**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 Dubbo Family 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 James Nash -v- Clayton McKinnon, instructing solicitors Nathan and Blake Cox, court officer Jaimi-Lee Bennett and star witnesses Makayla Munns and Sharleen Jones delivered a polished performance to secure a win in their first trial.

Presiding Mock Trial magistrate Dan O'Keefe 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 moving from being defendants in a civil case to prosecuting a criminal matter.

The students were excellent ambassadors for the school and we look forward to following their future cases. Thanks is extended to Mr O'Keefe and also Mrs Nash who assisted with transporting the students.

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Our School Literacy Committee has the goal of improving student literacy across the school. Our team met on Monday to plan strategies for 2013. These include teaching subject specific writing skills, producing scaffolded writing tasks for students and coordinating activities that engage students in writing and speaking. You may find that your child is expected to read and write more detailed or structured responses in their classes. All teachers at Coonabarabran High are committed to lift student reading and writing skills as these skills are fundamental to success in all subjects.

Samantha Smith has been selected from across the best of NSW schools to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy at The Women’s College, University of Sydney from 15 – 19 April, 2013. Samantha will be immersed in university life and attending a range of workshops to build her leadership and to support her to identify her goals for the future. I know that she will enjoy this fabulous opportunity.

Our HSC Standard English students have travelled to Sydney this week to experience firsthand the Shoehorn Sonata, a play that they have studied in preparation for their HSC. The strong performance of our students in the HSC Standard Course is built upon the experience and skill of our teachers and the effectiveness of our school to give the students experiences like the Shoehorn Sonata trip. Students will bring back a deeper understanding of the text from this trip and will be able to further develop their ideas throughout the year.

Congratulations to our teacher, Peter Morrissey. Peter researched and constructed a history website focussed on the battlefields of World War The site has been chosen by the Australian War Memorial to be preserved and available in perpetuity as a part of the National Library of Australia PANDORA project. Peter was awarded a NSW Premiers’ Westfield History Scholarship in 2009. It is wonderful recognition of the value of the site to Australian History and excellent recognition of Peter’s work. Peter is back in our school teaching Science and Biology and completing his regional contract as a Connected Learning Coach for schools in our district.

Our young sporting stars continue to shine as the new year progresses. Five students have been selected to represent our region at the State Swimming Championships in Sydney.

We wish Jack Isedale, Olivia Tilborghs, Kate Masman, Josh Masman and Darcy Cain all the best in the upcoming competition. Ellie Capewell was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for her performance at the Combined High Schools Cricket Carnival in Coffs Harbour. The Open Boys and Girls Basketball teams had wins in their first round games against Coonamble and will compete again soon. Our athletes performed very well in the Zone trials in Rugby League, Soccer and Netball. A strong representative team will travel to the Regional trials in Armidale later this term. We have numerous other sporting teams in training at the moment including netball, lawn bowls, 7 a side rugby and softball. I commend the teachers who take on the additional roles of coach and manager to increase sporting opportunities for our students.

This year there will be many changes within the NSW Department of Education and Communities and in education across Australia generally. One of the mechanisms being used to assess how schools meet the needs of all students is an Australian wide audit of schools to measure where teachers make adjustments for the learning for individual students. This is part of the Every Student, Every School requirements for all schools. For parents of students with identified learning needs, we will be meeting with you to review your child’s Individual Learning Programs. If parents would like to discuss their child’s learning at any time please feel free to make an appointment.

Our after school Study Centre is back in action for 2013. I know that many of our HSC students have made good use of this fantastic resource in the lead up to their mid-course examinations. I strongly recommend it to all students. The Study Centre is available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and gives students the opportunity to work together to complete homework and assessment tasks. The Study Centre is coordinated by Ms Moore.

I encourage parents to attend our P & C Annual General Meeting on 25th March. Our P&C makes a strong contribution to the success of our school and provides a forum for discussion about school programs. I look forward to seeing some new faces next Monday evening in the Library at 5.30pm.

Mel Johnston

The Annual General Meeting of the Coonabarabran High School P&C Association will be held in the High School Library at 5.30pm, Monday, 25 March.
President’s Report

The Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held on Monday 25th March 2013 at 5.30 pm in the Library. This is a good opportunity for new parents who would like to become involved to come along.

It is currently a small group and new members are always welcome. The Principal and Deputy Principal attend meetings and deliver reports and address issues raised. We regularly invite guest speakers, such as new staff, to give brief presentations.

Mark Fosdick

Coonabarabran High School P & C Association Meeting Minutes - Monday 25th February 2013

Meeting Opened: 5.35pm.


Apologies: Sue Hincks, Rebecca Ryan, Anita Tighe, Kevin Tighe, Mike Myers and Ruth Merciera.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted. Moved: Marty Wilkin

Seconded: Tracee McHugh.

Presentations:

New teachers provided a brief overview of their subject area and teaching interests. Mr Lovegrove – Maths, Mr Holden – Indonesian Language and HSIE, Ms. Plummer Food Technology and Mr Heaney – Technology. Mr Lovegrove is familiar with the new curriculum that will be phased in from next year in maths. Mr Holden will be providing year 8 Indonesian Language as a new course to our school this year with a view to providing an Indonesian elective subject in 2014 and the opportunity for ‘exchange’ student arrangements with Indonesian students later on via skype. Ms Plummer is a hospitality teacher originally from Mudgee, teaching in Textiles and Food Technology. Mr Heaney is teaching in TAS especially in metalwork and woodwork and is helping to make equipment for Blazeaid.

Narelle Pfeiffer, the school Chaplain provided an overview of her role in supporting students, families and staff of the school. She also handed out a survey. This was then completed by Leesa Kelly.

Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Previous Minutes approved - Moved Kellie Nash and Seconded Tammy Samuel.

Correspondence In:

P&C Federation mail out pack (February 2013).
Welcome Back Newsletter from Mr Johnston on behalf of the school. (February 2013).
Canteen Committee Minutes dated 20th November 2012 (17th February 2013).

Correspondence Out: Draft letter to year 7 parents was passed on to Mr Johnston for distribution. Matters arising from the correspondence: None.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report was reviewed at the meeting. Approximately $7,000.00 is held in the account at present. Serena Fiegert is not available to act as Treasurer in 2013. A motion was put forward to permit the Treasurer of the P&C to be given online access to the P&C credit union account so that they can access the statements with greater convenience. Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report is accepted along with the motion for online access to the Credit Union account by the Treasurer. Moved Peter Knight, Seconded Serena Fiegert.

Canteen Report

A report was provided to the meeting. Following an audit the canteen has advised that it needs to clean behind a freezer more regularly and provide an air lock to the toilet. The school is addressing these issues. The school social was successful with the P&C running the canteen for the event. Julie McIglasson has viewed the new “Hut” the P&C use for the Horse Expo and was impressed. She has recommended possibly ten black aprons be purchased for volunteers when assisting there, with the possibility that parents / other adults assisting also wear black shirts. Discussions are continuing on this matter. The canteen is considering leasing a coffee machine. There are regular meetings at the canteen interested members are welcome to attend.
Principal's Report – Mel Johnston
Mr Johnston issued a Welcome Newsletter to all members of the school community. It included mention of the impact of the fire on students and families as well as focusing on important school issues. Classes appear to be generally well settled and focused.

Deputy Principal's Report – Graham Enks
Mr Enks advised that the student HSC results were pleasing with a great depth of positive results. Of 67 HSC students around 40 are able to attend university where others have been given apprenticeships, are in the workforce or involved with TAFE. Many students have improved their academic performance. Alexander Tighe came second in the State for Legal Studies. Past HSC students returned to school to talk to current year 12 students and provided a powerful message about HSC preparation. A mentor system is currently in place with Kellie Nash coordinating it. For more support or programs for year 12 students please see Graham Enks or the Year Advisor.

General Business:
- Mr Johnston has organised for a P&C email address for all secretarial correspondence. It is: chspnc@gmail.com.
- P&C members need to consider whether they are available to hold a place in one of the P&C committees, these will be confirmed at the AGM on 25th March. The matter of the School Council will be raised at the AGM also.
- P&C Members were asked to support the P&C by linking their Credit Union account to our P&C Partnership account, it will help the P&C and could also give the member a higher interest rate. The Partnership program provided the P&C with about $200.00 in 2012.
- Driver support is a Shire responsibility with no role for the P&C currently. The School will plan for a Driver Awareness Course for year 11.
- Will Robinson will be approached by Tammy Samuel about an AEG talk later in the year.
- Mike Myers will provide a talk on the first P&C meeting next term on Monday 6th May on youth issues.
- Advice about the US trip confirmed that all arrangements had been made and that the trip was occurring in Easter with 7 students and a number of community members.
- Parent / Teacher night was confirmed as Tuesday 26th March. The matter of possibly splitting the night up between senior and junior students was raised at a previous meeting but will not be occurring. Parents of students of all ages can see the teachers any time within the scheduled timeframe.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th May 2013.
This is the second week of Term 2 as Monday 29th April is a pupil free day. 5.30 pm High School Library all welcome).
Meeting Closed: 7.05pm.

SRC Planning Day
The SRC held its annual planning day at the Acacia Restaurant and Narelle Pfeiffer.
- Students had the opportunity to form committees for the Environment, Grounds, Charity, Community and Organisation and plan their activities for 2013, including Youth Week which is running over the last week of this term. The SRC is a wonderful group of students who work together to improve the school experience of their peers.
- Makayla Munns was elected as President and Clayton McKinnon was elected Secretary of the SRC for 2013.
- We were fortunate to have Rebecca Ryan, Director of Corporate Services for the Warrumbungle Shire Council, present a workshop to the SRC on aspects of Leadership. The SRC learnt more about themselves and how to use their qualities to be effective leaders.
- It was a most productive day and we appreciate the generosity of Rebecca, The Acacia, Copper Pot Restaurant and Narelle Pfeiffer.

Student Insurance Cover
Over the past 12 months there has been significant media exposure given to situations where children have been severely injured at school yet have not been covered by insurance. Add to this the accidents that occur outside school hours.
- The financial pressures that parents and guardians may have to endure following these accidents can themselves be crippling.
- The annual cost of StudentCover policy is just $29.00.
- Unfortunately parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they are at school or at play.
- Student Cover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The cover applies whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not, and includes almost every sport (some conditions apply).

How to apply
- StudentCover is only available online—making it quick and easy to protect your child or children. Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPAY once you receive your invoice.
- To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW.

It’s Soccer Time!
For girls and boys aged 5 – 15 years
Saturdays 12 – 2pm
Skills training followed by competitive games.
No travelling required.
Half price registration ($40) until 31 March 2013
Ph: Sarah Evans 0410 093 152
PUBLIC SPEAKING SUCCESS

Year 11 Coonabarabran High School student Clayton McKinnon recently competed at Walcha and has won his way through to the finals of the Rotary District 9650 Public Speaking Competition. Clayton had to deliver both a prepared speech, an incisive critique of our current education system’s focus on high stakes testing, and also an impromptu speech. Speaking off the cuff is a daunting task, particularly when you only have two minutes to prepare. Clayton rose to this challenge and our best wishes go with him for success in the District Finals.

Year 11 Primary Industries
Helping Blazeaid

It was an early start for the Year 11 Primary Industries students as they headed out to Morrissey’s Lane on Thursday the 7th of March. They needed to make the early start as they had a big fencing job ahead of them. The day was part of their Primary Industries course which requires students to become competent in not only constructing fences but also in dismantling and cleaning up old fences. In the case of ‘Smoky Hollow’, there was plenty of fencing which fitted these criteria, having fallen victim to the recent Wambelong fires. It was a great opportunity for these students to lend a hand to the rebuilding of fences which has been the main area of Blazeaid attention. The students worked solidly throughout the day, placing strainer posts and stays, running and straining up both barb and plain wires, placing star pickets and running out hinge joint. The skills they developed on the day have helped them consolidate and improve their knowledge around fence construction, under the watchful and skilful eye of Marty Wilkin, who helped them to complete a very tidy hinge joint fenceline. Well done to these students. They have set a high standard of fence construction and have made a contribution to the process of rebuilding after the devastating fires.

Chaplains Chat
What comes first….Easter eggs, the Easter Bunny or ….??
Most of us enjoy (and maybe a bit too much), the Easter eggs that have been in the shops for a few months now…but how do they fit in with the celebration of Easter? Easter is a significant event in our calendar and is a festival celebrated by millions of Christians all over the world. Good Friday recognises the death of Jesus Christ – a man who was killed by religious and political leaders because He claimed to be God. Easter Sunday celebrates the fact that Jesus conquered death and came back to life again. This new beginning is symbolised by rabbits and eggs. So for us, Easter can be a time of new beginnings. As we see the burnt and charred landscape coming back to life again with the beauty of new growth we can see it as a symbol of what can be happening in our own lives. There are many people hurting in our community looking for meaning and hope and for many it may be a long journey of recovery. As we reflect over Easter time (and eat Easter eggs), let us focus on how it is a time of new life and new beginnings. Let us love and care for one another well, encourage (give courage) to those around us and enjoy our times with family and friends. In the Bible it says that Jesus came to bring comfort to the brokenhearted and ‘bring beauty from ashes and joy instead of mourning’ (Isaiah 61:1-3). Whatever Easter may mean for you and your families, I pray that you will have a sense that God is with you and that this will be a time of fresh hope and new beginnings.

Narelle Pfeiffer

Town Football
Training U11’s, U13’s on dog track Tues & Thurs 4.30 p.m. and , U15’s & U17’s to train Tues and Thurs at 4.30 p.m. at No 1 oval. U9 and midgets and 7s Thurs 4.30 p.m. at the dog track oval.

Town Netball
Under 9’s: Fridays at 4.00 p.m
Under 11’s: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.
Under 13’s: Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.
Under 15’s: Fridays at 4 p.m.
Under 17’s: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Around the Shows
Coonabarabran High School students have been very busy preparing and exhibiting cattle for Binnaway, Baradine and Coonabarabran Show. Students prepared stud Charolais heifer and bulls kindly lent by Terry and Maylene Griffin from Temana Charolais, Baradine. Students excelled in their parading competitions around the local shows. Student won all the champion parade titles: Emily Young, Champion Parader at the Binnaway Show, Lachlan McEvoy, Champion Parader Baradine Show and Caitlyn Green took out the prestige title at our Coona Show. Well-done to all the students who participated and thank-you to Terry and Maylene Griffin for their ongoing support of our Livestock Show Team.

Clockwise; Natalie Young, Oska Brooker, Justin Antaw, Josie Green and Darcy Cain, Lachlan McEvoy, Caitlyn Green.
YOUR TIME STARTS NOW…

My earliest memory is…in the late 60’s.
My school report usually said…favourable things (usually).
I don’t like talking about…diets.
My most treasured possession is…my family.
My mother always told me…Good manners go a long way.
Thank you very much.
In the movie of my life, I’d be played by…a cross between Jack Black and Super Grover.
I wish I had a way to…slow down time and finish my list of things to do on the weekend.

My guilliest pleasure…food.
My most humiliating moment…I have had more than most people.
My happiest moment was…the birth of my children.
At home I cook…great food and make a huge mess.
My last meal would be…a Seafood platter for 2 but eat it by myself.

My favourite gadget is…is yet to be invented.
I am very bad at…arriving on time.
When I was a child I wanted to…become an adult or Fire Engine depending on when I was asked this question.
The book that changed my life is…”Lord of the Rings” and proud of it.
If I could live anywhere I’d choose…Coonabarabran
It’s not fashionable but I love…Bubble O Bill’s

My worst trait is…I say yes.
My best trait is…I say yes.
Friends say I am…I am easy to talk to because I say yes.
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be…I’m sorry I’m happy being me.
The song I’d like played at my funeral is…Better Homes and Gardens.
If I could change one thing in the world it would be…start getting fit.
What a great place.
Slow down time and finish my list of things to do.
The biggest belly laugh I had was…12/02/1984

I relax by…having a good belly laugh.
What I don’t find amusing is…people that winge.
I’m always being asked…to fix things. That’s ok I always say yes.
My first impressions of Coonabarabran…What a great place.
My favourite place in the world…Hey! Coona is fine. It’s not the place, it’s what you make of it.
At the moment I’m listening to…Better Homes and Gardens.
My favourite work of art is…an Aboriginal painting I was given by an Elder in the Territory that I helped out.
My worst job was…Hanging up cow hides for tanning in an Abattoirs.
I often wonder…if it’s a good idea filling out these questionnaires.
Mark Heaney is currently teaching in the TAS Faculty.
We're on the Web! View online at www.coonabarab.h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Indonesian
Bercakap-cakap
dengan Bahasa Indonesia
Selamat datang semua!!!

Welcome all
Welcome to the new Indonesian language program at Coonabarabran High School. I am really excited about this opportunity to introduce Indonesian language and culture to our students, our school and indeed the wider community in Coonabarabran. I have every confidence it is going to be an enjoyable and enriching experience for all.

Bahasa Indonesia
Indonesia is our nearest Asian neighbour. The study of Indonesia and its national language Bahasa Indonesia, is therefore relevant to our students at Coonabarabran. Bahasa Indonesia is spoken throughout the Indonesian archipelago. Furthermore, it is closely related to Malay and is understood in Malaysia and by Malay-speaking inhabitants of Singapore, Brunei and southern Thailand.

Indonesian is a very accessible language for our school students. It is a non-tonal language with a Romanised script and regular phonetic pronunciation. The study of Indonesian provides students with opportunities for continued learning and future employment, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as commerce, tourism, hospitality and international relations.

Indonesia’s rich and diverse culture reflects its long history at the commercial and cultural crossroads of South-East Asia. The study of the Indonesian language provides access to an important part of the rich cultural tradition of South-East Asia and provides insights into the art, music, customs, beliefs and ways of thinking of the people of the Indonesian archipelago.

Indonesian snapshots!
Getting directions in Java? Carry a compass!
In parts of Java, especially in Central Java, people often give directions about where something is or where to go, using the points of the compass. Therefore it is important to know your points of the compass when traveling there: utara (North), selatan (South), timur (east) and barat (west).

Language lesson with Pak Holden
Everybody should know a little Indonesian
To greet someone in the morning you say;
Selamat pagi
Pronounced: s’LA.mat PA.ghee
This basically means good morning.
You can try these with our year 8 students if you like.
If you want to address the whole school at morning assembly you would say;
Selamat pagi semua
Pronounced: s’LA.mat / PA.ghee /s’MOO.wa
Basically you are saying, good morning all.

Semua: meaning ALL
(quantifier of individuals, items, units, class, categories etc.)
Ok I think that is enough for now, until next month,
Sampai jumpa!

Australian Informatics Competition
Thursday 9 May 2013
A Competition testing computer programming potential for problem solving.
What is the AIC?
The Australian Informatics Competition (AIC) is a one-hour problem solving competition which seeks to identify computer programming potential; something which students might not normally have an opportunity to demonstrate.
Cost: $5.50 per student
Names to Mrs Deshon by Friday April 5. Please pay money to accounts office.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOL-KIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.
Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

North West Equestrian Expo
Friday, 31 May to Tuesday, 4 June 2013
Program is available on the Coonabarabran High School webpage.
http://www.coonabarab.h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Please submit all Coonabarabran High School Entries to Mrs Nash by Thursday, 28 March.
Copies of Showjumping Cards need to be submitted also.
Pumpkin donations to the Canteen would also be appreciated.

We’re on the Web! View online at www.coonabarab.h.schools.nsw.edu.au
From the English Staffroom

It will come as no surprise to anyone that we in the English Staffroom LOVE reading! Last year we introduced quiet reading once a week in all junior classes, knowing that in the fast-paced world our students live in, it can sometimes be difficult to devote time to both homework and reading. We can report that this program has been a resounding success, with students looking forward to their time spent with their books! These reading lessons give students the time to read quietly and independently for 20 to 30 minutes during one of their regular English lessons. The books in the boxes have been specially chosen for their reputation as great texts and there is a wide variety of books to choose from, from easier readers to the more challenging and longer novels. If students cannot find a text that excites them from the box, they are encouraged to bring a novel from home or the library to read.

Becoming an independent reader is vital for all students because it gives students confidence in every learning situation. To become an independent reader, students must practice their reading skills every day, read what they are interested in and read a text that is not too difficult for them to read. Every time a student reads (not just novels, but newspapers and magazines as well), their ability to read improves, allowing an easier transition to more complicated texts. When reading becomes easier, formerly reluctant readers will see the joy that the written word can offer them. When they start seeing the benefits in the classroom, their confidence will improve and a happier young adult will result!

Visiting the library, both the school library and the town library, on a regular basis would mean that the profile of reading for pleasure would be raised. Novels make great gifts and the school book club often has books for less than $10, think of this as an investment into your child’s future. Making reading a novel become part of a student’s night time regime before bed is an easy way of getting some more practice in – it also allow students to ‘turn off’ from the gadgets and settle into better sleep. The aim is to make reading a thing to look forward to, to enjoy and a pleasurable activity that students will take with them into their adult lives. Reading is learning for life!

Coonabarabran Show - Art

Artwork top to bottom: Katie Young, various woodworking items, MaryLou Bowden.
Coonabarabran High

SPORT

North-West Cricket Success

Ellie Capewell, a year 11 student at Coonabarabran High School, recently represented the North-West region at the Combined High Schools girls cricket carnival in Coffs Harbour. Being selected in this team is a huge achievement and is indicative of Ellie’s high skill and athletic ability.

In the lead up to the carnival, Ellie trained diligently, working on her batting and honing her bowling and fielding skills. This paid off, with Ellie being awarded the most valuable player for the North West side. Most importantly, Ellie said that she, “had so much fun,” and has returned even more enthusiastic about playing cricket. Congratulations Ellie!

Coonabarabran Shows Coonamble how to score in Basketball

Coonabarabran has taken out Round 1 of the NW Basketball Knockout Competition for both Open Girls and Boys divisions in a spectacular fashion last week. The Boys team led the way with an impressive victory over Coonamble, 63 to 21. Top scorers for the game were Eddy Kuras and Damon Nixon. Strong defensive boards from Ciaran Crowley and Nick Inder help set the team up for many scoring opportunities.

After a slow start, the girls toughened up and began to get some rebounds and land some baskets. Everyone contributed equally with the baskets. Maddy Watton and Tessa Flick played major roles in setting up the play for Coona and the strong defence from Maddy Baglee and Lakeyia Wood put the pressure on Coonamble’s offence. Good luck in Round two Basketballers!

North West Swimming

On Monday the 6th of March 15 students attended the North West Swimming carnival in Armidale. After a 4:30 am departure we were greeted with a typical Armidale day-cold and miserable. Our swimmers weren’t daunted by this and performed very well with five of them qualifying to attend the Combined High Schools carnival in Homebush after Easter.

The qualifying results were as follows:

Jack Isedale 13 year boys 1st 50m and 100m freestyle 2nd 100m butterfly; Olivia Tilborghs 12 year girls 1st 100m breaststroke; Kate Masman 13 year girls 2nd 100m butterfly; Josh Masman 16 years boys 2nd 100m freestyle 2nd 200m freestyle 2nd 100m freestyle 3rd 50m freestyle; Darcy Cain 12 years girls 2nd 100m freestyle

Coonabarabran High’s commitment to North West sport is exemplified through the large number of our students who are prepared to travel such long distances to compete.
Zone Winter Trials

On Thursday 14th March High Schools from all around the Castlereagh Zone assembled in Coonabarabran for selection trials in Netball, Boys and Girls Soccer and U/15 and Open Rugby League. Numbers were up from previous years particularly in the U/15 Rugby League and Netball making selection tough. Coonabarabran High students did exceptionally well and were strong contenders across all sports. Congratulations to the following students for gaining selection in their respective Castlereagh Zone teams which will travel to Armidale on the 28th March for the North West Selections.

**Boys Soccer**
- David Tighe
- Ricky Fowke
- Fred Jerry
- Saxon Whipper
- Sam Redfern
- Torey Maynard
- Brodie Edmondstone

**Open Rugby League**
- Sam Bowden
- Travis Smith
- Liam Martin
- Steven Baker
- Sam Douglas
- John Forrest

**15’s Rugby League**
- Kyle Cain
- Donald Kuras
- Blake Cain
- Ty Brady
- Wes Sutherland
- Steven Watton
- Edward Martin
- Rard Thomas

**Open Netball**
- Rebecca Silk
- Olivia Eastburn
- Lakeyia Wood
- Maddy McNeilly
- Grace Leask
- Makayla Munns

**Girls Soccer**
- Belinda Glover
- Ellie Capewell
- Haley Walton
- Alesha Evans
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Left: Sarah Richards showing off some of her Soccer skills!

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Simple Lunch Box Idea

Apple and Raspberry Mini Teacakes

**Ingredients**

- 100g butter, melted
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup caster sugar, plus 2 tsp extra to sprinkle
- finely grated rind 1 lemon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 granny smith apple, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 & 1/3 cups plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 150g raspberries (fresh or frozen)

**Method**

Preheat your oven to 180°C. Grease and flour a 12 hole muffin tin.

Combine the melted butter, eggs, sour cream, caster sugar, lemon rind, vanilla and apple cubes in a mixing bowl.

Sift the flour, baking powder and cinnamon on top of the mixture and stir to combine, ensuring you don’t overmix.

Divide the mixture evenly amongst the muffin holes then top with the raspberries. Sprinkle the extra sugar over the top then bake in moderate oven for 25 minutes, or until golden and cooked through.