

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS 2009

The following is a summary of the highlights by the school and students this year. This has been another outstanding year and successes cover all areas.

ACADEMIC:

- * Students from the 2008 Year 12 cohort gained some outstanding results in the HSC. 6 students, Zoe Stephenson, Samantha Munns, Ryan Keeble, Kate Murphy, Alex Wheeler and Eric Butler achieved UAI's over 90. 9 individual students were named in the Distinguished Achievers list for obtaining marks in the Band 6 range. Overall, the school's best results, ranked relative to the state average were Engineering Studies, PD/H/PE, Information Technology (VET), Primary Industries VET, General Mathematics, English (Standard), Metal & Technology (VET), Legal Studies and Community & Family Studies. These subjects all achieved means on or above the state average. A number of subjects were just below the state average.

- * Band 6 results in the 2008 HSC were achieved in the following subjects:

Ancient History	-	1
Biology	-	1
Chemistry	-	1
Community & Family Studies	-	1
Engineering Studies	-	4
Geography	-	2
Industrial Technology	-	1
Legal Studies	-	2
General Mathematics	-	1
Mathematics	-	2
Mathematics (Extension)	-	2
Music	-	1
PD/H/PE	-	3

- * HSC subjects with the combined bands 5&6 outcomes above state average are:

(Note: State combined percentages are in brackets)	
Community & Family Studies	- 50% (40%)
Food Technology	- 12% (6%)
Engineering Studies	- 100% (30%)
English (Standard)	- 12% (6%)
Mathematics	- 50% (45%)
Mathematics Extension	- 100% (33%)
Modern History	- 50% (41%)
PD/H/PE	- 50% (32%)

- * The University of New England, Charles Sturt University and Southern Cross University provide a Recommendation Admission Scheme, which is an early pathway into University entrance. This year was an outstanding achievement for our 2008 HSC candidates with 13 students being successful.

- Charles Sturt University

Kate Murphy, Jessica Lucas, Shani Harrigan, Jessie Barkley, Justin Evans, Victoria Hynds, Kate Imrie, Emily Morrissey, Douglas Thompson

- University of New England

Nicholas Adam, Jessie Barkley, Amelia Greenwood, Shani Harrigan, Victoria Hynds, Emily Morrissey, Samantha Munns, Kate Murphy, Alexander Wheeler

- Southern Cross University

Richard Duggan, Victoria Hynds, Kate Imrie

* School Certificate Outcomes 2009

63 Year 10 students were successful in obtaining their School Certificate this year. The subjects which demonstrated on or above State outcomes relative to the State mean and in the two highest achievement bands (bands 5 and 6) were English, Australian History and Australian Geography. All of our students demonstrated 'competency' in the Computing Skills examination with more than 50% achieving Highly Competent results.

Band 6 outcomes were obtained from the following students:

English: Imogen Morrissey, Jessica Murphy, Jodie Murphy,
Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy

Science: Jessica Murphy

History: Ruby Bouwsema, Katie Lee, Lucy McWhirter, Imogen Morrissey,
Jessica Murphy, Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy, Alyssa Verrender

Geography: Bridget Fox, Jessica Murphy, Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy

* National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (2009)

YEAR 7

- Students exceeded the average state growth (value adding from Year 5 2007 to Year 7 2009) in Reading, Writing and Overall Literacy. Students, however, achieved below the state average in all dimensions. Writing skills reflected particularly pleasing value adding from Year 5 compared with the state results, exceeding growth by 9 point. 60% of Year 7 students in Writing achieved outcomes above the expected growth (1 band).

YEAR 9

- Students exceeded the average state growth (value adding from Year 7 2007 to Year 9 2009) in all dimensions Reading, Writing, Overall Literacy and Numeracy. Students' achievements were above state average in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation, however, below in other areas. The growth in Reading skills compared to the state average was 13 points. Also, 67% of Year 9 students in Reading achieved outcomes above the expected growth of 1 band.

Year 7 and 9 Aboriginal students performed above Indigenous students' state averages in all areas of NAPLAN testing.

* The school community is extremely proud of Alexander Lee who achieved an outstanding result in the 2009 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools English (ICAS) Competition administered by the University of NSW. Each year more than 2 million student entries are received for these competitions which are conducted in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Computer Skills throughout the Asia Pacific region. Alexander was the outright winner of the Year 12 English competition and received his award at a medal presentation

ceremony held at the University of New South Wales on 20 November 2009. This is certainly a world class achievement and a just reward for a talented student.

- * 9 students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the 2009 English International Competition and Assessment for Schools. Coonabarabran High performed exceptionally well, especially as students participated right across Australasia. Our results were as follows:

Distinction

Geoffrey Lee	Victoria Lee	Gemma Evans
Connor Graham	Kevin Lee	

- * 6 students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the 2009 Writing International Competition and Assessment for Schools. Coonabarabran High had another successful year in this competition. Our results were as follows:

Credit

Alexander Lee	Amelia Adam	Katie Lee
Jenna-Lee Broeksema	Connor Graham	

- * Year 12 English students attended HSC Revision Lectures in Dubbo in June.

- * In the Shakespeare Festival, held on 5 June, judges awarded Best Actor to Hugh Ryan, Jodie Murphy and Isabel Enks. Isabel Enks was also named "Young Shakespearean Artist of the Year". Best duologues were awarded to Melanie Mills and Leda Greenwood, Jessica Staniforth and Amelia Adam, Isabel Enks and Chanel McGlashan. Best Scenes were awarded to Meghan Silk, Madeleine Baker, Lucy Dowling and Holly Purdy, Katie Lee, Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy and Brooke Thomas, Tessa Morrissey, Emma Doel and Claire Bennell.

- * This year saw the second CHS student in as many years qualify for the final of the prestigious Rotary District 9650 Harvey World Travel Public Speaking competition. Isabel Enks spoke passionately about the plight of environmental refugees and clearly impressed the judges at every stage of this competition with her knowledgeable and eloquent speech. At all times Isabel was a first class ambassador for her school and community and certainly a most deserving finalist.

This competition continues this year with Imogen Morrissey winning the local round, winning the competition at zone level and now goes on to compete at inter-zone in February 2010. We commend Rhiannon Taylor for her fine performance in this competition.

- * Students also entered the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Public Speaking Competition. Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy and Isabel Enks were the winners of the school competition and went on to compete at the Western Region Finals in Dubbo which was a great learning experience. Again, congratulations are extended to all of the competitors including Rhiannon Taylor and Alyssa Verrender as it certainly takes commitment (and a great deal of courage) to stand up and speak in front of a crowd of people in a competitive context.

- * The Senior Debating team must have snuck off to Ireland and kissed the Blarney Stone at some stage, as their success continued to follow them this year as they

competed in the Year 11 and 12 division of the state-wide Premier's Debating Competition. Keeping to their tried and true line-up, the team comprised team thinker, Amelia Adam, first speaker, Jessica Staniforth, second speaker Isabel Enks and team whip, Claire Bennell. As always, the girls debated with skill and considerable aplomb and left their opponents in their wake. Regrettably, just one point in the final round of competition came between the team and the title of Zone winners. However, there is no doubt that the team gained much from their involvement in the competition and certainly helped to nurse the Australian economy through the worst of the GFC through their massive expenditure on brain food (aka lollies).

- * Without hesitation, the awesome foursome of Junior Debating once again donned blazers, shuffled palm cards and pushed aside anxiety to compete in the 2009 Years 9/10 Premier's Debating Challenge. Team Captain Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy proudly led fellow team mates Ruby Bouwsema, Katie Lee and Alyssa Verrender on a mystical adventure of almost non-stop victory to just a stone's throw of the Regional Final. The girls have shown significant improvement in both their speaking skills and preparation since competing at Year 9 level in the same competition last year. This year the ladies also had their first debate via video conference, a challenging (yet convenient) way to debate against other (far distant) schools.
- * NAIDOC Week celebrations commenced with a flag raising ceremony with special guests including Aboriginal Elders. Throughout the week, a number of Aboriginal students spoke on the assembly about the importance of NAIDOC Week and reconciliation. The week ended with a BBQ lunch in the quadrangle with our local Elders, featuring bush foods such as emu and kangaroo.
- * The Gamilaraay Language Program was introduced to Year 8 students. This was organised and presented by community members Aunty Maureen Sulter and Mrs Suellyn Tighe whose expertise in this field is highly valued by our school.
- * Coonabarabran High School students again entered the Australian Mathematics Competition which was held on 6 August 2009 and once again performed with exceptional ability. This competition tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

This is the second year that a Proficiency Certificate has been awarded for students reaching a preset standard in both skills and problem solving using their skills in the world around them. 13 students sat the paper, gaining the following results:

High Distinction

Geoffrey Lee

Distinction

Kevin Lee

Credit

Katie Lee

Marcus Young

James Nash

Samuel Murphy

Connor Graham

Proficient

Victoria Lee
Daniel Thomas

Alyssa Verrender

Jessica Murphy

Participation

Emily Young

Olivia Eastburn

- * In the statewide Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) overall, 87% of Coonabarabran High School Science students achieved the top 4 bands compared to 82% of the State. Areas of strength demonstrated by Coonabarabran High School students were “Working Scientifically”, “Communicating Scientifically” with 15% and 11% of students achieving top band results. Students “Knowledge & Understanding” results within 2% of the State.
- * The Science Engineering Challenge is a competition organized by Rotary to expose Year 9 and 10 Science students to the many issues dealt with by modern engineers. Our students competed against other schools in the North West Region and Coonabarabran High School finished 4th.
- * Science is about making sense of our world. We need to have an understanding of science to debate current issues. The Rio Tinto Big Science Competition encourages critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The competition challenges secondary students from Australian and International schools in Junior, Intermediate and senior divisions. In 2009, more than 37,000 Australasian students participated and our students’ results are as follows:

Credit

Victoria Lee

Alyssa Verrender

Geoffrey Lee

- * In the International Competitions & Assessments for Schools Science Competition which is again an Australasian competition, our students achieved as follows:

High Distinction

Kevin Lee

Distinction

Marcus Young

Victoria Lee

Jessica Murphy

Credit

William Fosdick

Geoffrey Lee

- * 15 students participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz.
- * Senior Ancient History and Senior Geography students visited Sydney in May to undertake lectures in Ancient History and fieldwork on Urban Renewal in Ultimo/Pymont in Geography.
- * Wayne Gleeson, Deputy Principal Woolaware High School, Senior HSC marker and Editor of Legal Assist, visited Coonabarabran High School in October to provide lectures to Year 12 Legal Studies students as part of their preparation for the HSC.

- * Year 11 Geography students undertook local catchment fieldwork studies in the upper Castlereagh River Catchment as part of their Year 11 coursework.
- * Year 12 Geography students undertook fieldwork studies at the Macquarie Marshes as part of their study of Ecosystems at Risk.
- * Year 12 Business Studies and Geography students undertook fieldwork studies at Coffs Harbour in May as part of their coursework studies.
- * Year 9/10 Commerce students participated in the Australian Sharemarket game and competed in the Office of Fair Trading competition on Consumer Issues.
- * Year 12 Legal Studies, Economics, Ancient History and Business Studies attended HSC lectures in Dubbo in June.
- * Year 8 Geography students camped overnight at Western Plains Zoo as part of the 'Roar and Snore' program. At the Zoo they participated in an evening walk, early morning feeding of animals and undertook studies of endangered animals. While in Dubbo they also participated in the 'Courage For Care' program at the Western Plains Cultural Centre, involving survivors of the World War II holocaust.
- * A group of Year 11 Legal Studies students participated in the state-wide Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Law Society of NSW. The team performed very well throughout the competition, winning their practice round and two out of three of their competition rounds, before losing to Oxley High School (previous State winner).
- * Year 7 History visited Sydney in December to allow students to step into the magical world of Ancient Egypt and experience mysterious mummies, coffins and artefacts at the Australian Museum. They also enjoyed a Sydney Harbour ferry ride and put on the 3D glasses to watch Mummies and Space Station at the IMAX theatre.
- * Year 11 and 12 Modern History students visited Sydney in June to attend HSC lectures at Sydney University.
- * LOTE students at Coonabarabran High School participated in the Goethe Studies Film Competition.
- * Year 8 LOTE department has been successful in having a German Teaching Assistant appointed for part of the 2010 school year.
- * Students and staff (and some parents and friends) from Coonabarabran High School participated in a very successful study tour of France, Belgium and Italy. 36 students, staff and parents visited Paris and Versailles, the Western Front, Rome and the Bay of Naples region, as well as Vatican City as part of a 2-week study of Modern and Ancient history. All participants had a wonderful time.
- * In the NSW History Competition the following results were achieved:

High Distinction

Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy

Distinction

Victoria Lee

William Fosdick

Imogen Morrissey

Credit

Ruby Bouwsema

Nikki McWhirter

Jessica Murphy

Jodie Murphy

Alyssa Verrender

Shaye Cain

Jessica Flint-Collins

Danielle Napier

Rhiannon Taylor

Dyllon Tighe

Hugh Ryan

James Bowden

Matt Frith

Rachel Storer

* In the 2009 Australian Geography Competition the following results were achieved:

High Distinction

Raju Jaiswal

Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy

Geoffrey Lee

Distinction

Brooke Thomas

Imogen Morrissey

Bridget Fox

Connor Graham

Credit

Natalee Trow

Finlay McArtney

Katie Lee

Hannah Khodary

Jessica Murphy

Corey Draper

Amelia Adam

* In the NSW Geography Competition the following results were achieved:

High Distinction

Alyssa Verrender

Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy

Distinction

Victoria Lee

Bridget Fox

Ruby Bouwsema

Imogen Morrissey

Jessica Murphy

Sam Rawlinson

Nikki McWhirter

Credit

Luke Taylor

Jayden Wood-Nicholson

Russell Murray

Miranda Jaiswal

Nerida Hannah

Craig McGlashan

Blake Watt

Melanie Mills

Tim McManus

Hugh Ryan

Richelle King

Rebecca Thew

William Fosdick

James Bowden

Lucy McWhirter

Lucy Dowling

Joshua Douglas

Gemma Evans

Zac Khodary

Carlie Parnell

Jodie Murphy

Meghan Silk

Lachlan Smith

Jessica Cormie

Natalee Trow

Eathan Reeks

Dominic Stafford

Rhiannon Taylor

Anna Ramage

Taneya Watton

Rachel Storer

Joshua Thurston

Chris Frith

Dean Wrench

Leda Greenwood

Reginald Dunn

Matthew McHugh

- * In the Australian Economics Competition certificates were awarded to:

High Distinction

Geoffrey Lee

Credit

Samuel Murphy

Hannah Draper

Matt Olsen

- * In the Australian Business Studies Competition certificates were awarded to:

High Distinction

Georgia Hunt

Credit

Mungo Ryan

Kyle Turner

Jessica Staniforth

Simone Munns

- * This year students produced major works in both the HSC Design & Technology course and the HSC Industrial Technology course. One was of outstanding quality, Annie McKinnon's Wooden Alto Saxophone mouthpieces, which was nominated for the 2010 DesignTECH Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney and regional centres throughout NSW. This project and display was innovative and unique, displaying all facets of Industrial Design.

AGRICULTURE

- * 2009 was a year of expansion for the Agriculture Department, with the Livestock Show Team now including pig showing along with the traditional stud cattle and steer showing.
- * Term 1 was the time for showing and parading with our new studs of Black Opal and Mimosa Limousin Stud heifers, owned by Warren and Carlene Scifleet, Sujo Santa Gertrudis Stud heifers and bulls, owned by Sue Hunt and along with Devon bull and heifers owned by Vic and Alison Edwards of Mullaley.
- * Coonabarabran Show saw good participation by many novice paraders as well as the more experienced ones. At Baradine Show, Kelsey Hall achieved Champion Parader.
- * The Northern Schools Steer Competition held at the historic Glen Innes Showground saw many successes in the parading ring for our novice Year 7 and 8 students. The prime steers achieved a 5th and 6th on the Hoof, with one steer going further to achieve a third on the Hook and 2nd in the Hoof and Hook Heavyweight category. Thanks to the Kirk family of Peak Hill for their well-bred weaners!
- * Vicki, our favourite pig and mother of two litters of Berkshire piglets born free-range in the cattle pen piglets, also reigns supreme in the pig shows winning Supreme Champion Pig at Dubbo Show and Champion Sow and Berkshire at Tamworth Show.

- * Captain, the sire of the piglets, won Reserve Champion Boar at Tamworth Show.
- * First Brahma and Black Spanish chickens hatched as part of our Rare Breeds Program initiated by Mark Tully who donated these breeds to the school. A fruit orchard established in part of the old greenhouse area now houses the Black Spanish.
- * Matt Frith became the first Coonabarabran High School student to win the North West Property Planning Competition, Junior section. Matt a Year 9 student competed against 200 students in years 9 and 10, writing a four page report with accompanying map of the property to address land degradation issues.
- * Marty Wilkin (Farm Assistant) built a Direct Drill Seeder, from some lengths of steel and a stick welder! Half the funds came from the Central West Catchment Management Authority and will help in the conservation farming focus in the Agriculture and Primary Industries courses.
- * The first ATV Safety workshop was held at the school. Mr Ken Tuckey helped the students with riding skills with the ATV kindly lent for the day by Coona Mowers and Small Engines. This enabled the students to put their safe riding skills into practice.
- * Last but not least, the High School hosted another successful Ag Skills Day. Some of the highlights of the 27 workshops held on the day were the Horses & Sheep dog training with Mick Cox and Lee Patterson, Artificial Insemination and Preg Testing with Vic Edwards, Rare Breeds and Pig Selection with Mark Tully and Richard Cole (breeder of Vicki), Fencing with Max Harris, Aquaculture with Nicola Brookhouse and Shearing and Wool Classing with Greg Jerry. Our school continues to be awed by the generosity and sharing of expertise by the members of our community, who give their time to present the diverse number of workshops to the students of our school and the surrounding schools who attend on the day.

ART - MUSIC - DANCE

- * Two students, Rachel Elton and Rachael Kelly were nominated for Artexpress. The girls each submitted paintings for their Body of Work based upon themes of identity and family. Each year over 6000 HSC students sit for the NSW Visual Arts HSC examination. Artexpress is an exhibition of the state's top 5% practical HSC artworks. The standard of works is always high and displays the skills and talents of Visual Arts students. The selection process will choose artworks in a variety of mediums to be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney and other venues. The Regional touring exhibition will begin in 2010 and travel to rural areas, including Dubbo Regional Gallery. For a student to be nominated for Artexpress their work must demonstrate a high level of conceptual and technical skill. Rachel Elton's artwork was selected for Artexpress Regional Exhibition in Tamworth 2010. Congratulations to these two students for an outstanding result.
- * Year 11 Visual Arts students were finalists in the Department of Education's Centre for Learning Innovation Connected Learning 2009 Short Film Awards. The class submitted their film 'Board Games' which took a lighthearted look at the recent global economic crisis.

- * Year 9/10 Visual Arts students participated in the workshop 'ArtWorks', presented by Andrew Glassop from the Western Plains Cultural Centre in Dubbo. The workshop involved students performing the roles of characters in the art world.
- * Year 9 Visual Arts students exhibited their artworks in the town library. Students displayed printmaking based on the bushfires earlier in the year.
- * Students who participated in the external music examinations from the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) included:

Grade 7 Flute	Alice Riley
Grade 6 Musicianship	Alexander Lee
Preliminary Violin	Rhiannon Bowden
Grade 6 Piano	Rhiannon Bowden
Grade 3 Violin	Nathan Cox
Grade Piano	Rachel Storer
- * The School Choir participated in the annual Celebration Concert. They attended regional rehearsals in Armidale in Term 3 and then performed at the Sports Arena, Homebush (Olympic Park) in Term 4. The choir not only sang great musical works by Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Sculthorpe and Abba but also experienced a wonderful excursion. The Celebration Concert supports children's charities and this year raised \$10,000 for the Chronic Illness Peer Support Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital.
- * Formal School Assemblies gave our students an opportunity to provide musical items. Among the performances heard, were performed by: Annie McKinnon, Alexander Lee, Alice Riley, Rhiannon Bowden, Isabel Enks, Chanel McGlashan, Sarah Martin, Samantha Mills, Jessica Staniforth, Melissa Coughlan, Jenna-Lee Broeksema, Bonnie Coulter-Buckley, Rhiannon Taylor and Nerida Hannah.
- * Year 12 Music students held two evening concerts leading up to their Practical HSC Examinations. The students also performed in lunchtime concerts (each student had two concerts) as well as rehearsing viva voce presentations. Our HSC musicians this year were Bethanie Hain, Monique Hind, Alexander Lee, Annie McKinnon, Harry Ramage and Alice Riley.
- * A Senior Music Concert was held in the High School Hall in June. The concert had a mixed program with items from soloists as well as ensembles. Performances from Years 11 and 12 students included vocal and instrumental pieces.
- * Year 11 Music students celebrated the ending of their Preliminary Year work and the start of the Year 12 Music Course by giving a small concert, held in the Senior Quadrangle. The concert included pieces using voice, piano and guitar. The performers were: Rhiannon Bowden (with her sister Caitlyn), Isabel Enks, Sarah Martin (who was joined by her sister Alyssa), Chanel McGlashan, Deniz Ozkaran and Jessica Staniforth.

- * Students have prepared throughout the year for their end of Year 8 Concert. Each class has worked on acoustic guitar pieces, and class band pieces. Some old rock'n'roll songs were included in the program such as "Knocking on Heaven's Door", Michael Jackson's "Beat It", "Jailhouse Rock", "Bad Moon Rising" and "Wimoweh".
- * The Sunset Concert is an annual concert traditionally performed by Year 9/10 Music students. Our performers this year were: Jodie Murphy, Katie Lee, Ruby Bouwsema, Dyllon Tighe, Bonnie Coulter-Buckley, Rhiannon Taylor, Melissa Coughlan, Nerida Hannah, Shane Bourke, Jenna-Lee Broeksema, Jessica Fitzpatrick and Catherine McNeilly. Popular songs formed a large part of the repertoire with the addition of a Merimba Ensemble 'Jokarudy' playing a selection of pieces for tuned percussion.
- * Year 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to explore vocal technique and performance at the Vocal Workshop, held in Dubbo earlier in the year.
- * Each year the Board of Studies and the Department of Education & Training present ENCORE, a selection of exemplary performances and compositions from the HSC Music students. Following the HSC Music Practical Examinations, Alexander Lee was asked to nominate for inclusion in this concert. Alexander is congratulated on his excellent performances.
- * High School students provided a strong representation at the Moorambilla Workshops and Festival 'Maxed Out' held in Baradine and Coonamble. Students participating were: Amy Coe, Olivia Eastburn, Dean Evans, Caragh Fretwell, Drew Hawkins, Yue Liang, Dylan Lugli, Emily Young, Jack Ayoub, Simon Bouwsema, Alesha Evans, Marcus Young.
- * The University of Newcastle Wind Orchestra Workshop and Concert was held at the start of December. Students from many schools in our region took this opportunity to extend their technique and learn to play new repertoire. Students from our High School included: Amelia Adam, Elise Baker, Lilian Betts, Yue Liang, Hugh Ryan and past student, Nicholas Adam.
- * Students had opportunities to extend their knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of music by attending a series of concerts held in the school hall. These concerts included:
 - Lionel Robinson presented a show tracing the history of the piano keyboard and its music. "Bach to the Future" enhanced student knowledge of the piano keyboard and its development, and the musical styles which have progressed as the keyboard contributed to many of the changes.
 - "Drum Beat" was a show about the art of hitting things! The two performers presented a history of percussion through the ages, using a large range of drums and hand percussion. The performance was fun, interesting, educational and loud!
 - Classical Music from India: Sandip Burman demonstrated and performed on the table (double drum) and sitar (a stringed instrument with 20 metal strings). It was fascinating to see and hear the unusual and beautiful music from India.

- The Premier of "Leonard and the Lottery Ticket" (the musical). This musical extravaganza featured over 180 musicians for two concerts in Coonabarabran and Gilgandra. The centre piece of both concerts was a performance of Mark Walton's new family musical "Leonard and the Lottery Ticket", narrated by Victoria Lee and James Watson. Taking part in this musical event were Coonabarabran's Orbital Swing Band, School Choirs, Sydney's 'Catastrophic Winds', 'The City Slickers', the Sydney U3A Choir and from Mungindi: 'Bated Breath'.

- The OSB is a schools and community concert band. Included in the membership are many High School students who help contribute to the life of the High School and our community by performing in many events. Acknowledgement is made of their commitment and support of the many activities through the year, such as Australia Day ceremonies, Anzac Day march, service and RSL luncheon, the local show, "Relay for Life" and concerts at the High School and Awards Night. Our High School student and staff members are: Bethanie Hain, Elise Baker, Victoria Lee, Alexander Lee, Jessica Fitzpatrick, Connor Graham, Simon Bouwsema, Miss Di Suthons and parents of students and ex-students: Mrs Brenda Baker, Mrs Pam Lee and Mrs Bronwyn Stephenson.

SUPPORT UNIT

- * Students in the Support Unit have participated in a wide variety of activities during the year. The Riding for the Disabled Program continued to offer our students experiences in both horse riding and carriage driving. The students enjoyed an extremely informative day at Siding Springs Observatory. In sport, students competed in the Western Region Touch Carnival and the North West Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. Two students were North West Champions, Bethany Barron (Swimming) and Justin Antaw (Athletics).

SPORT

- * The Open Girls Netball team were the North West Champions and qualified for the top 16 playoffs.
- * The Girls Squash team were in the final 8 in the State.
- * The Open Boys Basketball were North West Finalists and qualified for the top 20 play-offs in the State.
- * The Year 9/10 Boys Touch qualified for the All School's State Finals.
- * The following teams made the Semi-Finals in North West competitions:
Open Girls Basketball U/15 Girls Basketball Open Girls Tennis
- * The following teams made the Finals in North West competitions:
U/14 Girls Netball Open Girls Soccer
- * The Boys Squash team were placed 3rd in the North West.
- * Justin Antaw won the 14 Years Shot Put and Javelin at the North West Special Athletics Carnival.

- * 26 students were selected in various North West teams
- * Elise Baker represented North West in Athletics, Cross Country and Squash. She placed 9th in the 16 Years 800m and 1500m at CHS Athletics.
- * Kyle Turner represented North West in both Basketball and Rugby League.
- * Dyllon Tighe represented North West at both Cross Country and Athletics.
- * At the CHS Athletics Carnival, Ricky Fowke placed 5th in the 13 Years Javelin and Laura McLean placed 5th in the 16 Years High Jump.
- * Bobby Stewart was selected in the President's Rugby League side to attend the CHS Rugby League Trials at Toronto.
- * Coonabarabran High won the Single Cup for the second year in a row!
- * Students were selected to represent North West Region in a variety of sports:

Open Rugby League

Troy Evans Tyson Galvin Kyle Turner Bobby Stewart

U/15's Rugby League

Bradley Kable

Netball

Tahlia Kable Simone Munns Hannah Johnston
 Corrine Towney

Basketball

Kyle Turner

Touch

Teagan Cain

Swimming (Individual)

Emma Kable Phoebe Hensby Makayla Munns

Squash (North West)

Matt Olsen Gabrielle Olsen Keira Daniels
 Elise Baker

Cross Country

Elise Baker Dyllon Tighe Olivia Eastburn
 Nicola Murphy

Athletics

Nathan Verrender Ricky Fowke Emma Kable
 Laura Enks Katie Lee Laura McLean
 Jake McDonald Dyllon Tighe Elise Baker
 Aaron Percival

Lawn Bowls

Tim Wilkinson