

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL and P&C NEWSLETTER November 2019



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Ms Karine Williams P&C President

Ms Mary Doolan Relieving Principal's Report



It really doesn't seem possible that this is our final newsletter for the year! This term has been so busy that the weeks have certainly flown past.

As I write, our Year 10 students are on their journey home from Newcastle, quite tired after a rich few days of experiences, but certainly happy. All reports have been positive and my thanks to Miss Christoff for her precision planning of this event and to Mr. Moffat, Mr. Rollo, Mr. Guihot, Mrs Duggan and Narelle Pfeiffer for their support of the students. No doubt there will be some sound sleepers tonight.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Year 10 student Max Phillips who achieved one of the top 5 scores in the Year 10 VALID (Science) test. Absolutely wonderful to achieve such a result in this state wide examination which attracts entries in excess of 28,000 candidates!

This week we announced our new House Captains for 2020 (further details within). My congratulations to the these students and I look forward to their positive leadership of all things sporting next year!

Our annual examination period is now over. The HSC examinations concluded on 11th November and we are proud of the resilience and application of our Year 12 students. Their results will be released on 17th December. Junior examinations have likewise been finalised. My thanks to Mr. Moffat and Mr. Armstrong for their co-ordination of these assessments.

Last Thursday night the school had the pleasure of hosting a Graduation Dinner for our Year12 students. It was a wonderful evening and the sense of achievement and pride in the room was (justifiably) palpable. My thanks to all the staff and Year 11 students who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that it was a stellar evening for our graduating class. We wish them well for their futures.

The busyness continues in the coming weeks. Tonight we have Mark Walton performing with music students in concert. Year 10 undertake work experience over the next two weeks, we recognise White Ribbon Day on 26th November, our new Year 7 students have an orientation day on December 6 and our annual Awards Night will take place on Thursday 12th December. Junior students will receive their reports on 16th December and we will hold an end of year fun day at the school on Monday 16th December. Kindly note that Wednesday 18th December is the last day for students to attend. School will resume for students in Years 7,11 and 12 on Wednesday 5th February and for Years 8,9 and 10 on Thursday 6th February.

The year's end marks the conclusion of Mrs. Annette Adam, Head Teacher TAS' time at our school after 34 years. Annette has been a wonderfully dedicated teacher and brilliant colleague. We are most grateful for her significant contribution to our school community. Our best wishes go to Annette and Bruce for a fabulous retirement.

We will also sadly say farewell to Mr. Guihot and Jack Ayoub. Our school has been richer for their presence amongst us and we wish them well in their new positions in 2020.

Finally, my thanks, on behalf of the staff, to our dedicated P&C Association. Though few in numbers their support of our school is strong and greatly appreciated.

Wishing all families a happy conclusion to the term and holidays thereafter and we look forward to working with you in 2020. May it be a year of abundant rain!



2020 House Captains

Timor
Mopra
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Nandi

Hayley Andrews
Liam Caine
Connor Hughes-Tincknell
Luke Bonello

Annabelle Shannon
Octavia Whale
Arabella Smith
Meg Underwood

Indigenous Australian Engineering School

From 12th until 18th of January 2020 James Whalan (Year 10) and Connor Hughes-Tincknell (Year 11) from Coonabarabran High School will attend The Indigenous Australian Engineering School.

This select program accepts only 20 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who will be entering years 10, 11 or 12 in 2020.

The Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) is an annual event, established and funded by Engineering Aid Australia (a non-profit organisation). The IAES is conducted in Sydney by the University of Sydney's Faculty of Engineering on behalf of Engineering Aid Australia. Students will spend each morning trying out different types of engineering activities and in the afternoons go on site visits to engineering companies, it will also include a Vice-Regal Reception at Admiralty House.

Now that both students have been accepted into the course they will also qualify for an Engineering Aid Australia Continuing School scholarship. This is to help with some of their education expenses in Years 11 and 12. Later, if they complete Year 12 and get a place at any university in Australia to study Engineering or a related course, they will be eligible for an Engineering Aid Australia Tertiary Education scholarship.

The positions at the school are fully funded by Engineering Aid Australia with donations from its sponsors which include engineering companies, government departments and private donors. This includes all their travel costs to and from Sydney, as well as accommodation and fees.

The school community is very proud of James and Connor and grateful to Engineering Aid Australia and Sydney University for this amazing opportunity!



P&C President's Report

This has been a very quiet month for the P&C. Sadly the "Sounds at the Stables" was cancelled.

On 12 November I had the opportunity to address some parents of the 2020 Year 7 Students, and hopefully we will see some new faces to our team early next year.

Earlier in the year CHS students participated in study skills workshops run by Elevate, on 18 November the Elevate team returned to focus on year 12 Students and to give insights to all parents. It was a worthwhile discussion with some helpful tips for parents. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to visit their website www.elevateeducation.com for some useful resources for you and your children. The team will be back in 2020 to work with students again.

Over the next few weeks we will be sending more information about our Cherry Drive and possible food stall at the Christmas Spectacular on 14 December.

We are also in the final days of 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.

Our last meeting for 2019 is on Monday 25 November in the school library at 5:30 pm.

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

Wishing everyone in our school community a happy and safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas
Karine Williams

**Next P&C Association Meeting
will be held
Monday 25th November 2019
5:30pm School Library
ALL WELCOME**



Bethany Freeman receives First Place for 13-16 years section of WACCI Art Exhibition



Junior Girls Softball Team



The Coonabarabran Junior Girls Softball Team travelled to Tamworth this term for the annual North West Softball Gala Day. The girls played three tightly contested softball games against Tamworth High, Narrabri and McIntyre High. There was some great softball played including a homerun by Jessie Newton! Fun was had by all. Softball (and Snapchat) were definitely the winners of the day. A big thankyou to Mrs Ranken for driving us and umpiring!

Robotics Team 6476

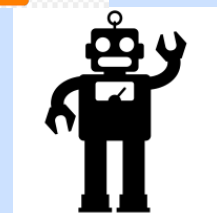
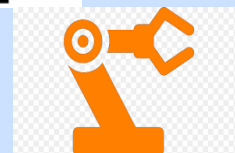
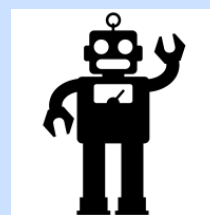
The Robotics Team at Open Day

The Siding Spring Observatory Open Day was made even more interesting when the Supernova Star Squad opened for business.

The Team spent the day demonstrating everything the robot has to offer and a little bit more with many of the Open Day visitors getting more than they had bargained for.

The team enjoyed talking to whoever was interested, answered many questions and also enjoyed chasing young children around the Dome with the robot.

A big thank you to the team members who volunteered to help out.





Last Tuesday the Year 8 Debating Team of Fred Kearney, Alex Letts, Declan Eshman and Laura Williams all travelled to Mudgee to compete against Mudgee High School in the regional final of the Premiers Debating Challenge.

The topic for the debate was-

“That students in Years 7 and 8 should be forced to have a paid job for three hours each weekend.”

Our team was the affirmative on the day and argued very strongly. They are to be congratulated on their remarkable effort and the way they represented Coonabarabran High School. They will now travel to Sydney University in December for the Championships of this challenge.

Congratulations and well done!
Good Luck in Sydney Team...



Junior Debating Team

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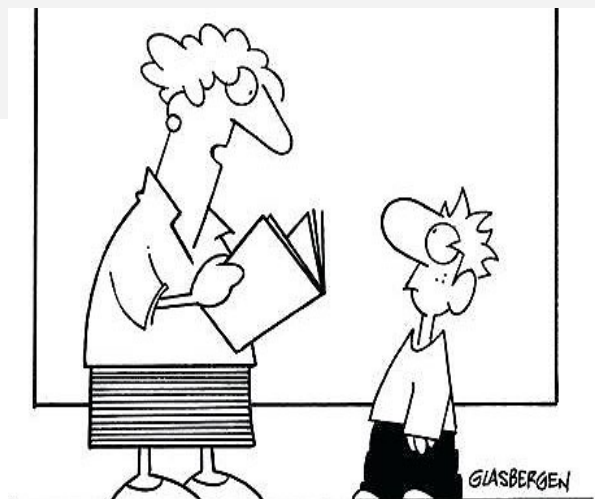
Alex Letts, Declan Eshman, Fred Kearney, Laura Williams.



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 Treasurer's Reports



COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL P&C

September 2019

OPENING BALANCE		\$8,447.94
EXPENSES		
Float		
Horse Expo		
CHS Contribution		
P&C Insurance		
P&C Federation Fees		
Total		\$0.00
INCOME		
Memberships		
Float Repay		
Cherry Drive		
Dark Sky Feast		
Horse Expo		
C/Bran Show Gate Takings		
Regional Aust. Bank CPP	\$2,666.77	
Total		\$2,666.77
CLOSING BALANCE		\$11,114.71
Profit for September		\$2,666.77
Profit for 2019		\$1,821.25

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL P&C

October 2019

OPENING BALANCE		\$11,114.71
EXPENSES		
Float		
Horse Expo		
CHS Contribution		
P&C Insurance		
P&C Federation Fees		
Total		\$0.00
INCOME		
Memberships		
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Coonabarabran High School

P&C Meeting 28 October 2019



Welcome: Meeting Opened 5:30 pm

Attendance (as per attendance book)

Present:, Mary Doolan, , Ansie van Schalkwyk, Sue Hincks, Skye Lambert, Karine Williams.

Apologies: Semret Goitom Stephen Turner, Gary Erickson, Duncan Graham

Motion: The apologies be accepted.

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

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

Moved:	Skye	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Business arising from Previous Minutes

The audit of the 2018 P&C Accounts was finalized by Leanne McWhirter and information given to Nancy Doolan to submit for various Grant Applications.

Mary Doolan to provide feedback to Jeff Gasior re the request for funding for the Simulator.

Guest Speaker / Special Notices

n/a

Correspondence

In:

FRRR funding application request – declined.
Insurance refund Cheque for the Canteen

Out:

Thank you card and chocolates to Leanne Mc Whirter
Card and chocolates to the School SASS team
Various Local Volts emails
Certificate of Appreciation to the Regional Australia Bank

Motion that the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved:	Sue	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Reports

President's Report (optional)

As published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

ACNC Report completed with no fine for a late submission
Information also sent to the Federation
Deposit from Regional Australia Bank's Community Partnership Program - 2677.70.

Motion: The treasurers report be accepted

Moved:	Skye	Seconded:	Ansie	Carried:	Yes
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Coonabarabran High School P&C 28 October Meeting 2019



Canteen Report

The canteen has been very quiet with some days sales not covering wages. This is quieter than usual at this time of the year with HSC exams, and is attributed to the drought. Mary Doolan advised that a NALAG PD event will be held at the school in April 2020 and the canteen will be requested to cater for around 200 people.

Motion: The Canteen Report be accepted

Moved:	Sue	Seconded:	Skye	Carried:	Yes
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Principal & Deputy Report

Report on HSC Exams

Year 12 Graduation Dinner to be held on 14 November – invitations have been sent.

Mental Health – School Counsellor position has been advertised, in the interim The Benevolent Society is on site 1.5 days a week, the Youth Worker continues and where necessary, students are referred to private practitioners

PBL update

HSC 2020 parent/ student information evening to be held on 4 November

Year 7 2020 parent information evening to be held on 12 November

Update on junior exams in week 5 & 6

Update on student achievements in junior debating, Softball, Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza and year 12 Leadership Day.

Center for Educational Statistics (CESE) Visit to better understand some of CHS practices.

Tell them from me Survey

Staffing update.

General Business:

Discussion about a food stall for the Sounds at the Stables Concert on 16 November. Concerns raised that there may be too many food stalls to make any one viable. A final decision on whether to proceed will be delayed until around 12 November and will depend on feedback from the organiser, as ticket sales are very slow.

Some detailed discussion about the menu, decorations and music for the Valentines Ball, but no resolution reached.

Update on Local Volts fundraiser – time extended until end of November and everyone is encouraged to log in and register.

Date of Next Meeting

5:30 pm 25 November 2019 (High School Library)
Meeting Closed: 7:00 pm



The 5:45am start wasn't enough to turn off our select group of Year 7 and 8 Science enthusiasts and the day trip to Armidale was well worth it. The students were treated to a day of discovery, investigations, gory wounds and blob monsters.

The group started the day testing their meat science skills by making and cooking beef patties; who knew the thought that goes into a tasty patty? The students then conquered the world of coding; with everyone managing to code their way out of the blob monster maze and into the Sports Science laboratory. In the Sports Science lab the students tested their strength, fitness and dizziness factor. The day didn't end so well in the Biology Lab unfortunately, with everyone in the group sustaining horrible minor cuts and lacerations. Luckily they all made speedy recoveries and were well enough for afternoon tea and socks at Macca's. A big thanks to Narelle for driving the bus!





Coonabarabran High School

SCHOOL BLUE AWARDS, 2019

"Nomination Forms" for the Coonabarabran High School P&C Blue Awards can be obtained from the office at the High School.

Nominations close Friday, 3.00pm, 6 December 2019 and can be returned to the High School Office.

To be eligible the person nominated must be a student at Coonabarabran High School. Teams may also be nominated.

The criteria for consideration for an Award is for outstanding achievement in a school-based or school-related activity, in any of the following areas:

1 ACADEMIC - HSC ATAR Result 95 or higher

- Top 10 in HSC State Subject List

(HSC Awards will apply to students of the previous years HSC)

- A minimum of 3 High Distinctions in National or International Competitions in different subject areas**

2 SPORTING - 1st, 2nd or 3rd in State Competitions

- State or National Individual or Team Representative**

3 OTHER FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR

- 1st, 2nd or 3rd at State/National level or attainment of excellence consistent with the rigor above eg Whitlam Institute National Writing Competition, HSC Selection for participation in Art Express State tour, Design/Industrial Technology display Powerhouse Museum and Music Encore Concert at the Sydney Opera House.

Note: Consideration will be dependent on the number and quality of competitors in the nominated field of endeavour, and provided such achievement also reflects positive attitudes and participation in the school community.

Year 10 Newcastle Adventure



Year 10 have spent this week in Newcastle enjoying a range of activities including high ropes course, ten pin bowling, surfing lessons, laser tag, sandboarding and visits to Newcastle TAFE, a barramundi farm, Fighter World, Newcastle University and Singleton Infantry Museum. The good behaviour and participation in activities has made it an enjoyable time for staff and students.
Kat Christoff



Mark Walton Visit and Concert



Mark and Jo Walton visited Coonabarabran High School on Thursday 21 November. Mark has been teaching ten students via Skype every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch time since the beginning of last year and on Thursday, the students had another opportunity to have a face-to-face lesson with Mark.

The students – Megan Hain, Ellah Bowmaker, Olivia Meier, Clover Hippisley, Monique Bragg, Riley Fleming, Declan Eshman, Caleb Smith and Alexander McWhirter – had a lesson with Mark followed by a lesson with his wife Jo for some extra input.

In the evening, these nine students as well as other CHS music students performed in a concert in the school hall. There were some lovely performances and all students should be congratulated on not only their performances, but also their preparation and commitment.



All the students who participated did the school proud. Mark ended the concert with a beautiful performance of some pieces included in one of the books he published.

A huge thank you goes to Mark and Jo for stopping in Coonabarabran on their trip which was supposed to be from Sydney to Mudgee, and for all their time and effort in working with the students.

Aimee Rossler



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