Milford. Andrew explained how Timor Dam alters the river and affects the biosphere of the marine environment. He discussed the issue of water quality and how during the fires the paddle stirrer, which consistently stirs the dam and maintains a consistent quality of the water, was turned off to allow the sediment from ash and soil erosion to settle. Following the journey of the water, Andrew then showed us around the water treatment plant and we learned about the intensive processes involved in making our water safe to drink.

Lunch was enjoyed by all at Neilson Park where we also compared the quality of town water and bottled water. This was done through a blind tasting. While the results were varied, it was concluded that most people really do prefer bottled water, despite the incredible cost and the amount of waste they produce.

Our merry group then concluded with a trip to the town sewage treatment plant. Again Andrew Milford took us through how the treatment is conducted. We once again learned how something we take for granted (like flushing the toilet) involves an intensive process and a lot of infrastructure.

Thankyou very much Meg, Pete and Andrew for providing their expertise, and Mr Draper for driving the bus and also providing his expertise. A great day was had by all!

By Brad Watts, Brodie Edmonstone and Miss O’Brien

Pictured Top right, students who attended the Geography excursion. Right: Mrs Kenny, Mr May, Mr Draper, Mr Graham and Miss O’Brien who were part of the History day.

History Professional Learning and Programming Days

On Monday and Tuesday 17/18 June History teachers from Coonabarabran High School and surrounding schools – Coonamble High, Baradine Central, Gulargambone Central, Warren Central, Mendooran Central, Coolah Central, Mudgee High and Gulgong High School – participated in a 2 day professional development and programming day focusing on the introduction of the Stage 4 and Stage 5 (Years 7-10) new Australian Curriculum in History.

To assist in the introduction of the new curriculum into our school in 2014 were guest presenters Kate Cameron and Toni Hurley from the NSW History Teachers Association. Both presenters have a long history of successful teaching of History in NSW Schools and are responsible for producing quarterly journals for the History Teachers Association, have contributed to the writing of textbooks and have been involved with teacher education at University level.

The funding of the presenters was possible through our Centre for Excellence funding.

Day 1 of the professional learning days focused on familiarisation with the new syllabus, what is new, the role and examples of overviews and depth studies in the course and strategies for developing literacy in the course as part of the whole school literacy development. Kate and Toni also ran sessions providing a review of the 2012 HSC Ancient and Modern History papers and provided suggested strategies to build teaching results.

Day 2 focused on programming new units of the course, particularly Year 7 and 9 which are due for implementation in 2014. Teachers appreciated the opportunity to work together with staff from their own school as well as other schools and develop programs and resources. Plans are in place for these resources/program to be shared between schools and we aim to meet again for another day of programming later in the year.

Phil Draper, Co-ordinator

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**Year 8 Writing Success**

Ms Bell’s Year 8 English class have been working on the imagery of war, shown through the words of the poets. During the last week of Term 2, work stopped on poetry for the students in the class to become novelists. The Feast of Words runs a 50 word novel competition each year, and you might not think writing 50 words is that much of a skill until you remind yourself that the story has to begin, find a solution to the problem and have some kind of resolution with only 50 words! Undaunted by the task, Year 8E3 forged ahead, turning all the imagery techniques that they had learned from poetry to completing their novels about the experience of war. Ms Bell’s criteria for writing was much harder than the Feast of Words: their novels had to include alliteration, assonance, at least one metaphor or simile (and a bit of onomatopoeia if the word count allowed!). Every student who arrived out the front of the classroom with 51 words was sent back to cull one more word, but Ms Bell was mightily impressed with their fortitude: not a single student gave up! What resulted was some action-packed, and often poignant, last moments in war.

We had two of the five winners of the 50 word novel competition in our class, Miss Hayley Martin and Mr Shane Morris. They are to be commended for their efforts!

*My Death* by Hayley Martin

My men were running. “Bang!” I close my eyes. A tear runs down my dirty cheek, there’s no time for grief.

I looked up, I see them scattered. A green cloud covers the remaining men. I’m overcome by the sweet smell of mown grass. In a few coughs, I drown.

*Welcome Home* by Shane Morris

My son is returning home, serving his country has made everyone proud. I doubt he’ll be as bright as the sun anymore. I only hope I can help him forget.

I’m so happy he’ll be back. It would have been hard saying “lest we forget”, instead I’m saying, “Welcome home.”

**Mock Trial Success**

Having won their last Mock Trial at the end of last term (against Oxley High School, Tamworth) this meant that our team completed the initial 5 rounds of this state-wide competition undefeated.

This week, the school received the exciting news that the team had qualified as one of the top 64 teams in the State and hence now progress through to the knock-out stage of the competition. This is a fantastic achievement and clear evidence of the team’s commitment and prowess.

The team, comprising Clayton McKinnon, James Nash, Sharleen Jones, Makayla Munns, Nathan Cox, Blake Cox and Jaimi-Lee Bennett will now compete against Armidale High School, prosecuting a criminal case. Our best wishes go with them for their future success.

**60 Seconds**

My name is...Mikaela Hadfield

My nickname is...Miki

My friends tell me...that I take too many selfies.

My favourite movie is...Liar Liar

My favourite song is...any One Direction song!

It scares me, but I’d love to go sky diving.

The best advice I’ve been given was...don’t stress

My favourite place other than Coona is...Brisbane!

My funniest memory is...tickling Fran until she would squeak/ cry.

If I could change one thing in the world, it would be...

The fact that Jet packs aren’t readily available Jet.

I have never understood...how some people don’t like chocolate!

I am happiest when...I am with my friends and family.

I would cry if I lost...My bear I have had since I was little.

The hardest thing I’ve done was...Year 12 Chemistry.

If I was Prime Minister I would...Legalise same sex marriages.

If I was reincarnated I would come back as a...a Lion.

School has been...a rollercoaster of events.

When I grow up I want to be a...I don’t know.

Any words of wisdom?...Stop procrastinating and just do it!!

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**School of Tennis now taking enrolments for Term 3 2013 in Coonabarabran**

Lessons commence Friday 26 July.

Contact: Andrew 0428 751 757
Kylie 0427 637 266
schooloftennis@bigpond.com
Writing Success - Banjo Paterson Awards

Congratulations to Year 10 students Caitlyn Green and Jesse Doolan for their success in the 2013 Banjo Paterson Children’s Writing Awards.

This competition is open to writers all over Australia who are aged 16 and under. Short stories were required to be of Australian theme and content.

Caitlyn won this competition with her story, “Courage”, about a young bushranger who ends up turning away from his life of crime. She received $200 in prize money for her achievement.

Jesse placed third in the Banjo Paterson Awards for his entry, “Cry of the Thylacine” This story was written from the point of view of a Tasmanian Tiger being hunted by man. Jesse won $100 for his story.

Congratulations to these fine young writers who have been justly rewarded for their efforts.

Mrs Macintosh

History - Visit by Vietnam Veteran

Year 10 History has recently completed in class, a focus study on Australia in the Vietnam War Era. A part of this study involved looking at the impact of the Vietnam War on veterans and their families.

To supplement students’ understanding of the topic, we were very fortunate to have Mr Pat Magann, a former resident of the Binnaway/Coonabarabran area during his childhood years, visit the school on Monday 22nd July to talk to all year 10 students.

Mr Magann, who served in Vietnam with the infantry in 1970, talk to Year 10 focussed on a range of issues associated with Australia in the Vietnam War era, including:

- The issue of conscription and attitudes towards it
- Training and preparation prior to leaving for Vietnam
- Conditions relating to Jungle warfare
- The organisation of Army units based in Vietnam
- Attitudes towards the war in Australia, particularly from 1968 until the end of the war
- The impact of the war on veterans following the war

Mr Magann had with him video footage taken by a member of his unit to provide an insight into training prior to leaving for Vietnam, tactics used, as well as living conditions at base in Vietnam.

We would like to thank Mr Magann taking the time to speak to year 10, giving us insights into the Vietnam War and attitudes towards it; and to Mr Morrissey for organising Mr Magann’s visit. Mr Draper

Forensic Science Day

On 26th June, a forensic scientist visited the school to demonstrate to our students how they use evidence to solve crimes. Coonabarabran High School students were presented with a crime involving computer communications, drink spiking, sexual assault and murder. Using various simulated evidence, stations were set up and students gathered information to incriminate a suspect.

Below: Year 9 boys getting involved in the day.

Farewell to Fran Labierre - A small farewell Assembly was held on Friday 19th July, to farewell our exchange student who has been with us for the last 12 months, good luck Fran with your future studies. Picture below Ms Webb, Fran and Mr Johnston.

Outstanding Results in International Science Competition

Four students have achieved wonderful results in the International Science Competition. Marcus Young, Kevin Lee, Stephen Sanders and David Tighe achieved Distinctions in this highly competitive competition.

Our school is very proud of the boys and of our increasing success in science.
Feast of Words a Resounding Success

The school was abuzz with the joy of ideas and the power of words during Week 1 of this term. Our annual Feast of Words again successfully engaged students and teachers in a range of wonderful workshops.

Authors Paul Stafford and Kirsty Eagar shared with students and staff, strategies for staring down the terror of the blank page and making words dazzle. Screenwriter Patrick May, drawing upon his amazing knowledge of all things film, helped students to crack the code of cinema and hence to understand how movies convey meaning. Michael Morrissey combined his journalistic and legal knowledge to demystify both the media, and to the Legal Studies class, law as a future career path. Nerelie Teese highlighted the skills necessary for successful public speaking, transforming this traditionally somewhat frightening skill into one that students may now feel more confident to embrace in future.

A significant highlight of the festival was Christine Anu’s address to the whole school during which she shared her life’s journey and encouraged students to dream big. Her live performance of her signature song, ‘My Island Home’ drew a standing ovation from members of the audience and was simply wonderful to hear - as was her a capella (unaccompanied) version of this song, performed at the Festival Dinner.

Given the success that our school continues to enjoy in matters literary, the benefits of this festival are clearly evident and will no doubt continue in future. A thank you to all who supported this year’s Festival of Words.
NAIDOC Celebrations

The NAIDOC Assembly was held on Tuesday 16 July and Awards were presented as below:

Certificate for Participation in the Australian Constitutional Convention: Grace Leask

Aboriginal Education Council Scholarship: Steven Watton, Lakeyia Wood

Father Chris Riley Scholarship Recipient: Jack Ayoub

Community Participation: Tori Dundas, Jayd Robinson

NAIDOC Planning Award: Steven Blunden, Blake Cain, Demi Cain, Tori Dundas, Aiden Kuras, Donald Kuras, Marshandra Naden, Jayd Robinson, Rard Thomas, Audrey Watton, Mark Watton

On Tuesday 16th July we celebrated NAIDOC Week at Coonabarabran High School. The celebrations commenced with a flag raising and smoking ceremony with local Elders and community members attending. A formal assembly followed, which celebrated the achievements of our Indigenous students. Jayd and Steven gave a speech about the history of NAIDOC Week and the theme of this year’s celebrations. At lunch time we shared a BBQ with the community and school members. A great time was had by all.

Below: Community Members attended the NAIDOC Week Celebrations.

ASPIRE

Year 8 girls Daisy Andrews, Lydia Harris, Bree McNeilly, Hayley Martin and Brooke Meier (below) travelled with various schools to attend the UNSW ASPIRE program.

Various activities were organised for the week which included attending Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, activities on sustainability in Centennial Park, Power House Museum, Sydney Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, Sydney Aquarium, Quarantine Station, University of NSW guided tour, with the final night including a lovely Harbour cruise.

A big thank you to Mrs Kenny for accompanying the girls for the week, and Mr Draper ASPIRE Co-ordinator.

Top: Talisha Kuras and Katelyn Nixon at the NAIDOC Ceremony. Above: Jack Ayoub being congratulated by Mr Nixon for his Scholarship.
‘Feast of Pi’

The second annual Mathematics Festival - ‘Feast of Pi’ was successfully held on Thursday July 18th at Coonabarabran High School. The goal of the ‘Feast of Pi’ is to raise the profile of Mathematics as a discipline in the school. Instead of traditional lessons on this day students participated in variety of workshops and presentations designed to enrich their mathematical understanding and student engagement. This year the festival was hosted by a number of Mathematics teachers and academics which included local astronomer Professor Fred Watson and former student Professor Kerrie Mengersen who has excelled internationally in the field of Mathematics and Statistics.

Since the inaugural Festival in 2012 the ‘Feast of Pi’ has grown in size whereby this year every student in the school had the opportunity to experience the array of mathematical presentations and activities presented by a wider variety of accomplished professionals.

This year the inclusion of local astronomer and scientist in charge of the Anglo-Australian Observatory at Coonabarabran Professor Fred Watson created a lot of interest and excitement. Professor Watson who is also well known for his astronomy slots on ABC radio and his various books delivered presentations which illustrated how our knowledge of the Universe depends on mathematics. The talks were titled: Cutting Edge Astronomy, The Interplanetary Superhighway and Timewarp: Space, Time and Gravity. Students from Year 8 to Year 11 enjoyed this exploration of space from a mathematical perspective and Professor Watson was very impressed with the high quality of questions and discussions that took place at the conclusion of each session.

With the HSC only a term away Harry Langes the Head Teacher of Mathematics at Gilgandra High School up until 2012 and currently the Virtual Mathematics Faculty Leader delivered some timely HSC lectures to our senior mathematics students. Harry concentrated on areas of the Mathematics curriculum which students often have difficulties with in their HSC exam and as an experienced HSC marker for many years Harry gave the students many tips that will benefit them in their upcoming HSC exam. Ex-Coonabarabran Mathematics teacher and ex-student of Harry’s Emma Chambers returned for the day to co-present with Harry.

Margo Dent a Mathematics teacher at Gilgandra High School presented hands on practical workshops to the Year 7 and 8 students in the curriculum areas of number, fractions and measurement. Both students and staff found the varied and imaginative activities utilised by Margo very inspiration.

Ex-student Professor Kerrie Mengersen travelled from Queensland University of Technology where she is employed as a research Professor of Statistics. Kerrie has statistical projects currently operating in countries worldwide and she took students on a tour of these assignments which encompassed computational, environmental, genetic and health statistics.

Dynamic Mathematics teacher and Deputy Principal at Condobolin High School, Jamie Sampson returned for his second Feast of Pi. Jamie is an inspirational teacher who utilises non-traditional mathematical teaching methods. Jamie had the students out of their chairs and participating in practical mathematical team based activities. Mel Holmes a Mathematics teacher from Condobolin High School co-presented with Jamie.

A combined ‘Feast of Pi’ and ‘Feast of Words’ community dinner held at the Copper Pot Restaurant on Wednesday evening was the precursor to the ‘Feast of Pi’. During the evening each of the presenters gave a brief outline of their involvement in the field of Mathematics and a summary of the workshop they were presenting the next day.

The 2013 ‘Feast of Pi’ was again a very beneficial and successful initiative which was well received by students and staff. Many thanks go to the presenters who generously gave up their time to prepare and design workshops and presentations that truly enriched our students.

“It is days like these that our students really remember and can be crucial in influencing their future.”

Above top: Hayley Korff and Amelia Harris enjoying activities at the ‘Feast of Pi’

Above: Ex-student Professor Kerri Mengersen one of the presenter’s for the ‘Feast of Pi’
Support Unit ‘Feast of Pi’
Each year the Support Unit contributes to the Feasts of Words and Pi by bringing the 3 classes together for problem solving/ teamwork /communication activities. 2013 saw the first use of the parachute – a teamwork activity – so enjoyed by Support Unit students and staff (and passers by!). So few students were involved because of a clash with NAIDOC celebrations we decided to construct a 3D paper and tape building that could ‘contain 2 people’ as a team effort rather than a competition. All enjoyed the activity immensely.

Pictured below: Ms Rankmore and Penny Price

60 Minutes and The Darker Side of Paradise
I would like to take the opportunity to comment on the recent 60 Minutes program about the darker side of Bali, hopefully to allay any fears or misconceptions people may be feeling about one of my favourite subjects being, Indonesian- Australian relations. The program stated that last year every nine days an Australian died in Bali. This is an accurate and true statement, shocking and uncomfortable yes, however, what the program did not state, was that last year, a total of nine hundred and four Australians died while visiting countries overseas. Nearly 700,000 Australians went to Bali last year, unfortunately, thirty one did not return home, the majority of these fatalities were caused by motor bike accidents. There were of the course, the nasty incidents highlighted in the 60 Minutes program about the couple of people whose fate ended in foul play. To put things into perspective, a slightly larger number of Australian tourists went to the U.S. last year, the number of Australian fatalities there were fifty one, an Australian dying there also just a little over every nine days, In Thailand the total number was 111, in the Philippines 68, in Greece 60, in Vietnam it was 54. You do the maths..... Of course I would never expect the U.S to receive the same negative media coverage the Australian press dishes out to Indonesia on a regular basis, but then I guess I am just a little biased. Pak Holden

Indonesian Language News

Selamat datang
(Welcome)

Selamat datang kembali lagi!
(Welcome back again)

Welcome back; I hope everyone had a great break. We have an exciting time ahead of us in Indonesian language studies this term. This week we had a very special Indonesian guest at the school. Indonesian shadow puppet master, Pak Sumardi entertained our students with an authentic Javanese shadow play. The performance was well received, delighting everyone with his brilliant puppets and amazing skills. I am sure our students will long remember this experience as a very special event. Sumardi told us; when in Indonesia, his average performance can last up to nine hours straight without a break, or even going to the toilet. These types of performances are often included at weddings and birthday parties. In Jakarta every year on New Year’s Eve, there is a performance that lasts twenty four hours, wow, imagine that, twenty four hours sitting cross legged, without a break! Apparently, the ‘Dalangs’ (the puppet masters) have to fast, meditate and pray for days prior to the performance in order to be prepared, amazing.

Language lesson with Pak Holden

Kembali
(Pronounced: k’m.BA.lee)
Means to come back, to go back, or to return somewhere

Lagi
(Pronounced: LA.ghee)
Means can mean again or more of the same

Remember what sampai jumpa means?
See you or see you again soon, literally meaning: until we meet again.

Sampai jumpa!
(Pronounced: SAM.pay – JOOM.pa)
So, on that note I will say, Sampai Jumpa!

We’re on the Web! View online at www.coonabarabranhigh.com
**IYLP Mini Gathering**

On Wednesday morning the 17th of July Abbie Edmondstone, Jayd Robinson and Talisha Kuras were picked up by a bus load of students and teachers from around the state (including Campbelltown, Young and Dubbo). We were only heading as far west as Baradine to start with and after unpacking the bus and picking our rooms we headed to the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre. It was here we met up with Kate Olsen and Jillian Norton who gave the group a talk about the Discovery Centre and its purpose. After our visit to the Discovery Centre we headed onto the Local Lands Council and had the opportunity to look at the many artefacts held there. From Baradine it was on to Pilliga where we completed a five kilometre walk from town out to the bore via the lagoon walk. Once at the bore those that wanted to, soaked their feet in the water but only a few people got in to the bore, more fool those who chose not to get in because it isn’t a bad place to hang out. Back to Camp Cypress and it was dinner and chill-out time until the State of Origin decider started; with only two girls in tour who were QLD supporters, it made for an interesting evening (there was no point to watching the game because watching Talisha was far more entertaining).

On Wednesday Jillian took us for a walk around the Sculptures in the Scrub, imparting a few titbits about the sculptures as we went. Following lunch it was off for a drive to the Sandstone Caves and the opportunity to look at the wonderful rock structure and see the links to the deep traditional history of the Gamilaroi people in the area. In the evening we took the opportunity to catch up and talk about the importance of being leaders at school and the wider community.

Friday morning we packed our bags and headed to Burra Bee Dee Mission in the rain. Uncle Casey Dowd told us stories about Mission life and showed us where some of the community lived. We finished our tour at the cemetery, walking around the girls tidied a number of sites and chatted even though it was raining heavily.

We said goodbye to the bus at Coona High and then took the chance to find ourselves some dry clothes.
Coonabarabran High School
Winter Price List 2013

Breakfast
- Fresh fruit in season (any time of day) $1.00
- Bacon or Egg Muffin $2.00
- Bacon & Egg Muffin $3.00
- Toast [2 pieces] plain or raisin $1.00
- Hot Chocolate small $3.00, large $4.00

Hot Food
Those marked with * available lunch time only
- [Please Order]
- Macaroni Cheese Pasta $2.50
- *Hamburger $4.50
- *Chicken Burger $4.50
- Fried Rice $3.00
- *Noodle Cup $2.00
- Pizza muffin [2 per serve] Bacon or chicken $2.50
- Pasta with Homemade tomato sauce $2.50
- Spaghetti Bolognaise-Homemade $3.00
- Year 12 burger $3.50
- Meat pie (with sauce) $3.50
- Potato pie (with sauce) $3.50
- Sausage roll (with sauce) $2.50
- Mini Pizza $1.20
- Chicken Chilli Tenders [individual] $1.50
- Soup $3.50

Drinks
- Water $2.00
- Fruit juices (small) $1.50
- Daily Juice $2.50
- LOL $2.00
- Small Reduced fat flavoured milk $2.00
- Large Reduced fat flavoured Milk $3.00
- Large Plain $2.00
- RAW Cappuccino $3.20

Snacks (subject to availability)
- Fruit Sticks 30c
- Smiths Chips $1.00
- Red Rock Deli Chips $1.00
- Grain Waves $1.00

Ice creams & Ice blocks
Varied prices

Salads (Please Order)
- Salad with Chicken/Salmon/Beef $4.50
- Chicken Caesar Salad Large $4.50
- Small $3.00
- Pasta Salad $2.50
- Homemade Quiche & Salad $5.00
- Homemade Frittata & salad $5.00

Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps (Please Order)
- Chicken Caesar Wrap $3.50
- Chicken / Salad Wrap $3.00
- Tandoori / Salad Wrap $3.00
- Roast beef and salad $3.50
- Salmon and salad $4.50
- Egg & Lettuce $2.50
- Chicken & lettuce $2.50
- Chicken $2.50
- Cheese and tomato $2.50

GOURMET BAGUETTES [Baked daily] $4.00
- Turkey, Cranberry, Swiss Cheese, Avocado
- Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese, Salad
- SOA [Sandwich of Awesomeness]
- Chicken, Sundried Tomato, Fetta, Capsicum
- Chicken, Avocado, Mustard Mayonnaise
- Satay Chicken, Cheese, Tomato, Cucumber
- (CONTAINS PEANUTS)
- Chicken Caesar, Chicken, tomato, bacon, parmesan & Caesar dressing
- Salsa, Chicken, Cheese, Bacon & Sour Cream (Served Warm)

All Served with salad greens
Requests Taken!

Please order to guarantee your choice!
CHECK POSTERS AT THE FRONT OF THE CANTEEN FOR WEEKLY SPECIALS
Ag Skills Day 2013

Top Clockwise: Cotton presenter Trudi Stains
Nicole Duggan Ambulance Officer, Tyler Shoobert getting up close and personal, Bruce Brekenridge advising on Gun safety, Mr Harris, assists students with sheep handling, Rebecca Moxham and Lisa Moody giving some advice on branding and grooming.
The annual Single Cup competition between Coonabarabran, Gilgandra and Coonamble High Schools was held in Gilgandra on the 26 June 2013. A new format was trialled so that players could play in more than one sport and new age groups in some sports were introduced.

Throughout the day each school plays the other in Open and 14's Rugby League, Open and 15's Netball, Girls Hockey, Girls and Boys Soccer, Tennis, Golf and Bowls. Unfortunately Coonamble was not able to field team in all sports, however, their participation in the Soccer and Hockey had significant impact on the day.

Coona's Open Netball team won both of their games in the morning session however the 15's went down to Gilgandra. Over at the League Gilgandra defeated Coona in both Opens and 14's and when news came through that Gilgandra has also won Tennis and Bowls then things weren’t looking good for us to keep hold of the Single Cup.

The afternoon session produced some surprises. Coona had a draw with Gilgandra and defeated Coonamble in both Boys and Girls Soccer and when Coonamble defeated Gil in both Boys and Girls, then things started to look more positive for Coona.

The whole day’s result rested with Hockey. Coona beat Coonamble 3-0 and then had a 1-0 win over Gil. Then Coonamble surprised everyone by drawing with Gil. These unexpected results in Soccer and Hockey meant that Coona finished the day with a total of 44 points (when all wins draws and losses were added together) and Gil had totalled 43 points.

This is the 6th year in a row Coona has won Single Cup and this is significant as it is possible the last time Coonamble will participate. We look forward to defending the Cup here in Coona next year.