

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL and P&C NEWSLETTER



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Ms M Doolan, Principal

Ms Karine Williams P&C President

Ms. Mary Doolan Principal's Report

Upcoming Dates:

CHS Naidoc Celebration
25-6-2021

Pupil Free Day
12-7-2021

Prefect Luncheon
19-7-2021

Formal Assembly
27-7-2021

Parent Teacher
Interviews
27-7-2021



Excellence
Resilience
Respect

Well, week 8 certainly reminded us that winter is upon us! The latter part of the term has been busy with a number of extra-curricular activities, junior students sitting Half-Yearly Examinations and now our Year 12 students completing their Trial HSC Examinations. We are all looking forward to our NAIDOC Celebration to close the term next Friday and a great holiday thereafter.

One of the highlights of this term has been the announcement by the NSW Minister for the Environment Matt Kean, on World Environment Day, that our D7 students won the NSW Young Environmental Citizens of the Year for their leadership of our school's recycling program. What a stellar achievement!

We were also very proud of our Years 7/10 Science and Engineering Challenge Team who won a number of individual challenges and ranked second overall, at the recent competition in Narrabri. Our music students also shone at the Gunnedah Eisteddfod with every performer being awarded a medal.

Our long awaited Health Hub is getting closer! Work on the footings for the building will commence soon. This building which will be situated next to D7, will provide much needed room for wellbeing focused small group work, as well as a "home" for Narelle Pfeiffer (Chaplain, Youth Worker), Bronwen Whistance (Student Support Officer) and Cathryn Worthington (School Counsellor).

Equally exciting is the news that our toilet upgrades have moved to the planning stage! Hooray!

Wishing all students and their families a restorative, mice free, holiday and we look forward to all that the coming term will bring.

MS. MARY DOOLAN
PRINCIPAL

*Students from
CHS D7 class*

*NSW Young
Environmental
Citizens of the
Year.*





Office of
Environment
& Heritage

NSW YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZENS OF THE YEAR CONGRATULATIONS D7 STUDENTS



A support unit class at Coonabarabran High School has been awarded the prestigious title of NSW Young Environmental Citizens of the Year. The award was announced by NSW Environment Minister Matt Kean on the weekend to coincide with World Environment Day.

The Coonabarabran High School D7 Support Unit Class' was acknowledged for its environmental leadership in developing eco-sustainability programs and its significant contributions to the school's Return and Earn program.

It is the second award the students have received this year after they were honoured during the Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day ceremony with the Young Environmental Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr Kean said the students at Coonabarabran High were "making a real difference in their local communities and setting an important example for others to follow".

"The youngsters are an inspiration to all schools around the state," Mr Kean said.

Head teacher, Support Unit Sharon Rankmore said the students had been recognised at the school's assembly this week to mark their achievements.

"We are so proud our students," she said. "Their leadership has been a true positive in our school.

"This award is a significant achievement for the class because it reinforces to them their potential and the power of collaborative action."

Mrs Rankmore said the recycling program started when the Coonabarabran



High School Support Unit was first opened in 2005.

It involved students entering classrooms to collect the recycling boxes and transferring the contents to the collection centre.

The program was expanded in 2019 across the three support unit classes when eco-sustainability units were integrated into the Support Unit's Science program with the help of a grant that led to the establishment of a learning garden.

Mrs Rankmore said they would use the award winnings to "grow" the recycling program to include composting food scraps from recess and lunch.

This would be used in the food gardens the students maintained for their food technology classes.

"It's gratifying to know that a small group of students with disabilities in a small, rural NSW town are recognised for contributing to the health of the planet," Mrs Rankmore said.



"This award will highlight the great learning that occurs in NSW public schools and in particular how we strive to ensure that our environments are inclusive of all students.

"For our community this recognition will certainly enhance the self-esteem of all involved - students, staff, and their families."



congratulations



P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our major fundraising project for 2021 was completed in early June - "The Hut" canteen at the NW Equestrian Expo.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the event with a special thanks to local sponsors - IGA, Woolworths and Pursehouse, to Ansie van Schalkwyk who planned, cooked and managed all aspects of operating the canteen for the P&C, and to the leaders of CHS for support across many fronts of the event.

Very best wishes to our year 12 students as you write your HSC Trial Exams.

Please join us at our next P&C Meeting on Monday 26 July @ 5:30 in the school library.

If you would like to share ideas, but don't like committees, please feel free to talk to us before a meeting or email us at chspnc@gmail.com

Karine Williams



P&C Association Meeting
Monday 26th July 2021
5:30pm School Library
ALL WELCOME



Giant Cadbury Raffle

The P&C raffled a giant 2.5kg Cadbury Chocolate block which was kindly donated to the school.

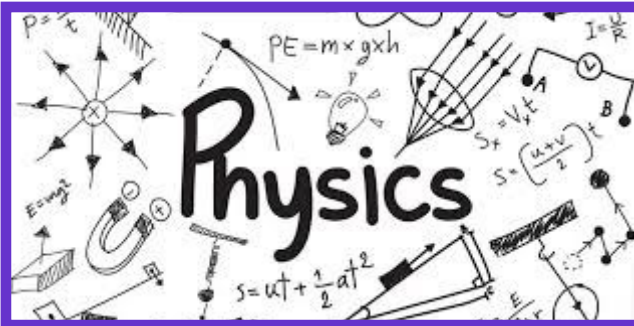
After much anticipation from students and staff, Lynne Reynolds held the winning ticket to the enormous chocolate treat!!

Thank you to the kind family who donated this to the P&C, over \$200 was raised selling tickets.

Thank you also to the year 12 Prefects who helped sell tickets in their lunch to contribute to this fundraiser.

Skye Lambert
P&C Treasurer





ASTRO 3D

Siding Spring Observatory

Our Physics class were treated to an amazing opportunity to explore the Siding Spring Observatory complex, which included a tour of the AAT. The Physics crew explored the workings of the ridiculously big telescope, interrogated the telescope operators and spoke to onsite Astronomers. They also enjoyed the fabulous views of the Warrumbungle National Park from the catwalk! Two days of telescopes, cosmology and depth study activities, what more could you want?

Sherelle Moore



Parent Teacher Interviews



Coonabarabran High School will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday evening 27th July. Staff will be present from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and interviews will take place with Year Advisers and Teachers in either the Library, English or Science rooms.

A note will be sent home with students closer to the date.





The cold and the rain didn't dampen the spirits of the CHS Equestrian team at this year's North West Equestrian EXPO. The Coonabarabran High School Team consisted of the following students:

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| Baxter Young | Jazmin Webster |
| Jack Rapley | Sierra-Rose Birks |
| Jake Deshon | Elsie Kearney |
| Hannah Evans | Eden Allen |
| Isobelle Deshon | Alana Hungerford |
| Alex Letts | Eleanor Rapley |
| Sophia Bunting | Sahvanah Hunt-Faulkner |
| Lachlan McGill | Melinda Ryan. |

Throughout the 5 day competition, students participated in Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage, Sporting, the Working Horse Challenge, Warrumbungles Way, ring events, the Pentathlon, Team Hunt, Team Penning, Polocrosse and the Team barrel race. For many students, their mornings started around 6.30am, feeding, preparing, saddling and working their horses and didn't finish until dark, so it was a long and action packed 5 days of competition.

The CHS team represented the school with enthusiasm and fantastic sportsmanship as well as placings in most events. Congratulations to all students for their equestrian achievement!

A special well done to Melinda Ryan, as this was her last EXPO. Her assistance to junior team members and her experience will be missed. Thank you to the students and their parents who put in long hours – looking forward to EXPO 2022!

Maleisah Eshman



CHS has implemented a new, automated, attendance monitoring and notification system from May 2021. Parents and carers will receive text message notification when their child is marked as absent from morning assembly, which commences at 8.55 am. At the conclusion of morning roll call which is approximately 9.05am, the notification of absence message will be sent to any absent student's primary carer's mobile phone number.



Parents and carers will have the option to reply to the message with a text explaining the absence or contacting the school via phone on 6842 1099.

A reminder that late students need to present to the office and sign in. If you have any queries about this system or would like to designate a particular phone number that is not your primary contact number to receive messages, please contact the school.

We look forward to improved rates of attendance, particularly on Fridays which is the day with the highest rate of absences.

Winter WARMERS

Students Tyler, Charles, Jyi and Archie model our smart and warm CHS jackets. Now on Sale—Please see Ms. Ryan at the office.



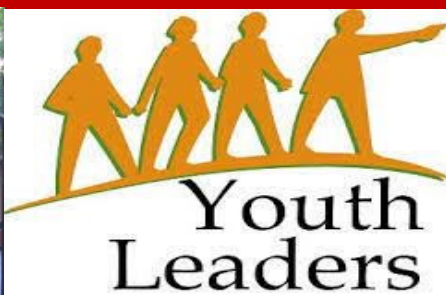
**CHS
Jackets
and
Hoodies
\$60**

CHS Beanies \$15

CHS Ties \$14

CHS Caps \$15

Payment at school office.
EPOS, Cheque or cash.



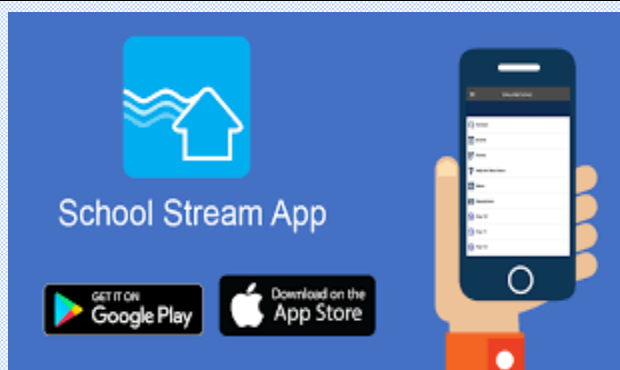
On Tuesday, the 8th June our school captains Claudia Eastburn and Jimmy Whalan attended a youth leadership program at Government House and Parliament House in Sydney. Our Captains had the pleasure of meeting and spending time with the NSW Governor, Her Excellency Margaret Beazley AC. Throughout the day Jimmy and Claudia met members of parliament, including our local member for Barwon, Roy Butler. Jimmy and Claudia found the experience a valuable insight into our NSW government and how it operates. Both students were an excellent representation of the Dhirrabuu values of Coonabarabran High School.

Shannon Johnston



How to download your free App

1. From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone iPad)** OR **GooglePlay (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to **push notifications**.
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school.



VOLLEYBALL—THE MAIDEN TOUR



It was a long time in the making and a really early start!

The girls started training last year, preparing to participate as Coonabarabran High's inaugural Volleyball Team. The tournament was held in Armidale, after a long drive the girls played four fantastic games of volleyball. All credit to the girls, they were competitive against the more experienced teams and even got their 'dig-set-spike' combo working.

Congratulations girls! Thank you to Narelle for driving us.

Sherelle Moore



HSC MUSIC STUDY DAY

On Friday 4 June, the four HSC Music students – Blake Murnane, Lachlan Eshman, Tashani Clarke and Lawrance Little – attended the HSC Music Study Day at Oxley High School in Tamworth.



The students participated in workshops focusing on aural skills, performance preparation, improvisation and viva voce. Included in this workshop was a vocal session during which students harmonised chords to help develop pitch skills.

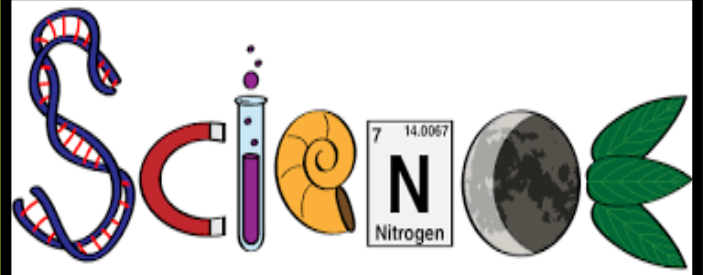
During the last session, all four students had the opportunity to perform one of their HSC performance pieces and they received useful feedback from the presenters to guide their further preparation.

It was an absolute pleasure to take these students to the Study Day and they represented Coonabarabran High School with pride.

All in all, it was a very constructive day!

Aimee Rossler

University of Newcastle



Science and Engineering Challenge

On Thursday June 10, 21 students from Year 9 and 10 competed in the University of Newcastle's Science and Engineering Challenge at Narrabri. All teams did their best in their events and **several** of our teams won challenges. At the end of the day, the Coonabarabran High team placed second. Congratulations team CHS!



Left: Shafin, Alex and Declan doing the Stringways challenge.



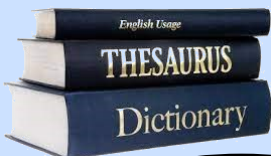
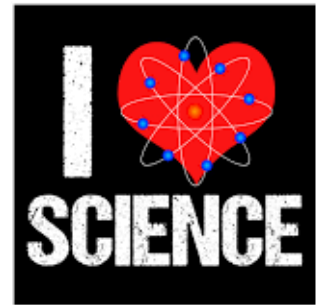
Far Left: Darcy, Billy and Cameron testing their winning bridge.



Alex and Eleanor building a hand.



Riley, Austin and Cooper with their winning Tower.



Given that a broad vocabulary is a great way to elevate student writing and strengthen literacy skills, the school now stocks Dictionary / Thesauruses which students may purchase for a discounted price of \$30.

**Dictionary/
Thesauruses
\$30**

The dictionary/thesaurus is a great resource to support students across all subjects from Years 7 – 12.

Available from Mrs Ryan in the Accounts Office.



"Yes, some books come in high definition — dictionaries!"

Tutor Groups



Recently tutor groups were given a "Kindness" challenge. After discussing the importance of kindness both staff and students were asked to write down an "act of kindness" which was then displayed on a noticeboard in the school quad.

This is a reminder of how each one of us has the potential to be a "cheerful event" in another person's day.

Even the smallest acts of kindness can make a world of difference - saying hello, showing support and respect, words of encouragement, a helping hand or just a smile that says 'I see you'.



Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.

-JACKIE CHAN

I hope you have a day where people are kind.

Narelle Pfeiffer



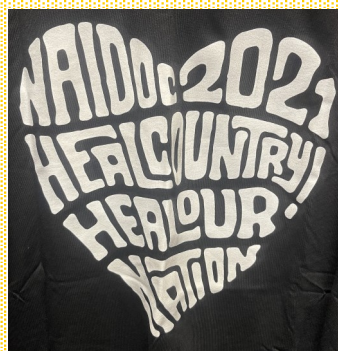
HEAL COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

**NAIDOC 2021
HEAL COUNTRY!
HEAL OUR NATION**

ON SALE NOW

Grab your NAIDOC T Shirt from Mrs Ryan today. A bargain at \$20! Ready to wear for our NAIDOC Celebration next Friday 25 June. Choose from 3 different prints. Sizes S, M, L & XL. Stocks are limited so don't delay!

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On Wednesday 26th May our school joined with our community to commemorate national Sorry Day. After a moving morning assembly where senior students read extracts from the *Bringing Them Home Report* (the 1997 report from the Australian Human Rights Commission into the Stolen Generations), a large number of students and staff joined the community Sorry Day March across the Mary Jane Cain Bridge. At the following gathering in the Town Hall, Year 11 student Sha'e Davis spoke

about the transformational role that Mary Jane Cain played within our community. Mrs Mel Jenner also represented our school and gave an overview of how Aboriginal education and culture is woven into learning at Coonabarabran High School.

*Mrs Alison Stanton
AEO*



I ❤️ Lawn Bowls



ON 21 MAY THE COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL LAWN BOWLS TEAM FACED OFF AGAINST WEE WAA HIGH SCHOOL AT COONABARABRAN BOWLS CLUB IN A CLOSE MATCH THAT ENDED IN A LOSS FOR THE HOME TEAM. CHS HAD AN EARLY LEAD BUT WAS UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO MAINTAIN IT, GOING DOWN 25-18.

CAPTAIN SAM BOWMAN PERFORMED WELL SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE TEAM.

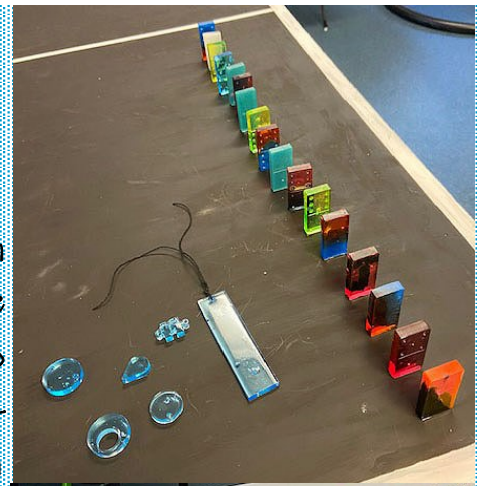
HUGH DEASEY



D2

NEWS

This term, students in D2 have been working on a class project where they have been learning how to mix and pour resin, to make pendants, bookmarks, vessels, coasters and dominoes. The results have been very successful. Students also learned that when



the weather does not cooperate and is wet and/or humid, the resin does not set properly!

Students in D2 have also been working on Food Technology as part of their technology lessons this semester. They



have been making mini pizzas, noodle dishes and bacon and egg rolls, which have been very tasty. The big focus in these lessons is on hygiene and working as part of a team.

Miss Emma Rankmore



COMMUNITY ACCESS NEWS

D7



Students of D7 regularly participate in a program known as Community Access. We have been to see how the local Tourist Centre works and what's on offer - the Bakery (went out the back and iced cakes); Post Office and saw how the mail is sorted. Today we purchased a milk frother from Betta Electrical and had a ball out the back, seeing ourselves on CTC footage. This program allows us to fully engage with the community, building the students' social skills and



enabling access to recreation tasks building rapport for students with a disability within their community.

Nancy Hunt

**Year
12**

FUNDRAISING



Year 12 are continuing to raise funds for their Year 12 formal that will be held in Term 4 after the H.S.C. exams. This term we earned \$1000 by holding a meat tasting event organised by UNE. It was wonderful to have so many Year 12 students and their families participate in the event. Hopefully, we will run another meat tasting event early in Term 3 to help us reach our fundraising goal.

Pictured above: Year 12 Advisor Ms Christoff, with Year 12 parents and Year 12 student Nick Wham-Campbell following the meat tasting event.



Opens Softball

The better team, Just not on the day.



It was a beautiful day for softball in Narrabri. The team had a convincing win in the first game against Tamworth, a minor lapse in concentration against Wee Waa and finished with a close game against Narrabri.

Highlights

- Everyone's batting against a very strong Tamworth pitcher.
- Amarlee's fantastic catch in the outfield.
- Tabitha's run home.
- Lakiah's surprise skills in warm up.
- Alirah's beautiful hit and pitching.
- Indie's catching.
- Maddie's leadership
- Everyone's face when I said there wasn't time to go to Macca's (sorry).



Thanks to Mr Willoughby for driving and our fantastic juniors for assisting with umpiring and setting up.

Sherelle Moore

FREE DENTAL AND EYE SCREENING AT SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parents and Students

The Australian government has an initiative for school to have access to mobile Dental clinic services.

NSW Dental Care is offering free dental screenings to children at Coonabarabran High School from the 19th to 23rd July 2021.

The dental screening is a free of charge for eligible students aged 2-17 and provides benefits for the child for basic dental services that includes:

Dental examination

Dental X-rays

Preventive oral care, such as oral hygiene assistance, cleaning of teeth and the application of fluoride to the teeth.

This service is provided under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme of Australian Government.

Early detection of decay and other dental disease is vital in preventing bigger, more painful and expensive problems in the future. Left untreated, dental disease is progressive and will result in greater discomfort and is likely lead to permanent problems, such as tooth loss or lasting pain.

Please complete the Dental Consent link below no later 25th June 2021, or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office.

<https://nswdentalcare.com.au/parental-consent-form-schools/>

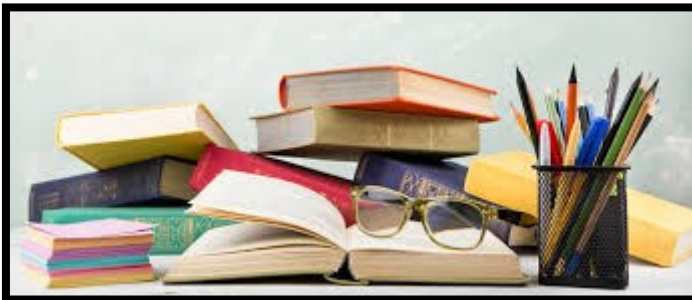
This falls under the Medicare – Child Dental Benefits Scheme, so parents will need to provide their Medicare number on the form.

We would really like our students to benefit from this service, so parents please take the time to complete the form.

Kind regards

Mr D Graham

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Study Centre Special Offer

Our fantastic Study Centre now operates 4 days a week , Monday to Thursday , in our Library from after school til 4.45pm.

There is NO COST for attending.

And, an exciting announcement – From next term – students may book a time with Mr Vincent Morrissey , expert Maths tutor. Mr Morrissey is available to attend Study Centre any afternoon for students who have pre –booked via the front office . Please give at least 24 hours notice or feel free to establish a regular slot eg every Tuesday. Student's may book in themselves via the front office or parents may ring the office to book a slot . Mr Morrissey is able to support students from Years 7 – 12 . There is no cost for this tuition . We are grateful to Mr Morrissey for his generous support of our Study Centre and building students' confidence and skills as mathematicians !

Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally, but what you do consistently.



MUSIC News



Narrabri Music Eisteddfod 2021

On Monday 24 May 2021, ten students from Coonabarabran High School participated in the Music section of the Narrabri Eisteddfod. Two HSC students – Tashani Clarke and Lawrance Little, participated in the non-competitive HSC section. In this section, HSC students have the opportunity to perform two of their performance pieces to the adjudicator for feedback. Both Tashani and Lawrance played well and they received some encouraging feedback.



The remaining eight students participated in the competitive categories. They not only performed well, but also managed to win a medal for first position each! Their medals were for the following categories:

Sam Bowman: Woodwind Solo Study – 15 years and under

Monique Bragg: Secondary Vocal Section – Solo Popular Song Yrs 10, 11 & 12

Clover Hippisley: Woodwind Classical Solo – 19 years and under

Megan Hain: Woodwind Classical Solo – 15 years and under

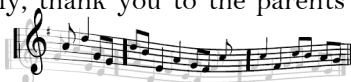
Riley Fleming: Woodwind 20th Century Solo – 15 years and under

Emily Staniforth: Popular Piano Solo – 15 years and under

Declan Eshman: Woodwind 20th Century Solo – 19 years and under

Shafin Salim: Baroque Piano Solo AMEB Grade 4 & 20th Century Piano Solo Grade 4

The students should not only be congratulated on their fine performances, but also their fantastic behaviour and support of each other. A huge thank you also goes to Mark Walton who teaches 6 of these students during Skype lessons every week, and Ms Di Suthons who teaches Shafin. Lastly, thank you to the parents for their help with transport and for all their support.



RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19
SCHOOL
UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

Our school remains a safe place for students to attend. However, a reminder that students who display flu-like symptoms should NOT be at school. They are required to show a negative Covid-19 test result and be free of flu like symptoms before returning to school.

If for any reason a parent/carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 result, the student must be excluded from school for a 10 day period.

Additionally, the student must have been symptom free for at least 3 days before returning to school.

Additionally, as per advice from NSW Health, anyone who was at Coles Express Coonabarabran between 11am and 12pm last Thursday 3 June is a casual contact and must immediately be tested and self-isolate. They must remain in isolation until further advice is provided by NSW Health.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. In the meantime, the NSW Health website remains the best source of up-to-date, Covid-19 information and advice.

Ms M Doolan
PRINCIPAL

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



HEAL COUNTRY!

4-11 JULY 2021



Aboriginal
Affairs



Your invited to join us in celebrating

NAIDOC 2021 HEAL COUNTRY!

When: Thursday 8 July, 2021

Time: 9:30am till 2:00pm

Location: Sandstone Caves, Yaminbah Trail

Bus pick up/drop off from Robertson St Campus, Coonabarabran.

BOOK NOW for your seat on the Bus.

Lunch and craft activity provided.

All children under 10 must be accompanied by a Parent/Carer.

Bring your walking shoes to join in on 1.7km Caves walking track.

RSVP: by Friday, 25 June, 2021

Mandy Sulter on 0428 248 687 or 6849 2000