WE CELEBRATED GRANDPARENTS’ DAY!

The Monk Family
The Mitchell Family
The Chad Family
The Sweeney Family
The Carey Family
The Tudgey Family
The Gray Family
The Beer Family
The Leask Family

Principal
Michael Spora
HTSS
Julie Waters
HTMY
Susan Young
Assistant Principal
Lynda Peter
Captain Secondary
Amelia Washbrook
Vice Caps Secondary
Kaitlyn Thomson
Steven Rutter
Captains Primary
Anna Ward
Thomas Yeo
Vice Caps Primary
Annabel Finemore
Casey Adams
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Grandparent’s Day
Thank you to all of our visitors for your support last week at Grandparents’ Day. I was immensely proud of all our students, not just the class and individual performances, but the enthusiasm of each student when showing their class work to their families. I feel that it was a great school community day and I have been encouraged by the large amount of positive feedback on the day and since.

Show Delay
No one would curse the beautiful rain last week, however, I am well aware of the additional work that it has caused our show committee to post-pone the show to next Sunday (6th April). Whilst we thank them in advance and assure them that the school will support the show as usual, I encourage all school members to still attend this Sunday and visit the school’s display in the main pavilion.

Sports Trials
We have also had some delays to sports rep trials last week. The Zone Trials for secondary winter sports planned for Gunnedah last Monday were postponed as well as the primary winter trials in Coonabarabran. Although we cannot change these circumstances, I thank and acknowledge the effort made by parents who are transporting these students, sometimes being told mid-trip that the event was off, for the additional hassle that this has all caused.

Manning Family
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Manning family. Jamie Manning, who is the father of Bray in Year 5 and Jedd in Year 7 was involved in a serious car accident last week and was flown to a Sydney hospital in a very serious condition.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Parent-Teacher interviews are next Tuesday. I cannot stress enough the importance for you as parents not only to know how your child is progressing, but actually be a part of the conversation of your child’s education. A solid partnership between home and family is imperative for successful schooling and students to meet their potential, so I encourage you to make an appointment to speak to your child’s teachers.

P&C Meeting
We have our P&C AGM next Thursday 10th April at 3:30pm in the school library. I encourage all families to become involved and give a little of your time to the school. Although the P&C does run fund raising initiatives, this is the forum for you to have your say on school matters. I value the opinions and voice of our parent body in the decision making process of the school, so if you have opinions or feel that you could make a positive contribution to the future direction of the school, please come along.

Michael Spora
Principal

Janet Hellyer and her Grandmother, Myee Evans, at Grandparents’ Day.

Calendar

Tue 1.4.14
Immunisation Clinic
Year 7 Girls/Boys
Year 9 Boys

Week 11
Tue 8.4.14
Parent Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm

Wed 9.4.14
Moorambilla
Prim 9.00 - 10.45am
Sec 11.00 - 12.15pm

Fri 11.4.14
Anzac Day Ceremony
10.00am
followed by
Morning Tea

Primary
Easter Hat Parade
11.30pm

Last Day of Term
Holidays commence

Term 2
Students Return
Tues 29.4.14
Thank you to everyone who attended “Grandparents’ Day.” The students were delighted to have you visit and to watch them perform. The students have enjoyed preparing their display for the Mendooran Show which will now be held on Sunday 6\textsuperscript{th} April.

In Maths we have been identifying and locating three-dimensional shapes such as cubes, cylinders, cones, spheres, rectangular and triangular prisms.

As part of our Social Skills program we have been differentiating between COOL, WEAK and AGRO ways of behaving and responding to problem situations. The students have discussed the likely consequences and believe that the COOL (polite but firm) way of responding is the most effective.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} April and our Easter Hat Parade and school Anzac service on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April. ALL Easter hats will be made at school.

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**PRIMARY NEWS**

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} April. If you would like to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher between 3:30pm and 5:00pm please contact the school office.

**School Anzac Service**

Our school Anzac service will be held on the last day of term, Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April commencing at 10:00am. All are welcome!

**Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Hat parade will be held on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April following on from our school Anzac service. Therefore it will commence at approximately 11:30am after morning tea. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come and join us while we sing some Easter songs and parade our Easter hats. ALL Easter hats will be made at school.

We also hope to have a visit from a very special bunny!

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L Peter
YEARS 2/3 NEWS

In 2/3 last week we were very lucky to have our Grandparents visiting us on Wednesday. We had written some fantastic acrostic poems about our Grandparents and loved reading them at the assembly on Wednesday.

We have been learning about column graphs in Maths and have taken a survey of our class in order to create a column graph of our own.

In English we have been learning and revising information about adverbs and have written some creative sentences using interesting adverbs.

In sport on Friday we were lucky enough to start learning some of the skills necessary to play volleyball.

R Freeth

EASTER HAT PARADE

Dear Parents,

On Friday 11th April 2014 the students in Years K/1 and 2/3 will be having an Easter Hat Parade commencing at approximately 11.30am. All hats will be made as part of our school craft program. This will be an opportunity for the students to show you their creative talent as well as participate in singing some Easter songs.

We are also hoping for a visit from a special Easter bunny!

All parents, carers, grandparents and visitors are most welcome! We hope that you can come along and enjoy our Easter performance.

L Peter and R Freeth

P & C NEWS - AGM

AGM will be held Thursday 10th April @ 3.30pm in the library. Secretary and Treasurers positions are open for any interested Parents, Teachers or members of the community.

We have only 1 meeting per term, new ideas are always welcome. The P & C choose how little or how much fundraising they would like to take part in to raise funds for our school. If you would like to be part of a great committee and can’t make it to the AGM please contact:

Tash Swan 0268861402/Bec Sciberras 0268861386
SCHOOLBIZ

Kids and phone bills
How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It's called "bill shock", and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month.

Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O'Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues.

What makes a good book for young kids?
Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Helping kids learn how to make friends
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

HORSE SPORTS CALENDAR

Currabubula Pony Club Blanch Trophy Day - Sunday 18th April 2014.
Narrabri West Public School Horse Sports Day - Friday 13th June 2014.
Narrabri Pony Club Show Riding Gymkhana - Saturday 14th June 2014.
Please put these events in your calendar, programs are available at the front office.

D McCormack
2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools offered in the key subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing, which enables schools to identify students’ levels of academic performance and also offers recognition and reward for school students. Schools receive comprehensive hard-copy and online reports on their students’ performances in each subject. Each participating student also receives individual diagnostic reports in both hard-copy and online, as well as a certificate to recognise their achievement. More information on the benefits of ICAS is available at: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about

HELPING YOUR STUDENTS PREPARE FOR ICAS

Go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation for resources to help students prepare for ICAS, including:

- Hints and tips
- Past papers for purchase
- Sample questions, both online and for download
- Practice Online - English, Maths and Science.

PRACTICE ONLINE

Practice Online is a series of interactive online tests designed to help students prepare for ICAS and other skill based assessments. It is currently available for English, Maths and Science. Each time a student takes a test they receive a comprehensive individual report detailing their results both overall and by area assessed. Their performance is also compared to students who have previously done the tests.

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**SECONDARY GENERAL**

Secondary Winter Trials have been rescheduled for today in Rugby League and Netball in Gunnedah and the Soccer players selected, advance straight to the regional trials. Best of luck to these students. Parents are cordially invited to Parent/ Teacher interviews next Wednesday April 8th in the BER. Please contact the school office to arrange a time. On the last day of term, April 11th our school Anzac Day ceremony will be held. All members of the school community are invited to join us. Many students have been advancing through the Secondary Merit System, with several silver awards being awarded this term.

J Waters

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**THE BUSH FAMILY REUNION**

The Bush family reunion will be held this Easter with a lunch on Easter Saturday, 19th April at 12.30pm. Bookings by 11th April to Bev Bush 68861247 or email bevbush_2000@yahoo.com

B Bush

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**IRISH DANCE CLASSES COMMENCING IN TERM 2**

Where: Gilgandra Presbyterian Church Hall  
When: Monday evenings 6-7pm (First lesson will be Monday 5th May 2014)  
Cost: $10* per lesson (Invoices will be issued per family and 10% discount offered if paid within 7 days of receiving the invoice)

* This price does not include GST  
** A $50 enrolment fee is also required per student annually  
For more information, please contact Kelly on 0405 448 409

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**MENDOORAN PONY CLUB**

There will be a meeting Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm at the Royal Hotel. We need to get camp organised as well as our two day Show Jumping weekend. Please come along.

Entries close today for Coonabarabran Pony Club’s holiday school that we were all invited to. Good luck to everyone competing at Binnaway and Mendooran Shows this weekend.

Please could you get your forms in for camp and make sure you have completed the working with children check.

J Smith

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**OPEN INVITATION FROM CWA**

After the next meeting of the Mendooran branch of the CWA on 8th April there will be a light luncheon at 12pm followed by a guest speaker Tania Hutchison from Ovarian Cancer Australia. All are most welcome so come along to the luncheon and listen to Tania, please bring a friend and learn the facts of this insidious disease.

J McDonald  
Publicity Officer
## Castlereagh League & Group 14 Junior League and Netball

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**Image**: Drawing of a girl playing basketball with a basketball.
CASTLEREAGH LEAGUE & GROUP 14 JUNIOR LEAGUE AND NETBALL CONT.

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SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is pleased to inform you that we are offering our 2014 Scholarships to the Northern Hemisphere. This is an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your students interested in joining an overseas exchange program departing in late August/early September to the U.S.A., France, Italy or Germany.

Full details of the Scholarships’ application are enclosed in the attached flyer and also found on our website www.scce.com.au, the closing date is April 14. Scholarships are valued up to $4000.

The Southern Cross Cultural Exchange program is an established route for thousands of Australian high school students who have successfully ventured overseas to learn about different cultures while living with a volunteer host family. For over 30 years S.C.C.E.’s students, including our past Scholarship winners, have benefited from their timely overseas immersion in a different culture while advancing in their international understanding, resilience and facility with a foreign language.

We would very much appreciate it if you could share the news with your students about this Scholarship opportunity.

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Pointscore had their presentation on 21st March. Congratulations to all our swimming members who have had a fantastic swimming season. Well done to the committee for all their hard work during the season. We have done some fundraising with the Friday barbeques and one hundred clubs. The club has purchased new stopwatches.

Thanks to all parents who have contributed their time barbequeing and timekeeping. A big thanks to Lisa Compton, the Mendooran Pool Manager, who has kept the pool and pool grounds in sparkling condition.

Thanks to Mrs Norwood for doing a great job with the swimming training for our club every week. Mendooran/Merrygoen Amateur Swimming Club is having its Annual General Meeting on 8th April at 3.30pm at the Mendooran Community Health Centre.

Everyone Welcome.

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SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
SCHOLARSHIPS 2014
to the Northern Hemisphere

"Fall" into a U.S. High School!
Depart Australia
August 28
Depart USA
Jan 22
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$4000

Les feuilles mortes
Depart Australia
Sept 4
Depart France
Jan 23

Autumn in France
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$3000

Foglie d’autunno
Depart Australia
Sept 10
Depart Italy
Jan 23

Harvest in Italy
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$3000

im Herbst
Depart Australia
Sept 2
Depart Germany
Jan 23

Festival in Germany
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$3000

How to apply
Download an application form from S.C.C.E. website or obtain from our brochure and submit with a 1500-2000 word essay by email or post to S.C.C.E.

Essay topic
Why I deserve/need a Scholarship and why I choose that particular country for my exchange.

Application deadline
April 14

Announcement
Winners will be notified on April 21.

Note: All scholarship applicants will automatically receive a $500 discount if they choose to continue with their application for a 5 or 10-month program.

Email: scceaustralia@scce.com.au
Address: 14 Ranelagh Drive, Locked Bag 1200, Mt Eliza VIC 3930
Phone: 1800 500 501 Website: www.scce.com.au
TENNIS COACHING

Tennis Coaching will commence this Wednesday 2nd April at the town Tennis Courts.
Time: 3.15pm to 4.30pm
Enquiries: Mr Pat Dries
68861224

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THIS BUSINESS CALLED ART

Looking at Governance Workshop ..

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Are you on a board or the committee of a non-profit organisation? Then this workshop is for you.
Non-profit organisations share common characteristics of being driven by their values and reinvesting financial surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives. These characteristics presents boards with many challenges, during this workshop held over two days you will address some of the key challenges you as a board member may face.

Topics include:
- Strategic planning & business plans
- Organisational structure
- Changes to the non-profit and volunteer organisational industries

Please note: You must attend both workshops.

NATALIE BRAMBLE

As a fellow of the Australian Institute of Community Practice and Governance, Natalie has many years experience working with organisations and boards and assists them improve their organisational and individual capacity by training and coaching clients around Australia.
Natalie holds a post graduate diploma in management and is currently completing her masters. In her spare time, Natalie still does what she loves - helping non-profits with projects, marketing and fundraising strategies, reading books on all most any business/non profit subject and taking university e-courses; sitting on volunteer boards; judging panels and attending events!

COST

$25 covers the cost of the 2 workshops. Price includes lunch and refreshments.

WHERE AND WHEN

LOCATION: Baradine: CWA HALL, LACHLAN STREET
Date: 31st March & 7th April
Time: 10am - 4pm

REGISTER TO ATTEND

DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM

For more information on workshop or how to attend you can email projects@oranaarts.com.au or phone the Orana Arts office on (02) 581 8704
SECTION O  CHILDREN’S SECTION (OPEN)
Stewards: Alison MARTIN (68861348) and Marion McKECHNIE

Entry in this Section is Free  Prizes: 1st $2.00, 2nd .50c
Children’s Section kindly sponsored by
Mendooran Newsagency, Mrs B McGirr, Mrs J Lloyd,
Ms W Hill, and Mrs B Monk.

Handicrafts 8 Years and Under
1. Article from natural or synthetic fibre
2. Article from metals, plastic, leather or wood
3. Novelty article from recycled materials - farming theme
4. Article from clay plasticine or play dough
5. Article made from Lego - farming theme
6. Article made from Meccano

Handicrafts 12 Years and Under
7. Article from natural or synthetic fibre
8. Article from metal, plastic, leather or wood
9. Novelty article from recycled materials - farming theme
10. Article from clay plasticine or play dough
11. Beading
12. Jewellery
13. Article from Lego
14. Article from Meccano

Handicrafts 16 Years and Under
15. Article from natural or synthetic fibre
16. Article from metal, plastic or wood
17. Novelty article from recycled materials
18. Article from clay plasticine or play dough
19. Handmade Greeting Card
20. Beading
21. Jewellery
22. An article of scrapbooking (one page)
23. Article made from Lego - farming theme
24. Article made from Meccano

Floral 8 Years and Under
25. Low arrangement in sand saucer, Farming theme
26. Arrangement in egg cup

Floral 12 Years and Under
27. Low arrangement in sand saucer, Farming theme
28. Arrangement in egg cup
SECTION O - CHILDREN’S SECTION - Continued

Cooking 8 Years and Under

29. Honey Joys
30. Pikelets
31. Five decorated arrowroot biscuits
32. 3 decorated cup cakes (not muffins)

Cooking 12 Years and Under

33. Novelty Cake, theme of Farming
34. Six Biscuits
35. 3 decorated cup cakes (not muffins)

Cooking 16 Years and Under

36. Novelty/birthday cake, theme of Farming
37. Six cup cakes, iced (cake mix allowed)
38. Six pieces of slice to be judged on quality

ART Work

All art must be mounted with cord attached ready for hanging

8 Years and Under

39. Painting any medium, theme Farming
40. Creative veggie creature from any produce
41. Decorated Grass Head

12 Years and Under

42. Painting any medium, theme Farming

All entries in handicraft and art sections to have been worked within the last 12 months

CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OPEN

43. Best Collage, plasticine or play dough figure
44. Best Painting
45. Vegetable Creature
46. Best Lego item - Farming theme
47. Best Meccano item
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2014
in the Warrumbungle Shire

Blue Light Disco
When: Friday 11th April, 6:30 - 9pm
Where: Coonabarabran Youth Club
Who: 12-18 yr olds
Cost: Free
Contact: Youth Development Officer (02) 6849 2222

A fun night for all youth in the Warrumbungle Shire. Free entry & free sausage sizzle. Free buses will running from each town, seats must be booked in advance. Event will be fully supervised by police. Strictly no alcohol, no drugs, no passouts. Permission forms must be completed, these can be found at www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au

Girls Night In
When: Tuesday 8th April, 6 - 9pm
Where: Acacia Motor Lodge, Coonabarabran
Who: 14 - 19 yr old girls
Cost: Free
Contact: Lesa Towers (02) 6826 6132

Come dressed as your favourite female hero! This will be a fun night where girls can learn & ask questions about health & relationships. Lucky door prizes & best dressed prizes will be awarded! Free bus home afterwards. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Young Snappers Photo Comp
When: Enter today! Entries close 11th April
Where: Email entries to the Youth Dev. Officer
Cost: Free
Contact: Youth Dev. Officer (02) 6849 2222

Take a pic on your phone or camera & show us the Warrumbungle Shire through your eyes! You can send your photos in via email, Facebook or Instagram. Great prizes up for grabs! A media consent form must be completed for each entry, these can be found at www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au

Dodgeball Comp. & BBQ
When: Friday 4th April 3 - 6pm
Where: Coonabarabran Youth Club
Cost: Free
Contact: Youth Dev. Officer (02) 6849 2222

Come along for a fun afternoon of Dodgeball. Cool prizes on offer! The game will be followed by a free sausage sizzle.

‘Our Voice. Our Impact’
Dunedoo Family Fun Day
When: Tuesday 8th April 8:30-11am
Where: Dunedoo Showground
Who: Yr 4 - 8 students & parents
Cost: Free
Contact: Sally Dent 0429 313 713

Parents are invited to join the students for a breakfast BBQ followed by a morning of fun & games!

Youth v Police & Teachers Touch Football Game
When: Wednesday 9th April, 5pm
Where: Mendooran oval
Cost: Free
Contact: Youth Dev. Officer (02) 6849 2222

Round robbin competition. Join a team or come along & cheer from the sideline! Trophy will be awarded to the winning team. Free sausage sizzle afterwards.

Coolah Movie & Pizza afternoon
When: Saturday 12th April, 1pm
Where: Macquarie Regional Library, Coolah
Cost: Free
Contact: Julie Sherlock (02) 6377 1910

Come & watch a movie & have fun in the photo booth!

For more information contact the Youth Development Officer, Warrumbungle Shire Council (02) 6849 2222, 0428 248 687
School Holidays

Easter 2014

Week 1:
Monday 14th April 2014 – Thursday 17th April 2014

Week 2:
Tuesday 22nd April 2014 – Thursday 24th April 2014

Time: 9am – 4pm (charges apply for extra hours)

Cost: $25.00 per student per day

Must be a member of the club $5.50 per child per year

All children must wear enclosed Shoes, bring a Water bottle,

Morning Tea and Lunch.

(Hot chips are available for lunch at $2 a bucket)

Activities the children are involved in throughout the day are: Gymnastics,

Dance, Arts and Crafts and Indoor Sports

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

For further enquires please contact Dubbo PCYC on 02 6882 3273, email: dubbo@pcycnsw.org.au or drop into PCYC.
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - 2014

Voluntary Infants/Primary Contributions: $25.00 per child  
Voluntary Secondary Contributions: $50.00 per child  
Voluntary FAMILY MAXIMUM: $80.00 (not including electives)

Both Voluntary contributions and Elective fees may be paid by instalment.

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