

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL and P&C NEWSLETTER

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Ms Karine Williams P&C President

Ms Mary Doolan Relieving Principal's Report



Welcome back to Term 3. I will open with some sad news. Many of you would know Kaela Dent, our highly effective School Counsellor who has been working with our students since 2015. From this term Kaela will now be based from Gilgandra High School. We will still have the benefit of Kaela's support but on a much reduced load of 6 days per month. You may be aware that there is currently a significant shortage of school counsellors, particularly west of the divide, so I am hoping that the Department will be able to fill this important vacancy in our wellbeing support team as soon as possible, although that is unlikely. Fortunately, our students can still also seek support from Imogen Morrissey, social worker with the Benevolent Society, who works from our school each Thursday, Narelle Pfeiffer, our School Chaplain/Youth Worker will also continue to work with students each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On behalf of our community I acknowledge and thank Kaela for her absolute commitment to the wellbeing of our students and her strong support to staff. We will miss her and wish her well in her new position.

Term 3 is a particularly important one for our seniors. Year 12, having completed the Trial HSC Examination at the end of last term are now back into the throws of coursework in this their final full term of secondary education. Likewise, Year 11 will finalise their coursework this term with final examinations in Week 8, before commencing their HSC studies in Term 4. My thanks to the numerous staff who supervised senior students at school during the holiday period.

Congratulations to our victorious Mock Trial team, coached by Mr Michael Armstrong. The team comprising Annabelle Shannon, Hannah Meier, Mikayla Marr, Melinda Ryan, Tashani Clarke, and Molly Shannon have argued their way to rank in the top 32 schools in the state, from a starting field of almost 170 schools. We wish them every success in their next case. Best wishes too, to our Robotics team led by the tireless Miss Moore, who compete in the Dual Down Under, in Sydney, this weekend. We are fortunate as a community to have staff so committed to running a wide variety of enriching extra curricular activities for our students.

Education Week runs from 5-9 August. This will be a busy week for us with our Ag Skills Day on Thursday 8th and annual Feast of Pi on Friday 9th.

Thank you to Ms Michelle Webb and Mrs Kellie Nash for their stewardship of our unique and highly effective Ag Skills Day and the Maths and Science faculties for celebrating matters STEM with the Feast of Pi. Our next P&C Meeting is Monday 29 July at 5.30 and it would be great to welcome some new members.

The next night is Parent Teacher night from 4-7pm. This is an important night in terms of maintaining strong communication about our students' learning, with parents and carers. We look forward to a good turn out that evening.

Finally, congratulations to Mr Craig Ashby, Mrs Alison Stanton and Mr Jack Ayoub for their leadership of our stellar NAIDOC celebration which closed Term 2 on a truly celebratory note.

Coona High celebrates NAIDOC Week



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P&C President's Report

Hoping you had a wonderful winter break and are ready for the new term. We don't have too many fundraising activities this term but no doubt it will be a busy term for the school.

On Friday 28 June I attended the annual Shakespeare Festival – English students in years 9-11 prepare a piece from the Shakespeare work they are studying in class. What a joy to see our students prepare by learning lines in old English and performing in front of their peers. All students should be commended for their effort, courage and enthusiasm.

Last term the P&C worked with Nancy Doolan & Kellie Nash to apply for funding for the school to continue its Feast of Words Project that has been held by the school for many years. We will know the outcome of our application later in the year.

We welcome all new members to join our P&C to bring new ideas and participate in the school community.

Karine Williams

Mock Trial success!!



On Tuesday 23rd July 2019, the Coonabarabran High School mock trial team travelled to Scone to compete in the first elimination round against St Joseph's College Lochinvar. Acting for the defendant in an online dating fraud case, the team of Annabelle Shannon, Hannah Meier, Mikayla Marr, Melinda Ryan, Tashani Clarke, and Molly Shannon prepared for the trial over a number of weeks and conducted all elements of the trial including witnesses giving evidence, Court staff fulfilling their legal functions, and the Barristers and Solicitors arguing the case. The Coonabarabran High School team ultimately was successful in the trial and is now in the top 32 teams in the statewide competition.

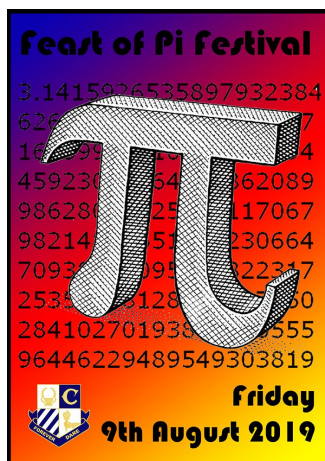
Front Row left to right, Hannah Meier, Tashani Clarke, and Molly Shannon. Rear Row Annabelle Shannon, Mikayla Marr, and Melinda Ryan



HORSE EXPO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2019

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Direct Deposits	\$104.00	W/Worths Wishcards	\$1,000.00
	\$30.00	Inland Distributors	\$265.70
	\$125.50	Essential Coffee (See adj)	\$1,457.60
	\$18.00	Canteen Manager	\$1,625.00
Canteen Deposit	\$7,528.30	C/Bran Bakery	\$553.90
Expo Committee Sales	\$2,461.00	Dafters Meats	\$510.00
Add back purchases via till	\$302.95	Taylours Eggs	\$99.00
Leftover sales to Canteen	\$1,226.49	Canteen cooking costs/milk a/c	\$452.46
(Includes Essential Coffee adj. for overpayment)		Hut Hire	\$250.00
		<i>Purchases from till:</i>	
		Roaches gas bottle	\$27.95
		Woolies purchases	\$241.00
		Dafters Meats	\$34.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,796.24	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,516.61
		NET INCOME	\$5,279.63

FEAST OF PI Dinner 2019



Feathers Café
Thursday 8 August 2019
6:30pm

Tickets will be available from the school office
Ticket price to be confirmed

Coonabarabran High School

P&C Meeting Agenda 24 June 2019

Welcome:
Meeting Opened:
5:30 pm

Attendance (as per attendance book)

Present: Duncan Graham, Sue Hincks, Skye Lambert, Semret Goitom, Gary Erickson, Narelle Pfeiffer, Ansie Van Schalkwyk, Karine Williams.

Apologies: Mary Doolan, Philip Van Schalkwyk

Motion: The apologies be accepted.

Moved:	Skye	Seconded:	Semret	Carried:	Yes
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Previous Minutes:

Motion: The Minutes are a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

Moved:	Semret	Seconded:	Sue	Carried:	Yes
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Business arising from Previous Minutes

- \$500.00 paid towards Moorambilla

Guest Speaker / Special Notices

- nil

Correspondence

In:

1. Invoice for Rug donation for Northwest Expo

Out:

1. Condolence card to Nicole Hadfield.

Motion that the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved:	Skye	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Reports

President's Report (optional)

As published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

1. Expo report – handout provided, net income was \$5279.63
2. Audit completed
3. Sky, Karine and Gary met to discuss the requirements for ACNC, Audit and canteen figures are still outstanding
4. Gary to take AGM minutes to bank to have Karine added to the signatory list

Motion: The treasurers report be accepted

Moved:	Skye	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Canteen Report

- Going well, will be quiet the next couple of weeks for trials

Motion: The Canteen Report be accepted.

Moved:	Sue	Seconded:	Skye	Carried:	
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Next P&C Association
Meeting will be held
Monday 29 July
5 :30pm School Library
ALL WELCOME

Coonabarabran High School

P&C Meeting Agenda 24 June 2019

Principal's Report

- New jackets and hoodies almost ready
- Year twelve trials begun today – run for two weeks
- Two students selected to be secretary for a day – with mark scott -Lachlan Eschmann and Annabelle Shannon
- NAIDOC celebration next Friday
 - School houses in rugby competition
 - Barbecue lunch
- NESAs random Audit 27 June – communication, Attendance, Stage 6 Assessment
- Eddie Woo may be coming – cant make feast of Pi (Fri 8 August) but will come in term 4 on a date to be confirmed – will open up to surrounding schools
- Education week 5-8 August – Events
 - Single cup
 - Ag Skills Day
 - Feast of Pi
- School resumes on Monday 22 July – The SDD will be Friday 30 August to facilitate all staff mandatory training in MAPA (Management of Actual or Potential Aggression)
- Thank you to P&C for your Herculean effort over Expo – all to support to our students

Deputy Principal's Report

- Friday – Shakespeare Festival
- Youth Leading STEM – Mrs Eshman with a team of 6 students to Questacon
- Titration Chemistry – Mr Deasey took year 11 students to Quirindi for a competition – came 3rd
- Athletic Carnival – very successful, the Red team won
- Robotics Comp July 25/6 at the Dual down under.
- Mock Trial Team M. Armstrong are the area winners are in the final 24 in NSW

General business

- North West Expo
 - Karine expressed great thanks to all who helped make expo a success
 - Students on the Monday and Tuesday were a great help
 - Dinners were well received
 - Ansie offered Suggestion for next year – perhaps a barbecue option around the fire pit
 - Cleaning of the hut before starting the Expo
 - Is it possible to have a Memorandum of understanding about the use of the hut i.e cleaning and cost of hire and other issues
 - Perhaps send menu to motels so teachers know what is available
- Feast of words – Grant application will go in tomorrow for
- Ansie suggested fund raising idea
 - Hospitality students to do a formal dinner in the school/town hall. Each Student will have a table that they host, could be P&C hosted event
 - Investigate further, Ansie will lead this.
 - Racecourse is another option, Semret will check this out

Date of Next Meeting
5:30 pm 29 July 2019 (High School Library)
Meeting Closed:
6:35 pm

New School Jackets and Hoodies arrive!



Our new (and very stylish and snug) school jackets and hoodies have arrived. From the reception on assembly – I think they will sell well and look fabulous. Available for purchase from the Accounts Office – \$55 each. *Thanks to Eliza Walker and Sandy Vallette for modelling these new additions to our school uniform.*

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL P&C

June 2019

OPENING BALANCE		\$8,123.32
INCOME		
Memberships		
Float Repay	\$1,600.00	
Cherry Drive		
Dark Sky Feast		
Horse Expo	\$8,928.29	
C/Bran Showgate		
Interest Received	\$5.94	
Total Income		\$10,534.23
EXPENSES		
Float		
Horse Expo	\$5,213.76	
Dark Sky Feast		
Sponsorship	\$165.00	
School Contributions	\$500.00	
Total Expenses		\$5,878.76
CLOSING BALANCE		\$12,778.79
Profit for June 2019		\$4,655.47
Profit for 2019		\$3,485.33



NAIDOC week

On Friday, 5 July, Coonabarabran High held a special celebration in honour of NAIDOC Week. The day's celebration was the product of many hours of planning and preparation led by Mr Craig Ashby, Mrs Alison Stanton, Mr Jack Ayoub and numerous students. The formal assembly which commenced proceedings was very special and featured our Year 8 students giving a welcome to our school in Gamilaraay, and our Indigenous Boys (led by Marty Gordon) and Indigenous Girls Dance Troupes, the latter performing to a song composed by Mr Ashby in honour of the day and sung by himself and Mrs Alison Stanton. Mr Jack Ayoub delivered a thought provoking speech on the challenge of changing how we work toward true Reconciliation.

Aunty Marg Robinson was a special guest of the school and it was wonderful to have her with us to present the trophy to the winning house, Tibuc, of the inaugural Uncle Bill Robinson NAIDOC Challenge OzTag Competition. A delicious lunch (including some bush tucker) was shared by all, catered by Mrs Di Wood and cooked by our SRC and afterwards our Year 6 guests from St Lawrence's Primary and Coonabarabran Public School took part in workshops centred upon art, language and cooking. A thank you to all the presenters of the workshops and in particular Mr Wes Leedham of the EEC whose original idea it was to bring our schools together to celebrate NAIDOC.

A fantastic end to our term and a truly special day!



MAKE MUSIC Australia JUNE 21

As part of the Make Music Australia Day event, five students provided some live music at Lunch on Friday 21 June 2019. The idea behind this day is to have as many free music-making events happening on one day as possible and to build a community of music makers. **The concept of a “musical holiday” originated in France in 1982. The original idea was to have a day where music would be performed free of charge all around cities and towns. Last year, over 800 cities around the world threw citywide music celebrations on June 21. The Make Music festival is celebrated in more than 800 cities in 120 different countries. The event was run in Australia in 2018 for the first time and saw over 100 events in 80 locations on the 21 June. This year, Coonabarabran High School participated in Make Music Australia Day by presenting a Live Music at Lunch event. The five students who participated were: Liam Russell, Angus Lambert, Lachlan Meier, Vance McDonald and Blake Murnane. The students did a fabulous job in providing 40 minutes of music. A big thank you also goes to Mr Armstrong for setting up the sound for us. Our event has been registered on the Make Music Australia website and can be viewed at <https://makemusicaustralia.org.au/event/live-music-at-lunch-at-coonabarabran-high-school/>**



Coona High hosts Netball Gala Day



Coonabarabran High School hosted a netball Gala Day on Monday 17 June against Wee Waa High School and Walgett High School. The first game was a fast and furious game between Wee Waa and Walgett. The Walgett team played a high standard of netball which resulted in Walgett being the victorious team. The second game of the day saw Coonabarabran play against Walgett. All the Coonabarabran team played fantastic netball. They combined well as a team and played with amazing talent and great sportsmanship. Coonabarabran High School were the well- deserved winners on the day. This means we progress to the next round to be played against either Quirindi High School or Gunnedah High School.

Congratulatory Morning Tea



At term's end - the school said thank you to all the students who each and every day bring a positive and respectful approach to their learning and interactions at school. The special morning tea was a way of acknowledging the valuable contribution these students make to our community . Thanks to our wonderful canteen ladies for supplying a delicious morning tea - it was devoured in moments !

ANU Youth Leading STEM program



On Wednesday 26 June, an enthusiastic group of Year 9 and 10 students made the long trip to Canberra to take part in the Youth Leading in STEM program. This application based program was open to all Year 9 and 10 students with an interest in STEM. Organisers said that they were overwhelmed with the number and quality of applications this year. CHS had 10 students apply, 8 of which were accepted into the program. Unfortunately, 2 students had equestrian commitments, so it was a packed car of 6 that made the long journey south.

Youth Leading in STEM (YLS) is an educational outreach initiative that aims to build confidence, skill and ambition in High School students. Run through the Australian National University (ANU), the camp exposes students to a variety of STEM activities and fields. Students experience on-campus living and dining and learn about ANU and hone their leadership and presentation skills. Students are also involved in a mentoring program where they are teamed with a mentor to undertake a STEM based activity in their school or community. This is the third year that ANU have run this program, starting off in 2017 with approximately 16 students. This year there were 32 students participating.

Due to the long distance, we left the day before the program started. Thankfully once it got dark, sheep spotting and the long and protracted game of 'windmills' stopped, only to be replaced by long and convoluted discussions about chess moves. Unfortunately the school car did not like Mrs Eshman's ancient technology and refused to stop playing her iPod after a couple of hours. We finally arrived at the accommodation and Mrs Eshman demonstrated her skill of catering by ordering 7 pizzas. We thought that maybe we over-ordered, but at checkout the next morning there was one piece of garlic bread left!

We then made our way to ANU and eventually met up with the organisers and other participants and started the STEM camp. During the three days we participated in a number of workshops including Biology, where we extracted DNA from strawberries, Biological Anthropology, where we examined skulls of apes and humans and measured cranial capacity and Chemistry, where we used liquid nitrogen to make ice cream. We also visited Mount Stromlo Observatory for a night tour and viewing. One of the interesting things that they had was a huge chamber where they test satellites and other objects that are sent into space to see if they can physically handle the temperatures and vacuum of space.

We also spent time with our mentors brainstorming activities that we could implement in our school. Our team (Lachlan Eshman, Nils Thomas, James Whalan, Alex Robinson, Heaven-Leigh McAway-Davis and Alishea Rankin) came up with the idea of conducting a STEM activity for Year 6 students to assist in their transition to High School.

After the obligatory photo at the ANU sign (to prove we really had been there), we made the long journey back home – arriving just in time for tea on Saturday night!

It was an amazing experience, we met some great people and the experience gave us all a good insight into university life and study. **Thank you to Mrs Eshman for organising the excursion and for getting us safely there and back.**

CHS ME Program

Tuesday 25 July was the launch of Coonabarabran High School's Mentoring Experience program (CHS ME). The program intends to connect community members with students at CHS, in order to increase a sense of belonging, accountability, and direction. Ultimately, students will be enabled to define the challenges they face and as a result of mentor support, overcome these challenges.

To kick off the program, mentors and students were invited to a BBQ. Mentors boldly put on blindfolds and relied on their students to walk them around an obstacle course, made by Mr Ashby. A competition to make the tallest and most creative structure out of popsicle sticks was run by our chaplain, Narelle Pfeiffer. The close competition was won by two teams - Glenn Lambert with his team Gabe Stewart, Matson Ayoub and Jye Robbins, and Bruce Henley with Bailey Quetcher and Darcy Strong.

Thank you to all who supported the evening and made it such a great success. We are looking forward to more amazing events with our students and mentors.

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Coonabarabran Science and Engineering Team...On a Roll

This could almost be a decade of winning the North West Region Science and Engineering Challenge for the Coonabarabran High School Science and Engineering Team. No pressure for next year's team. The team is still waiting to hear they have progressed to the State Championships in Newcastle.

In Narrabri, our team impressed the judges with the agility of their robotic hands, the manoeuvrability of their Mars Rover, their creative thinking and problem-solving skills developing communication systems and efficient energy transmission paths, and the ingenuity and design of their bridge, flat pack furniture and shaking tower. It was the massive team effort that got our team over the line only narrowly defeating Narrabri High School by 30 points after their massive come back in the Bridge Round (Not on our watch Narrabri).

Congratulations to the Coona team, they represented the school beautifully and embodied our Forever Dare moto. Good luck in Newcastle!



SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

AWARD WINNERS 2019



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal