

# COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL and P&C NEWSLETTER October 2019



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Ms Karine Williams P&C President

## Ms Mary Doolan Relieving Principal's Report



Welcome back to Term 4! Our Year 12 students commenced their HSC examinations on Thursday 17 October and our best wishes go with them over the next couple of weeks. The last examination at our school is on Monday 11 November.

My sincere thanks to the staff who supported the students over the holidays with HSC Revision Workshops and tutorials in the lead up to specific examinations. We are immensely proud of our Year 12 class and will celebrate their graduation with a dinner at the Shire Hall on Thursday 14 November. Our thanks to Warrumbungle Shire Council for making this venue available to the school, at no cost.

This term we welcomed Ms Nicole Cottrill back into the Support Unit Faculty. My thanks to Ms Nancy Hunt who relieved in the position while Ms Cottrill was on maternity leave. We hope to continue to see Ms Hunt at school this term as a relief teacher. It is always wonderful to have practicum students working with us. Whilst every teacher remembers with gratitude the teachers who mentored and supervised them as student teachers, equally our school benefits from the exchange of ideas and professional dialogue which accompanies hosting 'prac' teachers. This term we welcome Ms Augustina Benyamin and Ms Stephanie Rainbow to the HSIE Faculty and Ms Isobel Francis to the English Faculty.

These young teachers will be working with us until mid-term.

As well as the commencement of the HSC, the term has gotten off to a busy start. Miss Moore has the softball girls in full swing, competing at a North West Gala day in Narrabri this week and trials at Tamworth next week.

Mrs Webb and Mr Heaney and the Livestock Showing Team compete in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza over the coming weekend. Mr Heaney has also just finished supervising 2 weeks work placement for Year 11 students studying Metal & Engineering. Our Under 14's cricket team, coached by Mr Stewart, make their season debut next week also.

Finally, a few dates to keep in mind:

Monday 4 November	HSC students and Parent Information Evening at 6pm in the Library
Monday 11 Nov-Friday 15 Nov	Year 9 & 10 examination week
Monday 18 Nov – Friday 22 Nov	Year 7 & 8 examination week
Monday 25 Nov – Friday 6 Dec	Year 10 Work Experience

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or concerns over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to a productive term.



**Outgoing Captains Liam Russell and Kiara Hawkins and Vice Captains Matilda Harris and Angus Lambert, hand over the Captain blazers to incoming 2020 Captains Lachlan Meier and Hannah Meier and 2020 Vice Captains Harry Williams and Meg Walton.**



# Incoming Captains and Prefects 2020



Lachlan Meier, Hannah Meier, Harry Williams, Meg Walton, Jemma Worth, Cobey Smith, Annabelle Shannon, Breanna Menz, Connor Hughes-Tincknell, Anna Goard, Liam Caine, Luke Bonello.



## TUTOR GROUPS



*On Friday September 6th, students worked together in their tutor groups to create a structure out of newspaper and sticky tape. Students competed in their house groups, and the tallest structure won. The morning was a success, with all students getting involved and participating. Thank you to all staff who ensured tutor groups worked well and did their best.*



## P&C President's Report

On Monday 16 September the P&C received \$2666.77 from the Regional Australia Bank's Community Partnership Program – thank you to RAB for such a great program, and a very special thank you to all RAB Customers who nominate Coonabarabran High P&C as a beneficiary.

Best wishes to our Year 12 Students for your final exams and wherever the future takes you after the exams.

Congratulations to the new school Prefects, Captains and Vice-Captains.

As always, the CHS Showcase evening on Friday 6 September was fabulous – exhibiting the musical, literary, artistic and scientific talents of our students and the dedicated teachers who help them to reach their potential.

During Term 4 the P&C has 3 fundraisers:

The Local Volts Community Partnership. If you haven't already participated in this easy online fundraiser please go to <https://localvolts.com/chs/> - If you would like more information, please see the P&C page on the CHS website.

A food stall at the "Sounds at the Stables" Event on Saturday 16 November – please support us on the day.

Cherry Drive – boxes of cherries will be distributed to school within 1 or 2 days of picking. Details will be posted to website.

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

**Karine Williams**

**Next P&C Association Meeting  
will be held  
Monday 28 October  
5:30pm School Library  
ALL WELCOME**

## Royal Australian Chemistry Institute ANCQ results.

This year we had 5 students sit the RACI Chemistry Quiz. This quiz has been running for a number of years, and although it has the word Australian in the title, there are a number of countries that participate.

Our results are as follows:

Declan Eshman – Credit

Shafin Salim – Participation

George Bell – Participation

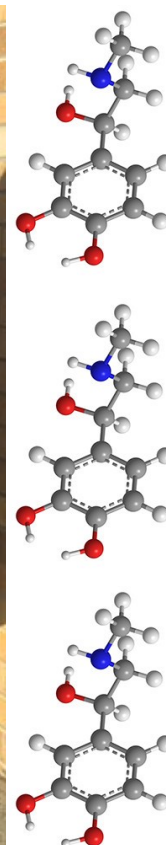
Lachlan Eshman – Distinction

Harry Williams – Distinction

***Congratulations to these  
students!***



**L to R: George Bell, Shafin Salim, Declan Eshman,  
Harry Williams, Lachlan Eshman**





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5 September 2019

**RE: ATTENDANCE**

Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, strong school attendance is one of the best supports of a child's education. Accordingly this term our Home School Liaison Officer will be completing interviews with students about absences due to lateness.

This will be done via face to face at school or phone interview.

The law in New South Wales regarding attendance at school is very specific. Children between the ages of six and seventeen years must attend school on all days the school is open unless there are justified reasons for an absence.

- Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must also be explained by parents.

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

Yours faithfully

Ms M Doolan  
Relieving Principal

## COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL P&C

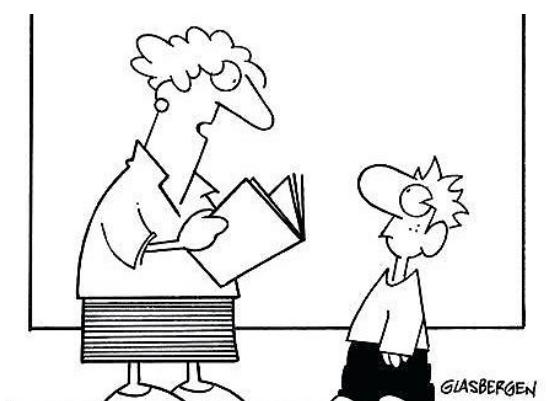
August 2019

OPENING BALANCE		\$16,407.94
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Float		
Horse Expo		
CHS Contribution	\$7,000.00	
P&C Insurance	\$515.00	
P&C Federation Fees	\$445.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,960.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Memberships	\$0.00	
Float Repay		
Cherry Drive		
Dark Sky Feast		
Horse Expo		
C/Bran Show Gate Takings		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$8,447.94</b>
Profit (Loss) for August		-\$7,960.00
Profit (Loss) for 2019		-\$845.52

## **Thesauruses for Sale at School Accounts Office**

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.

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!"

## Coonabarabran High School P&C Meeting 26 August 2019



**Welcome:** Meeting Opened 5:30 pm

**Attendance** (as per attendance book)

**Present:**, Duncan Graham, Ansie van Schalkwyk, Sue Hincks, Skye Lambert, Mary Doolan, Semret Goitom, Karine Williams.

**Apologies:** Stephen Turner, Gary Erickson

**Motion: The apologies be accepted.**

<b>Moved:</b>	Skye	<b>Seconded:</b>	Ansie	<b>Carried:</b>	Yes
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**Previous Minutes:**

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

<b>Moved:</b>	Skye	<b>Seconded:</b>	Sue	<b>Carried:</b>	Yes
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### Business arising from Previous Minutes

Feedback on the Local Volts Fundraiser provided by KW. There were some IT system issues with Local Volts and they will advise when they are ready to proceed. KW to continue to liaise.  
KW to request Leanne McWhirter to audit of the 2018/19 P&C Accounts as Janelle Chapman is unavailable.  
Mary Doolan to provide feedback to Geoff Gasior re the request for funding for the Simulator.

### Guest Speaker / Special Notices

n/a

### Correspondence

**In:**

FRRR funding application request – declined.  
Thank you letter from Aimee Rossler re funding for Moorambilla

**Out:**

Nil

Motion that the Correspondence be accepted.

<b>Moved:</b>	Ansie	<b>Seconded:</b>	Skye	<b>Carried:</b>	Yes
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### Reports

#### President's Report (optional)

As published in the newsletter.

#### Treasurer's Report

Insurance for the year was paid  
Chaplain commitment for the year was paid to the school  
2018 Financials are almost complete and will be audited  
The Regional Australia Bank Signatories form was to be completed by approved signatories – P&C Treasurer, Canteen Treasurer, P&C Secretary and P&C President. Once this is finalized the form will be handed to the Bank.  
Despite a positive balance, the P&C is running at a loss so far this year, this is attributed to the drought.

**Motion: The treasurers report be accepted**

<b>Moved:</b>	Skye	<b>Seconded:</b>	Sue	<b>Carried:</b>	Yes
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## Coonabarabran High School P&C Meeting 26 August 2019



### Canteen Report

Healthy canteen discussion led by Sue – the key issue is bacon, in addition a 300ml orange juice is problematic, but our current suppliers are unable to supply a smaller one.  
Mary Doolan said she would raise the “requirement” with the director at his next visit.  
The canteen is doing well so far this year, but the next few months are expected to be quiet due to exams.

### Motion: The Canteen Report be accepted

<b>Moved:</b>	Sue	<b>Seconded:</b>	Skye	<b>Carried:</b>	Yes
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### Principal's Report

School pupil achievements as noted in the school newsletter were discussed.  
Reminder of the formal assemblies to be held in week 10 and the yr. 12 Formal will be held that week as well.  
Reminder that Friday 30 August is a Pupil Free Day – the committee felt that a mid-term “break” is a better option that the first day of school and would like to see this continue.  
The Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) based in Dubbo approached the school wanting to work with students on their emotional wellbeing with a focus on resilience, violence and other mental health issues. MD is interested in this as it is not a one-off “talk” to students but an ongoing relationship with the school.  
MD reported that the office refit and junior toilet upgrade has been signed off and the school is now awaiting a date for renovations to begin.  
SAS Recognition week – MD asked the P&C to consider remembering the admin team  
Staffing update – the school counselor has been transferred to Gilgandra, which means that her hours will now reduce from 11.5 to 6 days per month. The Benevolent Society Counselor will increase by ½ a day per week, and the outcome of continued funding in 2020 for the Youth Worker will be known soon.  
Nicole Cotterill will return to her role in term 4.

### Deputy Principal's Report

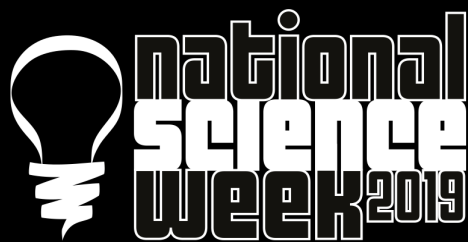
The Year 9 Science & Engineering challenge will take place on 27/28 August  
SRC Wear it Purple day will be held on Thursday 29 August.  
The SRC Sleep Rough fundraiser for Father Riley's Youth Off the Streets will be held on 13 September  
CHS Showcase will be held on 6 September  
Yr 10 Science Valid Assessment takes place in September  
Prefect Elect Leadership Camp to be held in week 9  
Subject Selection night for students entering yr11 in 2020 to be held 29 August. – there are some late changes to the VET Metal & engineering Course, details will be available for students on 29 August.

### General Business:

Ansie proposed a valentine day ball for 2020 – Friday 14 February has been booked at the Jockey Club. CHS P&C to arrange food, Jockey Club to do the bar.  
Proposed catering for a concert proposed by 2357 partnership – details confirmed as 16 November. Semret to continue to liaise with organisers and P&C re requirements.  
Discussion was held re a community calendar run by the Info Centre.  
Advertise the Valentine Ball on Facebook and the Coona times.  
KW to talk to Steve Turner about a school P&C Calendar  
Discussion about the school policy on inappropriate texts in view of recent SBS program “The Hunting” –MD reported that it will become a police matter.

### Date of Next Meeting

**5:30 pm 28 October 2019 (High School Library)**  
**Meeting Closed: 7:03 pm**



### Monday:

Who was the 11<sup>th</sup> and last man to set foot on the moon. Eugene Cernan was the 11<sup>th</sup> and last man to set foot on the moon. He entered the Apollo Lunar Module after Harrison Schmidt. Schmidt was the last person to walk on the moon who is still alive. Winner: Matilda Chapman.

Special mention to Anikan Evans. If the microscopic animals, tardigrades, survived the crash landing there may well be many 'male' tardigrades setting foot on the moon as we speak. However, this is unconfirmed at time of publication.

### Tuesday:

**Cryptic clue for the day:** The number 92; 2 lumps of coal on a table.

Solved by Darcy Strong: The periodic table.

Bonus joke from Mr Enks: What do you say when someone steals your gold? Au! Bring that back.

Special mention to Joe Cooper who made a long word and a long coherent sentence using chemical symbols:  
'ReSPONSiLiTiEs' and 'ACCePT YOU A(rR)e PSYCHIC'

### Wednesday:

#### Paper plane competition:

Deakon Meyers won the premade paper plane flight with an incredible piece of paper engineering that flew with amazing speed and accuracy to hit the back wall of the Hall with a thud. Incredible to witness.

Chris Frazer narrowly won the paper plane made on the day section using skill in engineering and in throwing.



Morgan Ryan won the innovation award for being able to make his plane fly in the correct direction by throwing it backwards. Check if he is your pilot in a few years.

### Thursday

#### Who are the scientists?

Darcy Strong and Jacob Baker correctly identified Demetri Mendeleev and Fred Watson as the jigsaw pieces placed around the quadrangle.

**Scinema** in the library at lunch time: *Slime: how intelligent is it?* Evidence suggests it can learn. Argument is over whether this is intelligence or habituation.

#### Robot Challenge:

Congratulations Jimmy Whalan who guided the robot around the course in 36:04 seconds.

### Friday

Non Newtonian liquids.  
Rocket challenge.







**CHS Science and Engineering Team 2019**

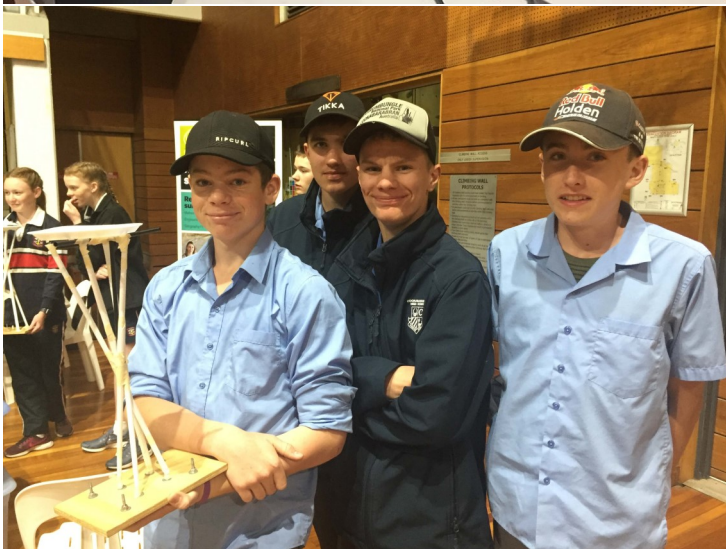


On 28 August, 32 Year 9 and 10 students from Coonabarabran High School competed in the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge. This was the State Final of the competition, within which students in teams of four competed in multiple tasks and challenges to earn points, which were then combined to contribute to the school score. These tasks were activities such as using limited materials to build model mars rovers and bridges, managing energy networks efficiently and other such challenges.



These tasks and activities also provided students with opportunities to build teamwork skills and resilience during strenuous problem-solving activities, proving to be a positive contribution for those students on their eventual way to undertaking their HSC subjects. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to visit a big city.

All our teams performed at a high standard. The CHS team faced stiff competition, including schools such as James Ruse, coming in sixth position out of eight.





# Celebrate CHS



*Celebrate CHS* took place on Friday 6 September. This biannual event is an opportunity to showcase examples of excellence at Coonabarabran High School. In the canteen area, all the different faculties presented displays of work and art done by students. There were also a few interactive displays, allowing visitors to try out experiments and listen to music compositions. The HSC Design and Technology and Industrial Technology major works were also on display on the stage in the hall. The concert started at 7pm and featured solos, the school choir, the Jazz Band, the ukulele band also known as *The Rising Stars*, as well as various group items. The HSC Music students each performed two works which they are preparing for their

upcoming practical Music exams. Supernova Star Squad brought the school robot into the hall to show what it can do, and to talk about their participation in recent competitions. Four students also presented a scene from *Macbeth* from the recent Shakespeare Festival. Just over 50 students performed in the various items and they all did the school proud. The Year 9/10 Commerce students sold refreshments during the interval and the funds which they raised will be used for the school hall. The evening was a great success and attracted a large audience, despite the stormy weather and power outage earlier in the day. Congratulations to all who participated!

Aimee Rossler







# AMEB

## EXAM SUCCESS

Five of our Music students completed their AMEB Music Exams recently and all of them passed with Credit. They currently receive tuition in their instruments with Mark Walton via Skype lessons during lunch times. The students received their certificates at the assembly on Monday morning.

**The students achieved their results for the following exams:**

**Megan Hain** - Grade 1 Clarinet

**Ellah Bowmaker** - Grade 1 Clarinet

**Olivia Meier** - Grade 2 Clarinet

**Alex McWhirter** - Grade 2 Trumpet

**Declan Eshman** - Grade 3 Saxophone



**Congratulations to these students on their great results! Aimee Rossler**





# BINNAWAY

## MEN'S NIGHT

Community Wellbeing Event for Men funded by **phn**

**Wednesday 6 November 2019**  
Binnaway Bowling Club, commencing at 6pm

Take time out to recharge at this FREE social event!



Event Includes:  
**SAUSAGE MAKING DEMO** by Wally Dafter,  
**GUEST SPEAKER: GEOFF MANN**  
Award-winning Radio Presenter  
& Sports Journalist  
**FREE DINNER**  
Normal bar service available

### RSVP essential!

To RSVP or for more information, please call, text or email:  
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# PURLEWAUGH

## MEN'S NIGHT

Community Wellbeing Event for Men funded by **phn**

**Thursday 14 November 2019**  
Purlewaugh Hall, commencing at 6pm

Take time out to recharge at this FREE social event!



Event Includes:  
**SAUSAGE MAKING DEMO** by Wally Dafter,  
**GUEST SPEAKER: BEAU ROBINSON**  
Australian Professional Footballer,  
Leadership & Business Coach  
**FREE DINNER**  
Non-alcoholic beverages supplied,  
otherwise BYO.



### RSVP essential! Call, text or email:

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## ABOUT OUR TEAM

The Drought Support Team is a group of 'everyday' local people with lived experience of rural life. We understand how the drought may impact your life, including your wellbeing and we are here to support you.

We provide free and confidential support to those effected by the drought. This could be anyone - from farmers and families to shop owners.

We are not clinicians but are available to have a chat and help connect you to other services.

We can come to you or chat via phone, text or email. For contact details refer to the map in this brochure.

Note: The drought support team work Monday to Friday. For after hours support please call NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511. In an emergency always call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

**NSW Mental Health Line**  
1800 011 511

24/7 telephone assessment and referral

**Lifeline**  
13 11 14

24/7 confidential crisis support

**Alcohol & Drug Information Services**  
1300 887 000

24/7 information, support, referral and counselling including advice and assistance for parents.

**Suicide Call Back Service**  
1300 659 467

www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

**Beyond Blue**  
1300 224 636

24/7 Mental health counselling, support and referral assistance.

**Men's Helpline**  
1300 789 978

**Kids Helpline**  
1800 55 1800

**Gambling Helpline**  
1800 858 858



## THE DROUGHT SUPPORT TEAM

One on One Support



Health  
Western NSW  
Local Health District



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# OUR REGION

## **Student Volunteers— The Hut NW Equestrian Expo**

Thank you to Charlie Selmes, Alexandra Richards, Tameka McGlashan, Madison Heywood, Claudia Eastburn who were a wonderful help making sandwiches and serving in The Hut over Expo.

***Your efforts were greatly appreciated !***





## 2020 Talent Development Program Applications Open Now!!!

Available online via the website-  
[www.nias.org.au/sports/](http://www.nias.org.au/sports/)

SPORTS PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE AGES IN 2020 (TURNING AGE)	NOMINATIONS OPEN	NOMINATION CLOSING DATES
AFL	13 - 17	OPEN	19th October, 2019
Athletics	13 - 17	OPEN	26th October, 2019
Basketball	14 - 15	OPEN	26th October, 2019
Cycling/Mountain Bike	U12-17	OPEN	19th October, 2019
Golf	12 - 18	OPEN	26th October, 2019
Hockey	16 - 18	OPEN	19th October, 2019
Lone Star	13 - 17	OPEN	26th October, 2019
Netball	14—16	OPEN	19th January, 2019
Rugby League	U15	OPEN	3rd May, 2019
Rugby Union	U13	OPEN	3rd May, 2019
Tennis	U12-16	OPEN	26th October, 2019

If you don't have access to the web, please contact the NIAS Office Phone: 6766 2526  
or  
email: [NIASoffice@NIAS.org.au](mailto:NIASoffice@NIAS.org.au)



### Casual cleaning work available

Please contact

Cherie Fitzgerald

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**Joss Facility Management**

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