

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL and P&C NEWSLETTER February 2020



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Ms Karine Williams P&C President

Ms Mary Doolan Relieving Principal's Report



Welcome to a new year at Coonabarabran High School; in particular a special welcome to students and families who are new to our school. We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to our school: Mr Mark Malusa (English), Ms Verena Bukovac and Mrs Lana Piper (Mathematics), Mr Matthew Guihot (PDHPE), Mr. Paul Iannuzzelli (Music/Tas) and Mrs Aimee Rossler takes up her appointment as Relieving Head Teacher TAS. Mrs Karine Williams has been appointed our school Psychologist, working 5 days per fortnight and we are delighted to welcome her to our team. It is also wonderful to have Mrs Doyle and Mrs Hawkins back working with us.

This year we continue implementing The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework to strengthen on wellbeing processes. The basic premise of this system is that all students benefit from explicit instruction in and recognition of, positive school behaviour. Our school's core expectations are respect, resilience and excellence. We shall acknowledge and reinforce students meeting those expectations throughout our free frequent system known as the Dhirrabuu (Gamilaraay for deadly).

Hasn't the rain been absolutely divine? We shall make a third attempt to hold a swimming carnival next Wednesday 26th February. My thanks to Mr. Cousens and the PE staff for their dedication in planning this event.

Our year has commenced positively and our Year 7 students under the guidance of Mr. Armstrong (Year Advisor) and Mrs Hawkins (Assistant Year Advisor) are settling in well. My thanks to Miss Moore and Mr and Mrs Eshman who started the year even earlier by working with the Robotics Team during the holidays.

The beginning of a new school year is a good time to set out a few matters, which will assist us in ensuring that all of our students are best supported in their education and that we enjoy another successful year of learning. In this regard I seek your support in relation to:

Mobile Phones: the NSW Department of Education has recently updated its policy in relation to mobile phones. Primary Schools are required to restrict the use of digital services, whereas Secondary schools have retained the flexibility to pursue the approach that best suits the learning and wellbeing of their community. Mobile phones disrupt classroom learning and erode social interaction between students during recess and lunch. Accordingly, we shall be consulting with parents

and carers in the immediate future to ascertain your view regarding a proposal to amend our current policy which allows phones at school, so long as they are off and away during class, to a policy of **NO** phones at school.

Should you have any queries, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Looking forward to another productive year of learning.

Student Representative Council 2020

Year 7

Ella Atkinson
Tahni Bowmaker
Elsie Kearney
Lucy Flemming

Year 8

Wyatt Ernest
Josie Strong
Cameron Whittall
Emma Robinson

Year 9

Alex Letts
Declan Eshman
Laura Williams
Claudia Heaney
Shafin Salim

Year 10

Caleb Smith
Alishea Rankin
Vance McDonald
Amelia Hadfield

Year 11

Lachlan Eshman
Claudia Eastburn
Blake Murnane
Jace Weatherall
Melinda Ryan
Wilmie van Schalkwyk





P & C President's Report

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2020.

Welcome to all new families to the school community. We have a small but active P&C and encourage you to consider joining us. We meet on the last Monday of each month during term time, at 5:30pm in the school library. We try to keep meetings to about an hour.

While it is early in the term, we are working on 2 fundraisers already. The biggest and most important this term is the Coonabarabran Show Gate. The P&C earns a portion of the gate entrance fees and this helps to fund the Year 12 Formal of the students, who are currently in year 11. Therefore, we strongly encourage Year 11 students and their parents to assist at this. A calendar is available on the school website, please volunteer a small amount of your time – many hands make light work.

A small team of the P&C will be catering for a Writers Workshop on 21 March.

Our key fundraising activities each year are typically:

- Volunteering at the Coonabarabran Show Gate
- Catering at “The Hut” canteen for the NW Equestrian Expo
- Participation in the Regional Australia Bank Community Partnership Program
- Ad hoc catering

This year we would like to explore some new ways of raising funds for our school, if you would like to share ideas, but don't like committees, please feel free to talk to us at one meeting or email us at chspnc@gmail.com

This year, so far, we have also applied for Grant Funding for our Robotics Team and the Flight Simulator.

Funds raised in the last few years have contributed to:

- Co-funding of a Youth Worker
- Supported students to attend Moorambilla
- Paid half the cost of a new Baby Grand Piano
- Purchased resources for most faculties
- Applications for Grant Funding for programs like the Feast of Words

Karine Williams

HELP NEEDED

for
**Coonabarabran Show
Gate Roster
Friday 13/3/2020
Saturday 14/3/2020**

At the Coonabarabran Show on 13th and 14th March 2020, our P&C raise funds by supervising the Showground gates at the Highway entrance and the Bowling Club entrance. Year 11 students will work with them and raise funds for their own Farewell Ceremony next year.

A roster is open on our School Webpage. You can also call the school and we will place your name on the roster if you do not have internet access. The webpage should be opened using the Google Chrome search engine. Year 11 students are not able to volunteer on gate roster during school hours. Additionally, each shift requires 2 adults.

Please consider helping out by supervising the Showground gates for two hours on Friday or Saturday. It is a much appreciated way of supporting our hardworking P&C and also our Year 11 students.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Yaamagara! (Greetings)

On Thursday 12 December 2019, Coonabarabran High School had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Brother John Giacon Phd. A Gamilaraay/ Yuwaalaraay Linguist and lecturer from the Australian National University (ANU) to discuss CHS successful Gamilaraay Year 8 Language Program. Brother John was overwhelmed by the success of the program and the positive progress in which the program has built around positive relationships, pride, and the ability for students to understand the technical conventions within Gamilaraay Language.

Dhirrabuu (Very Flash/ Deadly)
Coonabarabran High School!!

Yaluu Maliyaa (Goodbye Friend)



CHS ME 2019 celebrated some very positive relationships between students and the community with a delicious Christmas dinner, at the Acacia. On Thursday 5th December, mentors, students and some members of staff attended the dinner. The evening was a success. Many students will be seeing their mentors during the holidays for fun activities like hiking and cooking. Thank you to all staff and mentors who assisted in making the program possible. Also, a special thank you to the Acacia for a lovely meal enjoyed by all.

**Next P&C Association Meeting
will be held
24th February 2020
5:30pm School Library
ALL WELCOME**

CAT Maths Competition 2019



Mathematics Competition Results for the CAT (Computational and Algorithmic Thinking) and Australian Mathematics Competition 2019.

Year 7	CAT	Math
Tristan Nielson	Participation	Credit
Oliver Oniell	Participation	
Year 8		
Declan Eshman	Credit	Distinction
Fred Kearney	Participation	Proficiency
Alex Letts	Credit	Credit
Shafin Salim	Participation	Proficiency
Year 10		
Lachlan Eshman	Participation	Credit
Year 11		
Bethany Freeman		Proficiency
Harry Williams	Participation	Credit

Congratulations to all participants, a very pleasing set of results for their efforts. Special mention to Declan Eshman for achieving a Credit in the CAT and a Distinction in the Mathematics Competition and Alex Letts for achieving a Credit in both.
Jason Eshman.

2020 NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM (AVP)

Year 7 – 28th February
Year 10 – 26th March



First round of IMMUNISATION
Consent forms need to be returned to school office

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2020 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 2-dose schedule at least 6 months apart
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose

In 2020 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 10 students:

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine as a single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- Read all the information provided.
- Complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive.
- Return the completed consent form to their child's school.
- Ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination).

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/pages/withdraw consent.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/pages/withdraw%20consent.aspx).

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

Premier's Debating Challenge State Championships

On Tuesday 3rd December, the Western Region Year 7/8 Debating Championship team consisting of Fred Kearney, Alex Letts, Declan Eshman and Laura Williams travelled to Sydney to compete in the State Finals held at The Women's College, University of Sydney.

The ten regional champion teams were split into two pools and they participated in 5 debates over a period of one and a half days. Through each of their debates, the CHS team took on board the feedback of the adjudicators, and they all spoke confidently, used sophisticated language and represented Coonabarabran High School with pride. There were some tricky topics up for debate on education, health, media, gender and sport, and our students demonstrated an excellent grasp on current events.

The team won debates against Murrumbidgee Regional High School, Narara Valley High School and Quirindi High School. We very narrowly lost to Fort Street High School and James Ruse Agricultural High School – the only two selective schools in the competition. Unfortunately, this put us out of semi-final contentions. In the end, the final debate was between these two selective high schools, with Fort Street narrowly winning the debate as the affirmative with the topic 'That teachers should be able to search students' bags'.

The Arts unit, who co-ordinate the Premier's Debating Challenge, made special mention of the students from Coonabarabran High School, stating that the students were "unlucky, and insanely skilful".

Congratulations to these wonderful debaters and ambassadors. I look forward to seeing them debate this year!





The Rising Stars



In term 4, the D7 class practised tirelessly on their ukuleles and singing in order to participate in a concert for the residents of Cooina. Students performed several songs on their ukuleles and sang a range of Christmas songs and old time favourites. Students were well received by the audience and staff at Cooina.

Dedicated Music teacher, Nancy Doolan, accompanied students along with SLSO Vanessa Houley and Narelle Pfeiffer, who drove the bus.

The students are now known as 'The Rising Stars'. Not only have they performed at Cooina, but they have also participated in a show case concert at the High School in Term 3. Students have shown great enthusiasm and will continue to learn new songs in 2020.

QUICKSMART and MULTILIT 2019

The *Quicksmart* Numeracy and MULTILIT participants celebrated the successful completion of the programs on Tuesday 26th November with the presentation of certificates, followed by the cutting of a cake to acknowledge their achievements.

Quicksmart Numeracy is a 30 week program where students are withdrawn and paired with another student 3 times a week for 30 minutes. *Quicksmart* emphasises the role of automaticity in learning. Students become quick in their response speed and smart in their strategy. The aim is to improve students' information retrieval times to levels that free working-memory capacity. Ultimately *Quicksmart* frees up working memory so students can engage meaningfully in more demanding activities like problem solving and multiple computations. Mrs Sue Norton our trained *Quicksmart* tutor has been implementing the program since it was introduced into the school in 2011.

MULIT and MULTILIT (Extension) are offered to students to enhance their reading and comprehension skills. This program usually runs for 2 terms and students are withdrawn 1:1, three times a week with our trained MULTILIT tutor Mrs Kelly Heaney.

Analysis of past NAPLAN results has revealed that students who have participated in these programs have achieved impressive average Scaled Score Growth in the Numeracy, Reading and Writing components of NAPLAN compared with State growth.



Coonabarabran High School P&C Meeting 25th November 2019



Welcome: Meeting Opened 5.35pm

Attendance (as per attendance book)

Present: Duncan Graham, Ansie van Schalkwyk, Skye Lambert, Gary Erickson, Mary Doolan, Sue Hincks, Debbie Mukhar, Sally Turner, Stephen Turner, Narelle Pfeiffer, Karine Williams.

Apologies: Semret Goitom

Motion: The apologies be accepted.

Moved:	S. Lambert	Seconded:	S. Hincks	Carried:	Yes
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Previous Minutes:

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

Moved:	S. Lambert	Seconded:	M. Doolan	Carried:	Yes
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Business arising from Previous Minutes

Mary spoke to Geoff Gasior and advised that the P&C did not have the funds at this time to fund the update of software for the flight simulator.
FRRR 2nd funding request is still in progress.

Guest Speaker / Special Notices

Debbie and Sally informed the P & C of two charity organisations that provide donations to schools:

Givit.org.au

They accept accounts from schools and non-profit organisations
Targeting drought affected communities
Support excursions, etc
Scott Baron - drought@givit.org.au

Schools plus

Set up for low socio-economic schools so donations can have an account that accepts tax deductible donations
Place projects on web page for donors to fund anonymously

Correspondence

In:

Update regarding FRRR 2nd Funding Grant application. First application declined. Second application still in progress and will be advised 2020.

Out:

Motion that the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved:	Duncan	Seconded:	Sue	Carried:	Yes
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Reports

President's Report (optional)

As published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

No expenses or income since last meeting.
\$11,114.71 current balance

Motion: The treasurers report be accepted

Moved:	Skye	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Coonabarabran High School P&C Meeting 25th November 2019



Canteen Report

This time of year is quiet because Year 10 is away and Year 12 completed and finished.

Motion: The Canteen Report be accepted.

Moved:	Sue	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Principal's Report

Doubled Federal Chaplaincy funding and now have funding for the whole year

Staffing:

- Annette Adam retires after 34 years
- Geoff Nott has retired and recruitment completed
- Tom Guihot is moving to Tamworth
- Matt Guihot will be joining next year
- Jack Ayoub has been accepted into Duntroon
- Looking for an additional indigenous learning support person
- Melinda Quigley is not continuing next year
- New teacher for the Maths faculty secured

School Plan - Three strategic directions

Student Achievement

- Explicit teaching of numeracy and literacy
- Assessment for and of learning

Culture of learning

- Evidence based practice
- Teacher capacity

Teacher wellbeing

- How do you engage kids in 2020 and make learning relevant to students
- Parental engagement
- Clear learning Goals

Graduation Dinner on 14th November was a really lovely evening

Mobile phones in schools – a strategy will be developed to manage excess use/distraction from learning

385 iPads are being provided to the school

Deputy Principal's Report

Year 10 have finished excursions and now doing work experience

Awards night Thursday 12 December 2019

Aimee Rossler to Band camp 3 days next week

Year 7/8 off to state debating event

Reports will be going home on Monday 16 December 2019

Last day is Wednesday 18 December 2019

White ribbon day was last Friday 22nd November 2019, and the Domestic Violence Committee has invited guest speaker to visit the school tomorrow and at the CWA hall at 5:45pm.

General Business:

Narelle Pfeiffer thanked the P&C for their support .

Fund raising proposition from Narelle –

Laser tag event during the Star Wars festival (8-10 May 2020). P & C will work towards making it happen

School Spectacular at the oval 14 December—Is school interested in having a hot food stall cost \$25.00?

After discussion – P & C not able to do this year.

Valentines Ball: hold off until 2021

Local Volts – rerun the promo on the school website and Facebook, closes 30 November 2019

Cherry Drive, may or may not happen.

Date of Next Meeting – 24th February 2020 5.30pm (High School Library)
Meeting Closed: 7:20 pm

School Photo Day Thursday 12th March 2020



Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope provided.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- School photos purchased online **DO NOT** require envelopes returned to school
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now, if your school is offering sibling photos*
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school's **advancedorder** site (follow the link above) and your child's **advancedyou** photo site

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs can only be taken of children enrolled at the school. **Please note:** Sibling photographs are not offered at all schools.

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Coonabarabran High School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Thursday 12 March 2020

ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
RE6 Z71 32X

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

We're on the Web! View online at www.coonabarabranhigh.com

Band Link Workshops in Narrabri



Eight Coonabarabran High School students attended the annual Band Link workshops and concerts in Narrabri from 3 to 5 December. The students who participated were: Megan Hain (clarinet), Claire Butcher (clarinet), Clover Hippisley (clarinet), Riley Fleming (saxophone), Ellah Bowmaker (clarinet), Shafin Salim (percussion), Monique Bragg (clarinet) and Sophie Bunting (flute). They travelled to Narrabri three consecutive days and participated in a band workshop and tutorials. The combined band had a total of 130 musicians. Experienced tutors sat alongside the band members and assisted them, but also led tutorials in which they provided small-group tuition. All eight students had a fabulous time and learnt heaps of new things. Clover, Shafin and Megan participated in an extra workshop for more advanced players as well. On Wednesday night, the combined band, as well as the advanced band, performed a programme of works for parents. They repeated this concert the next day for a group of school students. The eight CHS students should be congratulated on their beautiful behaviour, hard work and the enthusiasm with which they approached this event.

Aimee Rossler



NSW Canteen Healthy School Strategy



CONGRATULATIONS

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL

This certificate verifies that your canteen
is meeting the requirements of
The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

Date issued: 11 December 2019

Valid until: 11 December 2021



Note: This certificate is valid for two years from the date of issue. To re-new your certificate please review your menu against the Food and Drink Criteria of the Strategy and re-submit a Menu Application Form to the Menu Check Service.



Coonabarabran High School Library now has access to ebooks from Wheelers Books.

These books can be accessed at school through Oliver, **OR** by downloading an ePlatform app on your device then finding <https://coonabarabranhigh.wheelers.co>

To borrow a book just click on its icon and click **BORROW**

These borrowed eBooks will expire automatically after 14 days.

Attendance & Absences

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please explain the reason by School Stream, phone or written note. Failure to explain an absence within seven days will be recorded as an unjustified absence on a student's record.

Please help us to maintain accurate records.



COONABARABRAN PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB 2020



CLASS TIMES

Commencing Monday, 10th February

Day	Age Group	Time
Monday	Preschoolers	3.45 - 4.15pm
Monday	5 - 6 years	4.15 - 4.45pm
Tuesday	9 - 12 years	4.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday	13 - 16 years	4.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday	Ladies	7.00 - 8.00pm
Thursday	7 - 8 years	4.00 - 5.00pm

LESSONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL

Use Highway entrance

LEOTARD TRY-ON DAY

Monday 24 February 3.45 - 6.00pm

For enquiries please phone:

Leanne McWhirter 0439 833 832 or

Belinda Meier 0429 815 529



CANTEEN MENU

Coonabarabran High School SUMMER Price List



Breakfast	Cost
Fresh fruit in season	\$1.00
Bacon or Egg Muffin	\$2.00
Bacon & Egg Muffin	\$3.00
Toast (2 pieces) plain or raisin	\$1.00
Hot chocolate	Small \$3.00 Large \$4.00
Muesli & Yoghurt with fruit	\$3.50
Hot Food	
Those marked with * available lunch time only—Please Order	
*Honey Soy Chicken & fried rice (2 drumsticks)	GF \$5.00
*Fried Rice	\$4.00
*Hamburger	\$5.00
*Chicken Burger	\$5.00
* with salad	\$5.50
*Butter Chicken & rice	GF \$5.00
Pasta with Homemade tomato sauce	\$2.50
*Spaghetti Bolognaise-Homemade	\$4.00
Year 12 burger	\$4.50
* With salad	\$5.00
*McFoz Wrap - chicken chilli tender, lettuce,tomato,cheese, chilli sauce	\$4.50
*The Greenie Wrap	\$5.00
Meat pie	\$4.00
Sausage roll	\$3.00
Mini Pizza	\$1.50
Chicken chilli tenders (individual)	\$1.50
Drinks	
Water	\$2.00
Fruit juices (small)	\$1.50
Large Juice	Juice 350ml \$2.50
Small flavoured milk	\$3.00
Large flavoured milk	\$4.00
Snacks (subject to availability)	
Watermelon Tubs/ Fruit salad	\$3.50
Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.20
Grain Waves	\$1.20
Blueberry, Raspberry or Apple Muffin	\$1.50
Ice creams & Ice blocks	Varied prices

Salads (Please Order)		Cost
*Salad with Chicken/Salmon/Beef	GF	\$5.00
*Chicken Caesar salad	Large	\$5.00
	Small	\$3.50
*Homemade Quiche & Salad		\$5.50
*Homemade Frittata & Salad	GF	\$5.50
Quinoa Salad Pot	GF	\$4.50
Veggie Sticks with dip		\$3.50

Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps (Please Order)	Cost
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken / Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Tandoori/Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Roast beef and Salad S/wich	\$4.50
Salmon and Salad S/wich	\$4.50
Egg & Lettuce S/wich	\$3.50
Chicken & Lettuce S/wich	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato S/wich /toasted	\$3.50
Focaccia — Chicken, Avo, Red onion & cheese	\$5.00

OR SUGGEST YOUR OWN

Gourmet Baguettes [Baked Daily] (Please Order) ALL \$5.00
 .Turkey, cranberry, swiss cheese, avocado
 .Roast Beef, chutney, cheese, salad
 .SOA [Sandwich of Awesomeness]
 Chicken, sun dried tomato, fetta, capsicum
 .Chicken, avocado, mustard mayonnaise
 .Chicken Caesar chicken, tomato, bacon, cheese, parmesan & caesar dressing
 All Served with salad greens
 .Chicken Salsa, bacon, salsa, cheese, sour cream—served warm

Requests Taken!

GF = Gluten Free



Please order to guarantee you choice!
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