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## ART PREVIEW AWARDS

Top: Brooke Meier’s photography entry; Lauren Sly’s art entry. Page 3—Shynikka Cain; Page 5—Maddie Hincks. Page 7—Jemmae Dow; more entries page 6.

## Next P&C Meeting

Monday, 31 March @ 5.30 pm
School Library
ALL WELCOME
Maddison Hincks: First place in Junior Photography section results to celebrate.

Congratulations to our students on their success at the Coonabarabran Show Success and students to prevent bullying.

The school website has links to our Anti-Bullying Policy and to the Bullying No Way website which has strategies for parents against it.

Our teaching programs throughout Years 7 to 10 build upon the work done in Primary school to identify bullying and to act against it.

Everybody benefits from improving attendance at Coona High. To track attendance, I will be regularly reporting our attendance rates and I expect to see them improve throughout the year. Our goal will be to achieve a school attendance rate of 89% or better this year. I will be interviewing every student who has attendance below 85% and working with parents to get students to school every day.

Our current attendance rates for each year group are:
- Year 7 - 93%
- Year 8 - 92%
- Year 9 - 90%
- Year 10 - 87%
- Year 11 - 86%
- Year 12 - 90%

As is obvious our Year 7, 8 and 12 students have begun the year very well whilst our Year 10 and Year 11 results are disappointing. Attendance often suffers through the winter so it is vital that students do not miss school for unimportant reasons. IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY. If you need help to get your child to school, please contact the school and we will support you.

**20 Years Service - Marty Wilkin**

Marty Wilkin began work at CHS on 28th February 1994 replacing Mr John Walker as the Farm Assistant. Since he arrived the shearing shed, aviary and sheep yards have all been developed. The VET Primary Industries course has meant that Marty has worked closely with the teachers to teach students agricultural skills like tractor driving and fencing. Marty received an Akubra hat in recognition of 20 years service at a presentation in a morning assembly. Congratulations Marty.

The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was held on Friday, 21 March. The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community, including parents and carers, to strengthen their community, including parents and carers, to strengthen their anti-bullying messages against bullying and violence.

Our school has a strong policy to protect students and a focus on teaching appropriate behaviour to students to prepare them for life. The very successful transition of Year 6 students into our school has demonstrated the positive values of our school. Our teaching programs throughout Years 7 to 10 build upon the work done in Primary school to identify bullying and to act against it.

The school website has links to our Anti-bullying Policy and to the Bullying No Way website which has strategies for parents and students to prevent bullying.

**Coonabarabran Show Success**

Congratulations to our students on their success at the Coonabarabran Show. I have our Visual and Creative Arts results to celebrate.

Maddison Hincks: First place in Junior Photography section 1190 (Colour, any subject), also Junior Encouragement Award in Photography ($50 sponsored prize) for her swimming carnival photograph.

Shiara Green: First place in Visual Arts Section 1131 as well as Best in Section Visual Arts Years 7-12 ($25 sponsored prize) for her pencil sketch.

Shynikka Cain: First Place in Flower Study Photography Section for her black and white flower photograph.

Lauren Sly: Second Place in Visual Arts Section 1131 for both her Aboriginal Art Painting.

Lauren Bennell: Second place, pencil sketch.

Brooke Meier: Second place in Junior Photography section 1190 (Colour, any subject) for her swimming carnival photograph.

Alison Green: Highly Commended in Visual Arts Section 1131 for her Lino Print.

Teaghan Barron: Highly Commended in Visual Arts Section 1131 for her Aboriginal Art Painting.

Emily Yeo: Third place in Visual Arts Section 1131 for her Cubist Collage.

Two students who completed Year 12 last year entered works that were created in 2013.

Holly Norton: First place in Visual Arts Section 1132 for 'Antiquity', her Year 12 final major work.

Jemmee Dow: Second place in Visual Arts Section 1132 for her Year 12 final major work.

Our agricultural competition results are included in this newsletter. It has been a tremendous achievement from our students. I also commend the many students who worked as volunteers as Show Stewards, show gate assistants and supporters around the show.

**Parents Helping Students at Home**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Parent / Teacher Interviews this week. I have attached some links for common discussion topics for parents who ask "What can I do to support my child's education at home?"

**Comprehension help at home**

Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they're reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here's how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve.


**Essay help video**

Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they're not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references.


**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Mock Trial - Round One
Our Mock Trial team have begun the season with a win against Wellington High School. The team consists of Stephen Sanders, David Tighe, Sarah Hincks, Jenna Cormie, Holly Verrender, Ben Yarnold and Rard Thomas. Mrs Doolan commended them all for their strong performance at Wellington Local Court House. This program provides a wonderful experience for our students to understand the workings of our legal system.

Learning Support Team
Our Learning Support Team is committed to ensuring all students get the best access to learning in the classroom. The group includes the Principal, Deputy Principal, Head Teacher (Support), the LAST (Mrs Redden), School Counsellor, Year Advisers and teachers. We meet each Monday to case manage students and discuss programs to support learning across the school. This week students in Year 7 have undertaken reading assessments to prepare for the introduction of specialist programs such as MultiLit which help to build better reading skills. The Learning Support Team coordinate contact with parents to create individualised learning plans for students with learning difficulties. If you are concerned about your child's learning, please contact the school to discuss strategies for support.

Mel Johnston

LEGAL STUDIES EVENING
On 26 February, Detective Senior Constable Bennett of Coonabarabran Police lectured the HSC Legal Studies class on aspects of the criminal investigation and trial process.

It was a great opportunity for the students to hear how our criminal justice system operates in practice and undoubtedly this information will be helpful in the students' forthcoming Half-Yearly Examination and beyond.

Thanks is extended to Detective Senior Constable Bennett for so generously giving of his own time.

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL
Parents and Citizens’ Association
Statement of Receipts and Payments
as at the 24 February 2014

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Total: $495.30

| Cash book balance as at 24 February 2014 | $6,282.73 |

| Reconciled total as per cashbook 24 February 2014 | $6,282.73 |

CHESS CLUB
Due to an increase in interest, the Chess Club is hoping someone may have a spare chess board and pieces at home that they no longer use. All donations gratefully received. Thank you.

Mr Holden, Chess Club Co-ordinator
P&C President’s Report

Thanks to all those people who spent time at the Coonabarabran Show gate over the show weekend. Year 11 students joined parents, carers and school staff to raise funds for their Year 12 Formal.

The show was another outstanding community event and it was great to see the large number of students participating as stewards and a variety of other roles. Thanks must go to Duncan Graham who managed the school’s contribution to the show. Well done to all.

The next P&C meeting includes the Annual General Meeting and is scheduled for Monday 31st March 2014. I would like to take his opportunity to thank last year’s executive; Tammy Samuel, secretary and Angela Karagiannis, treasurer for the fantastic effort they put in over the last 12 months. The group worked really well together and it will be a shame to see Tammy leave her role as Secretary. Tammy put her heart and soul into the role and she will be missed. With Tammy’s departure we will require a secretary and anyone who would like to contribute to the school in this capacity please let me know, attend the meeting and raise your hand high when nominations are called.

Leesa Kelly and I joined Graham Enks and a few interested staff members for an inspection of the school grounds a couple of weeks ago. We agreed to install hand rails on the new steps down to the oval and to plant some new trees and shrubs in various locations. We will advise you of the date of the planting day and would appreciate all the help we can get. At a later date, a footpath may be installed from the bottom of the steps across to the COLA.

See you on Monday.

Mark Fosdick

Coonabarabran High School
P & C Association Meeting Minutes
Monday 24th February 2014

Meeting Opened: 5.35pm. Attendance: Tammy Samuel, Angela Karagiannis, Skye Lambert, Kellie Nash, Mel Johnston, Anise van Schalkwyk, Mark Fosdick, Mandy Sulter, Leesa Kelly, Anita Tighe, Graham Enks, Ken Smith, Leesa Byrne, Natasha Milford, Joanna Wallace and Narelle Pfeiffer.

Apologies: Nick Karagiannis, Tracee McHugh, Chris Tabi.

Motion: That apologies be accepted. Moved Leesa Kelly, seconded Mandy Sulter.

Presidents’s Welcome - Mark Fosdick welcomed all current P&C members and other guests to our first P&C meeting for the year.

The introduction of new teachers to the P&C has been postponed to the next P&C meeting (our AGM) on Monday 31st March.

Speaker: Ken Smith – Road Safety Officer with Warrumbungle Shire Council

Ken believes his role includes encouraging changes in people’s attitudes and actions to reduce bad driving behaviour. Reducing speeding, fatigue, distractions such as mobile phones and drink driving are key objectives. Road safety is partly funded by RMS and Council. Most accidents are on sealed roads not on dirt roads. The Crashlink System will be used from 2015 onwards. Successful actions have included use of the speed trailer, letters to residents, extra police enforcement and the Kids on Radio program. This program focuses on driver safety issues. The highest group for crashes in the Warrumbungle area is the 35 – 45 year age group. Ken Smith has offered to provide extra information to the school from time to time. Mel Johnston to speak with Ken later about involving some year 11 high school students in a radio program supporting driver safety. The school’s direct contact for driver safety issues is based in Bathurst.

Speaker: Narelle Pfeiffer – School Chaplain - Narelle explained her role as School Chaplain and explained that she was available to support all parents, students and teachers on a one on one basis.

Business arising from Previous Minutes:
- Coonabarabran Show – Leesa Kelly confirmed that she was happy to help with the morning shift on Friday and Saturday (2 hour shifts). Mel Johnston confirmed the gate roster will be available for use. Mel Johnston will organise for year 11 students to assist by helping at the gates. In return for this help at the gates the students will receive half of the funds the P&C receives to use towards their formal.
- The Horse Expo Committee have requested the P&C again sponsor a rug for the upcoming Horse Expo. The cost of this sponsorship is $137.50. The motion of approval for this was moved by Leesa Kelly and seconded by Skye Lambert. The motion was passed.

Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Previous Minutes approved – Moved Angela Karagiannis, seconded Skye Lambert.

Correspondence In:
3. Orana Partnership Leaflet
4. Copy of letter forwarded from PAI&H to Mel Johnston regarding Coona Show

Correspondence Out: None

Moved: Angela Karagiannis, Seconded: Tammy Samuel.

Treasurer’s Report - Angela Karagiannis provided the Treasurer’s Report and advised we had approximately $6,600.00 in the bank. A paper copy of her report was tabled. A motion was moved that a gift be given to Ron Slade as P&C Auditor for his voluntary audit of P&C financial books. This motion was moved by Tammy Samuel and seconded by Skye Lambert. A Gift voucher for $50.00 for Woolworths was the approved gift. Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report was moved by Angela Karagiannis and seconded by Anita Tighe.

Canteen Report – Kevin Sharp has agreed to audit the High School canteen accounts. The canteen made a $7,000.00 loss. Ron Slade has advised that he is no longer able to assist with the canteen accounts due to their complexity. The canteen has brought in a few price rises to reduce the loss.

It was requested by the Canteen committee that during the upcoming Horse Expo whilst Julie McGlashan is assisting the P&C at Expo, that the P&C donate money to the canteen to cover staff replacement costs of approximately $450.00 and that the P&C also pay for some of the lease costs of the coffee and hot chocolate machine. The lease cost is $242.00 per month. A motion was put forward by Kellie Nash that the P&C cover staff replacement costs of approximately $450.00 and that the P&C also pay for some of the lease costs of the coffee and hot chocolate machine. The lease cost is $242.00 per month. A motion was passed.

Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Previous Minutes approved – Moved Angela Karagiannis, seconded Skye Lambert.

We’re on the Web! View online at www.coonabarabranhigh.com
the Expo and that all costs and profits of the coffee machine remain with the canteen for the duration of the Expo. [Special note: all other profits are traditionally received by the P&C after costs from our catering at the Hut]. The motion was moved by Kellie Nash and seconded by Skye Lambert. The Canteen AGM is to be held on 18th March.

Environment and Grounds Committee report – Graham Enks advised that the steps for the North Wall project will be constructed by a local provider. Graham recommends a walk through with Kevin Keeler and Di Woods to prioritise choosing and planting native trees and other plants for improving the aesthetics of the area. During the holidays Di Woods spent a considerable amount of time watering plants. The school would like permission for Di Woods to continue doing this work, including turning off the water spray at night. P&C volunteers to be involved in the walk through include Leesa Kelly. Mark Fosdick is the contact for organising the date with the school of this walk through.

Principal’s Report – Mel Johnston reported that the top car park can be dangerous. The school is considering extra signage. The current advice is to use the highway school side for parking. School photos will take place on 7th March. Summer uniform is to be worn. It is planned for Student Id cards to be printed for all school students soon. Some new staff have started teaching in 2014. Our 2013 HSC students performed very well especially with tertiary placements. A great number of our students are also working locally.

Every student at our school gets the chance to excel in their own special area. There are many school based apprenticeships. These contribute towards their HSC. They are a great opportunity. The key goals of the School Plan for 2013 / 2014 are to ensure teachers can teach to the maximum of their capacity. An aim is to help students engage in the learning even more so to increase their school performance. There is a focus on literacy and numeracy. There is the goal of improving attendance. The school aims to increase its pupil attendance rate to 89%. The school has the additional goal of helping to increase staff wellbeing and performance. P&C members are asked to review the School plan on the High School web page.

Natasha Milford suggested linking attendance to access to school excursions. Graham Enks said this practice has been tried before but they would reconsider it as a strategy. It is recognised that it takes up student time, but it can also provide students with extra skills and improved self esteem. It is encouraged to seek support from the school.

Di Suthons among many, has started preparing for the musical. It is recognised that it takes up student time, but it can also provide students with extra skills and improved self esteem. It will be held on the second week back next term on the Friday and Saturday. During the staff development day, Mary Doolan gave a presentation on the new school curriculum with the goal of providing support at all levels and maximising HSC outcomes. They looked at the Board of Studies site for key performance indicators to allow the school to further assist its students.

General Business:
- Mel Johnston is to put together a new list of funding goals ready for the next meeting for the P&C to consider.
- Any fundraising ideas are to be brought to the next meeting.
- Mel Johnston will speak with our P&C Treasurer Angela Karagiannnis about upcoming finance meetings.
- The canteen treasurer’s report has been passed on to the P&C Treasurer.
- Parent / Teacher night will be held Tuesday 25th March.
- Tammy Samuel provided an old calendar to Graham Enks that was previously provided by the school. On the basis that the school consider issuing another of these calendars which include the relevant school holidays and major school events so that families and carers are aware of the dates. Progress on whether such calendars might again be produced can be advised at a future meeting.
- The P&C were advised of the importance of students being careful around strangers and never accepting lifts with people they didn’t know.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 31st March 2014. (5.30pm High School Library all welcome).

Meeting Closed: 7.30pm.

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. All parents, carers and interested community members are very welcome to attend our P&C meeting. Special presentations are to be provided by new teachers during our March meeting.
Art Preview Awards at Coonabarabran Show 2014

Coonabarabran High’s art students have achieved some excellent success this year at the local show. The following students have demonstrated their talent in art: Brooke Meier, Emily Yeo, Holly Norton, Lauren Bennell, Jemmae Dow, Lauren Sly, Maddison Hincks, Shiara Green, Shynikka Cain and Teaghan Barron.

Clockwise from left: Teaghan, Alison, Brooke, Shiara & Maddie at assembly; Lauren Bennell; Emily Yeo; Shiara Green; Teaghan Barron. Go to Photographs on the school’s web page to view entries in colour.
YOUR TIME STARTS
NOW…

My earliest memory is… Falling down the stairs at my first home and ending up with a massive bump on my head.

My school report usually said… Doesn’t mix well with others – I’m glad that has changed!

My most treasured possession is… My cat, George, she’s 13 years old now.

My mother and father always told me… If everything falls apart, dust yourself off and try again.

In the movie of my life, I’d be played by… Asher Keddie (Nina from ‘Offspring’).

My most humiliating moment was… Can I only list one??

My happiest moment was… Attending my brother’s wedding. I have a wonderful sister-in-law.

At home I cook… Most things – I love to cook and bake.

My last meal would be… Homemade spaghetti bolognaiise with extra parmesan cheese.

My favourite gadget is… My kindle – I love reading!

When I was a child I wanted to… Be a teacher. It’s nice when things work out.

The book that changed my life is…… ‘The Power of One’ and ‘Tandia’ by Bryce Courtenay.

If I could live anywhere I’d choose… Right here where I am.

It’s not fashionable but I love…. Onesies pyjamas in winter! Geeky I know, but so warm.

My worst trait is…. Perfectionism.

My best trait is…. Creativity.

Friends say I am… The calm, serious one. (That worries me.)

If I wasn’t me I’d like to be…. My cat. She has a very comfortable life!

The song I’d like played at my funeral is…. ‘Happy’ by Pharrell Williams.

It scares me, but I’d love to…. Sing in front of a crowd again. I love singing, but in front of a crowd, it’s terrifying!

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

My greatest fear is….. Skydiving – why jump out of a perfectly good plane?!?!

If only I could…. Be the crazy cat lady with 15 cats.

The hardest thing I’ve ever done was…. Organising my dad’s funeral.

I relax by….. Reading, cooking and swinging on my cocoon chair on my verandah.

What I don’t find amusing is…. Cheaters and liars.

I’m always being asked… ‘Do we have you today, Miss?’

My favourite place in the world… Kings Canyon in the Northern Territory, closely followed by Uluru. Everyone should make a trip up there!

At the moment I’m listening to…. Pharrell Williams and Elton John.

My favourite work of art is…. ‘The Scream’ by Edvard Munch or ‘Blue Poles’ by Jackson Pollock.

My worst job was… Selling shoes! I sold too many to myself.

I often wonder… Whether there is an afterlife.

Emma Rankmore is currently teaching in the Support Unit, Media Publishing & Visual Arts.

SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

WHAT A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS !!!

THREE COMPETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR !!!

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

The Big Science Competition

International Competitions and Assessment for School (ICAS)

All Years are invited to participate -

Cost is $5.50 for the chemistry;

$7.50 for the Big Science competition and

$8.80 for the ICAS

Entry forms are available from your Science teacher.

ENTRIES CLOSE 7th APRIL

All participants receive a terrific certificate for each competition to put into their RESUME

Be recognised as a student who strives for personal excellence.

DON’T MISS OUT!!
Mathematics Department celebrates Pi Week

Contributors: Debbie Redden and Chris Tabi

Friday, March 14 marked International Pi Day. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter (approximately 3.14159), and is calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point.

The school celebrated Pi Week and all Mathematics classes from Year 7 to Year 12 were immersed in a daily ‘Pi’ related challenge. Each day the classes were given the same problem related to Pi to solve. At times this was very challenging for our Year 7 and 8 students however they achieved fantastic successes based on their percentage of correct responses. This pushed the competitive buttons of our Year 9, 10 and senior students to step-up their efforts. Results based on the correct response entries for the week’s challenge tasks are:

Monday’s Challenge:
Year 11/12 (First Place)    Year 7/8 (Second Place)

Tuesday’s Challenge:
Year 9/10 (First Place)    Year 11 (Second Place)

Wednesday’s Challenge:
Year 7/8 (First Place)    Year 11 (Second Place)

Thursday’s Challenge:
Year 11 (First Place)    Year 9/10 (Second Place)

Friday:
Various Pi-Day fun activities and information sessions

Mathematics Head Teacher Mr Tabi said Pi week was a great opportunity to have some fun with maths and a good way for students to get excited about Mathematics and Numeracy. He was pleased that 847 entries were received throughout the week, with daily winners announced at the next day’s morning assembly.

The prize for the winners of each day’s challenge was appropriately a ‘pie’ for lunch. Pictured below are the winners of the Pi Week Challenge with Mathematics Head Teacher Mr Tabi.

According to the Guinness World Records, the record for memorising pi was achieved by Chao Lu of China, who recited pi from memory to 67,890 places on November 20, 2005.

Next year Pi Day will also have significance being 3/14/15 and at the exact time of 9:26.53, the date and time will represent the first 10 digits of pi.

Yr 12 Hospitality Catering Event

On Monday 3rd March, the year 12 Hospitality students hosted the Rotary Club for dinner at the school. The two course menu consisted of:

Main: Acapulco Chicken with a green salad and balsamic reduction, served with a dinner roll
Dessert: Chocolate Torte served with fresh raspberries and cream.

The rotary members reported they really enjoyed both the meal and the introduction to the new facilities - all very impressive! Congratulations to the students for a successful event.

Above: Annie Woo, Ciaran Crowley, Patrick Bennell, William Abbott, Samuel Douglas, Mrs Doyle.
Below: Samuel & Ciaran plating up the Chocolate Torte.

Mr Tabi & Mr Eshman (far right) with some of ‘Pi Week’ winners. See the webpage for more photos.
Chris Koch came to this school to give an inspirational speech. Chris has no arms or legs and he was born like that. He grew up in a place near Calgary, Canada. Chris can do a lot of stuff, he can drive tractors, surf waves, ride a skateboard, he even climbed around 1700 stairs for charity. Chris says “If I can, you can”. By that he means, if he has no arms or legs and can still do all this stuff, we definitely can. Chris has made a charity to help people that don’t believe in themselves and he wants to give them some hope. He is planning to go to all the continents on the planet. Chris never wants anyone to pity him or feel sorry for him. He only gets people to help him when he really needs it. When Chris came to this school, a lot of people asked him if it’s hard to get around. He said it used to be but now he takes his skateboard everywhere he goes. Overall I thought that Chris was a very inspiring person and he will help a lot people around the world.

Charlie Smith, Year 8

Mr Chris Koch took time during his holiday in Coonabarabran to provide us with a humorous motivational seminar on Tuesday, 4 March. This was truly an inspirational opportunity for our students to be engaged in. Thank you Chris!

(Photos courtesy of Anna Tenne, Picture Any Occasion Photography)
Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Financial support for basic dental services for children aged 2–17.

Eligibility basics

- children aged between 2 –17 years on any one day of the calendar year
- receive, or their family, guardian or carer receives, certain government benefits such as Family Tax Benefit Part A for at least part of the calendar year
- are eligible for Medicare

Eligibility

Eligibility for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

From January 2014, eligible families, teenagers and approved care organisations will receive a letter to confirm eligibility.

A child's eligibility is assessed at the beginning of each year and lasts the whole calendar year. A child is eligible if they are aged 2–17 years for at least 1 day of the calendar year, are eligible for Medicare and are either part of a family receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or one of the following Australian Government payments:

- Youth Allowance
- ABSTUDY
- Disability Support Pension
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Carer Payment
- Double Orphan Pension
- Veteran’s Children Education Scheme, if the child is 16 or over
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme, if the child is 16 or over

Eligibility is determined each calendar year.

Benefits available under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

In 2014, benefits for basic dental services are capped at $1,000 per child over 2 consecutive calendar years.

If you do not use all of your $1,000 benefit in the first year of eligibility, you can use it in the second year if you are still eligible. Any remaining balance will not be carried forward at the end of the second year.
 SRC
PLANNING DAY

The Student Representative Council held a planning day at the Acacia on Friday, 21 March. The primary aim of this day was to map out our activities for 2014. However, just as important were the ‘getting to know you activities’ which help to welcome new members to this group, especially Year 7 students. The two highlights of the day as voted by the SRC were the session run by the 2014 school captains on ‘Groups of Influence’ and the time Kodi Brady spent with us. Kodie’s enthusiasm and humility were inspirational and have given us a model of leadership to follow. The captains helped us understand how we can work to involve more of the school in our activities.

David Tighe was elected President of the SRC for 2014 and Sara Hincks was elected Secretary. They are great choices to lead an enthusiastic student body.

Overall, this was a successful, enjoyable day. We are looking forward to the rest of the year.

Thankyou Narelle for your support and the canteen for a deliciously healthy lunch.

David Tighe has also written a report on the day which will be on the school’s web page.

COONABARABRAN & BARADINE SHOW REPORT

Students from years 7-12 have been extremely busy preparing and exhibiting cattle for the Coonabarabran and Baradine local show over recent weeks. We have prepared and exhibited four steers owned by the school, Jezabel, a Limousin heifer owned by Col & Lorna McGilchrist as well as four Charolais heifers and two bulls owned by Terry and Maylene Griffen ‘Temana’ Charolais Baradine.

Students have had overwhelming success in both the stud classes and Paraders Competition at Coonabarabran Show. In the Paraders Competition in the Under 13 years 1st Kiara Hawkins, 2nd Matilda Chapman and 3rd Mackenzie Raen; Under 14 Years Natalie Young 2nd, Ale Van Schalkwyk 3rd; Under 15 Years Lachlan McEvoy 1st, Under 18 Years Emily Young 1st and Caitlyn Green 2nd. The overall Champion Parader was Lachlan McEvoy and Reserve Champion Parader was closely contested by Emily Young.

Last weekend students travelled out to Baradine Show accompanied by Ms Kelly and Mr Stewart. The following students won their Paraders classes: Ned Isedale, Ale Van Schalkwyk and Caitlyn Green. The overall Champion Parader was won by Caitlyn Green and the reserve Champion was Ale Van Schalkwyk.

In the Stud Section our Charolais heifers and bulls were very successful gaining first and second places.

Thank you to those people which have supported this excellent program especially: Ashley Kelly, Dan Stewart, Terry and Maylene Griffen of Temana Charolais, Col and Lorna McGilchrist, Craig Harris, Bernie McBain, John McEvoy and Sweetbulks Stock Feeds Baradine.

Congratulation to the Coonabarabran High School Cattle Team Members.
**COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL’S 21ST SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

will be held on Thursday, 3 April 2014, commencing at 9.15am.

Performances will consist of scenes from “Romeo and Juliet” (9E1), “Macbeth” (10E1) and “Othello” (11E1).

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend if time permits.

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**“1984” THEATRE EXCURSION**

George Orwell’s classic novel, “1984”, will be brought to life on the stage of Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre on Wednesday, 9 April, 2014.

Students attending will be those from Mrs Macintosh’s Year 11 and Year 9 English classes, in addition to Ms Bell’s Year 10 group. Those Year 12 students using “1984” as a supplementary text have also been invited.

Students are requested to please return the permission note and $35 to Ms Ryan by Monday, 31st March. If you didn’t receive a note you can print one from the school’s webpage.

If there are any questions, please contact Mrs Macintosh at the school.

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**MOCK TRIAL IN SESSION**

Coonabarabran High School’s team of advocates gave a polished performance in their first Mock Trial against St Mary’s, Wellington which took place in the local Wellington Court last week. This state-wide competition is sponsored by the Law Society of NSW and aims to introduce students to the “thrills and spills” of courtroom advocacy. The school’s team comprising barristers Stephen Sanders and David Tighe, instructing solicitor Holly Verrender, court officer Rard Thomas and star witnesses Sara Hincks and Jenna Cormie delivered a fine performance to secure a win in their first trial.

Presiding Mock Trial magistrate Sir Robert Woods was generous with his feedback and the students gained valuable experience from their participation in this case. They now progress to the second round of the competition. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school and we look forward to following their future cases.

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**U/15 NETBALL SEMI FINAL 2014**

On Thursday the 13th March Coonabarabran High School’s U/15 Girl’s Netball Team played in the Semi Final of the North West Knockout against Tamworth High. To reach the semi-final the girls had convincing wins against both Narrabri and Gunnedah. The girls played outstandingly and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Both teams started the game matching goal for goal, but with positive teamwork and perseverance the girls secured an excellent final score 55 – 40. This win puts the girls into the North West Grand Final to be played in the next few weeks. The team for the past few rounds consisted of Molly Atkinson, Kadesha Ayoub, Liesl Fretwell, Maddison Hincks, Kate Masman, Bree McNeilly, Micaela Monzett, Mariah Pennell, Shannon Scott, Ale Van Schalkwyk, Hayley Walton and Hollee Watts. Thank you to Lakeyia Wood and Jenna Cormie for refereeing the game and good luck girls in the North West final.

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**NORTH WEST SWIMMING**

Above: Jack Isedale, Libby Varley, Ned Isedale & Phoebe Hensby (not pictured) advance to the CHS Swimming carnival after success at the NW Swimming carnival at Armidale on 11 March.