Dear Parents

STATE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations goes to Mac Webster and Tyahla Munro who represented Cowra Public School at the State final of the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge held at Government House in Sydney on Monday. Tyahla and Mac presented a speech on “Aboriginal Peoples Serving Australia in War Times”. In what was a flawless address our students overcame representative teams from across the state, often of higher grade level, to be crowned State Champions. It is truly wonderful to have such a title bestowed on our students and school. Ms Parker deserves a huge accolade for the effort and direction she gave the children in the complete process of the NAIDOC Challenge. Another thanks goes to Mr Dean Murray who is the State coordinator of the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge.

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17 Yr 6 Graduation

This week has again been a busy time at Cowra Public School with assessment of students’ academic achievement being undertaken in a number of subject areas. Over the next few weeks the staff will be collating these results and will start the reporting process. From the early results it is great to see the progress the students have made.

On Tuesday next week the school is very excited to have the Royal Surf Lifesavers coming to the school to run surf awareness courses for our students. This program titled ‘Beach to Bush’, is an important and timely activity with many of our families travelling to the coast for holidays at the end of the year.

Our Year 6 students will be at the High School on Tuesday and will be participating in a whole day transition program. This will be followed on Wednesday night with a disco at the High School for Year 6 students.

Next Thursday morning our girls’ dance group under the guidance of Mrs Cobcroft and our Primary and Infants Chairs under the guidance of Mrs Hilton and Mrs Cole will be performing at Bilyara. All our groups have been rehearsing diligently and are looking forward to the performances.

We are delighted to have introduced a boys’ hip hop dance group which is proving to be very popular.

On Friday of next week the school will be holding the School Captain speeches for 2015. Four boys and four girls who have been nominated by their peers will present their speeches at an assembly being held at 9.30am. Leadership positions at the school have always been highly prized by the students and we have always been delighted with our captains and prefects. We wish the children selected the very best in their efforts.

The four boys include:
- Jake Camps
- Lewis McFarland
- Glenn Saxby
- Cambell White

with the four girls being
- Nashwa Bakini
- Anja Gower
- Madeleine Mulligan
- Isabella Scammell

Enjoy the week.

Brad Tom
INFANTS ASSEMBLIES
Infants assemblies will now be held every second Thursday, i.e. even weeks. The assemblies will be held in the Infants Open Space and commence at 2.00pm and finish at 2.30pm when the children will return to their classrooms.

At these assemblies students will be receiving Merit Certificates and PBL awards.

Every alternate Thursday (not assembly week) from 12.30pm until 1.00pm the Infants will be holding combined singing in the Infants Open Space. All parents are invited to come along and listen to the children singing.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES
The Primary will also be holding their assemblies every second Thursday, i.e. even weeks at 2.30pm in the school auditorium.

The assemblies will include the Year 6 Public Speaking and Merit Certificates will also be presented on the day.

COMBINED ASSEMBLY
The school will be holding combined assemblies twice a term. At these assemblies the Infants and Primary Aussies of the Month will be announced and the children will be presented with their awards.

Next Combined Assembly (K-6) will be held next Thursday, 27 November at 2.00pm in the school auditorium.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES
~ INFANTS ~
Final Assembly
Thursday, 27 November at 2.00pm

Presentation Assembly
Tuesday, 9 December at 9.30am

Major awards will be presented at this assembly. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

~ PRIMARY ~
Final Assembly
Monday, 8 December at 9.30am

Special merit certificates, service and citizenship awards and sporting awards will be presented at this assembly.

Presentation Assembly
Tuesday, 9 December at 11.30am

Major awards will be presented at this assembly. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Year 6 students will receive their GRADUATION CERTIFICATES at an assembly on Wednesday, 17 December at 2.45pm

PRIMARY/INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS
The following students received their awards at last week’s Assemblies.

PRIMARY MERIT AWARDS:

INFANTS MERIT AWARDS:
Seth Crutch, Blair Newsome, Tegan Shaw, Charlie Kacarovski, Jaxon Simms, Amelia McCulloch, Emmett Langton, Mark Horne, Alice Mulligan, Kiaya Blackmore, Jackson Smith, Sophie Green, Mathew Kacarovski, Ryan Kennewell, David Simms, McKay Sullivan, Hannah Gail, Malachi Murray.

PBL AWARDS
The following students have gained sufficient gotchas on the school’s PBL Program to receive an achievement certificate. The students received their certificate for being respectful, on task and safe.

PRIMARY
150 Gotcha Award:
Towen Schick

100 Gotcha Award:
Eliza Mulligan, Francesco Adattini, Tom Coghlan, Hunter Reid, Jack Croker, Amy O’Connor

75 Gotcha Award:
Jacinda Doolan

INFANTS
160 Gotcha Award:
Ella Kilby

140 Gotcha Award:
Jim Hazell, Chloe Muddle

120 Gotcha Award:
Stephanie Dresser, Hannah McKay

100 Gotcha Award:
Louise Hallstone

60 Gotcha Award:
Nicholas Hall, Jacob Graham, Kiaya Blackmore, Brayden Curtis

40 Gotcha Award:
Nathan Cheng, Jackson Smith

20 Gotcha Award:
Matilda Sowter

School Magazine
Order your copy of the magazine at the school office up until Friday, 5 December, 2014.

Cost: $10.00
The magazine will contain an outline of the year’s events as well as students’ academic and sporting achievements.
SALVATION ARMY HAMPER COLLECTION

17 - 28 NOVEMBER

Students (K-6) will be collecting donations over 10 days only, commencing on Monday, 17 November and concluding on Friday, 28 November (Weeks 7-8).

Classes will compete for one special, mystery prize.

Every year the Salvation Army distributes in excess of 70 Christmas hampers to individuals and families with the Cowra Community and they require assistance to provide enough festive food and Christmas cheer this year.

Donations of:
* tinned fruit
* tinned vegetables
* cereal
* potato chips
* biscuits
* jellies
* lollies
* Christmas cakes
* puddings
* coffee
* sugar
* cordial

Party items such as serviettes, bon-bons, balloons or decorations would be appreciated also.

Please check all use by dates on goods donated.

Please do not send perishable items.

Thank you in anticipation.

COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS FOR NON-SWIMMERS (YEARS 2-6)

Cowra Public School will again be conducting a special ten day swimming course for NON-SWIMMERS.

Lessons will commence on Monday, 24 November 2014 and will be for 45 minutes on each of the ten consecutive days. The school is open to all NON-SWIMMERS in Years 3-6 and ALL Year 2 students. Year 2 students who can swim well will participate in a more advanced swimming group.

The Department of School Education classifies NON-SWIMMERS as those who are unable to swim STRONGLY, using a recognised stroke, unaided in deep water, for a distance of at least 25 metres. Instructors will be provided by the Department of Education.

The cost of the ten day course is $20.00 for students who do not have a season ticket. This is a special rate for schools. Season ticket holders should complete section 4 on the consent form. It is imperative that ALL consent forms are returned by Friday, 1 November 2013 to allow for sufficient instructors to be employed.

Children should apply sunscreen at home ready for lessons.

A permission note was sent home last week. Please ensure that you indicate on the permission note any disability or allergy your child may have, such as asthma, deafness/ear problems, epilepsy, poor eyesight etc.

The permission note needs to be returned to the school along with the $20.00 admission fee or your child’s season ticket number by Friday, 14 November.

SRC WESTMEAD HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL MUFITI DAY

On Friday, 14 November, Cowra Public School will be holding a gold coin donation “Mufti Day” for the Westmead Children’s Hospital Christmas Appeal.

Students will be allowed to wear mufti on the day as long as they bring in a gold coin donation. Please make sure your child wears suitable sport clothing due to Friday sport.

Each child who donates will receive a heart sticker the size of a baby in Westmead Children’s Hospital called Nyah.

Students will also be able to send messages to the sick children in hospital.

PRIMARY OCTOBER AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Primary - Aurora Kelly

Aurora is pictured with her grandmother and the presenter, Mrs Debbie Cobcroft - Stage 2 teacher

Rory received her award for being a responsible, reliable and courteous student. She follows the PBL rules consistently and is a model student.

Rory is enthusiastic, hard working and considerate towards others in the classroom and playground.

She shows pride in her work and is a pleasure to have at Cowra Public School.
**SPORT**

**PRIMARY SPORT ~**  
Now at 10.30am—11.10am

Friday sport for primary students will continue on from last term. If your child plays either Netball or goes to the Skate Park they need to pay $3.00 to the school office before school on Friday morning.

Structured sport will finish on Friday, 21 November due to Swimming School commencing and Stage 3 excursion. Sport will be class based.

**DREAM CRICKET CLINIC**

H2-3 & E2-3 have been invited to participate in a Dream Cricket Clinic to be held at Wade Park, Orange tomorrow Friday, 7 November. Students will depart Cowra Public School at 8.45am and return at 3.00pm.

Transport will be by bus, kindly provided by the Rotary Club at no cost to the students.

Students will need to bring their own recess, lunch, snacks and water, and are expected to attend in full school sports uniform with a hat and sunscreen.

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**P & C**

**P & C MEETING**  
Thursday, 20 November at 6.00pm

**ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY FUND RAISER**

The P & C is holding a family portrait photography fundraiser in November.

**Date:** Sunday, 23 November 2014.

You will need to book a time and pay a $15.00 booking fee to the school before Sunday, 23 November to secure a spot.

You receive 3 items for the $15.00.

- A3 pencil sketch or 10 x 13” family portrait
- Key ring
- Wallet sized portrait.

Additional packs are available and if you have any queries or wish to book a time please contact the school.

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**NOW ACCEPTING PAYMENT FOR:-**

- **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION:** $30 per student, with a family maximum of $60. Payment would be appreciated this term.
- **BAND:** $10 per term
- **STAGE 3 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA:**  
  - Last instalment  
    - Thursday 20 November  
      - $50.00  
    - Total cost: $272.00
- **School Magazine** $10.00
- **Swim School** $20.00

**INFANTS/PRIMARY CHOIRS & SCHOOL DANCE GROUP VISIT TO BILYARA**

Students from Cowra Public School’s Infants/Primary Choirs and the Dance Group have been invited to attend Bilyara to perform on Thursday, 13 November 2014.

The Choirs and Dance Group will depart the school at 9.30am returning by recess.

Infants and Primary choirs need to be in full summer school uniform:

Dance Group members need to wear:

- Black legging
- Shorts - denim
- Black singlet top
- Hair up in ponytail

The Choirs and Dance Group will be accompanied by Mrs Hilton, Mrs Cole and Mrs Cobcroft.

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**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

As the time draws closer the students are getting excited about this excursion.

The excursion will occur: Wednesday, 10th December to Friday, 12th December 2014 (Week 10).

**Accommodation:** will be at Camp Cottermouth.

The cost will be $247 per student, this was subsidised by the Stage 3 Pie Drive.

This includes ALL costs, except for lunch on the first day. The itinerary for the excursion will be sent home in the next few weeks.

The excursion needs to be paid in full by 20th November.

**Final instalment:**  
- 20 November $50
P & C continued

Infants who sell the most raffle books. There will be a prize awarded to the student in Primary and school by Friday, 5 December (sold or unsold).

Raffle books of ten (10) tickets ($20.00) have been sent home Tuesday 9 December, 2014 at 11.30am.

Aboriginal Artist

This year you could win:

- 1st Prize – Framed Painting by an Aboriginal Artist
- 2nd prize – Grocery Hamper
- 3rd prize – $100 Voucher (Phil’s Blinds & Awnings)

The raffle will be drawn at the major Primary Assembly on Tuesday 9 December, 2014 at 11.30am.

Raffle books of ten (10) tickets ($20.00) have been sent home Tuesday 9 December, 2014 at 11.30am. All books must be returned to the school by Friday, 5 December (sold or unsold).

There will be a prize awarded to the student in Primary and Infants who sell the most raffle books.

NEW HEALTHY OPTIONS AT OUR CANTEEN

This term our canteen has introduced some new products which are fresh, healthy and yummy!

"Take your tastebuds to Asia with our new delicious crunchy oriental chicken salad". Our salads are made with fresh shredded chicken combined with crunchy vegetables and noodles and are available in small ($3) and large ($5) sizes next Thursday and Friday.

Please note there will be no other HOT food available on these days. Other new additions to our menu this term include:

- Noodle Salads $3.00 (small)
- NO OTHER HOT FOOD AVAILABLE
- Fruit & Custard cups .50c
- Pizza muffins $1.00
- Choc top bananas .50c

CANTEEN SPECIALS FOR NEXT WEEK

NO OTHER HOT FOOD AVAILABLE

Also try some our new delicious healthy snacks every day at recess:
- Banana muffins $1.00
- Fruit & Custard cups .50c
- Pizza muffins $1.00
- Choc top bananas .50c

Stay tuned to next week’s newsletter for more details.

Try our new and exciting fresh healthy menus

PCYC ACTIVITIES

Indoor Soccer

PCYC is running open mixed indoor soccer for ages 15+ during term 4. Nomination forms are available from PCYC’s Young Road building, cost will be $30.00 per team per game.

Indoor Netball

Indoor Netball is planned for term 4 and PCYC is hoping to run both junior girls and open women competitions on Thursdays with juniors commencing at 4pm and seniors at 6pm. The aim is to run an U12’s and U15’s competition for the juniors however from the registration day that was held last Thursday only 6 girls have put their name down for the U12’s and two for the U15’s. Players are to register individually to be placed in teams with the aim of making the competition as even as possible. Cost for juniors will be $3.00 per player per game.

Touch Football

Touch Football was to commence on Monday 20 October however the start date may have to be delayed given that there have been no registration packs returned to PCYC as yet. The fees have been set at $30.00 for Juniors (Under 18’s), and $50.00 for Seniors (18 and over). PCYC membership is included in this cost.

Men’s Basketball

Games will now be played under the ‘pay before you play’ format with all players to pay the $5.00 fee each week at the front desk when they arrive, at which time their name will be added to the scoresheet.

Junior Basketball

‘Learn to Play Basketball’ for 5 – 11yr olds resumed last week. The Junior Basketball will run on Wednesday afternoons at 4pm and consists of a coaching session first to develop and improve the skills of the younger players, and finishes with a game to put the new skills in to practice. Come along and bring a friend. The cost for Junior Basketball is $30 per player per term.

Basketball Training

If you are aged 12 or older, and are interested in improving your basketball skills, a training session will be offered every Wednesday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm. The cost for basketball training is $5.00 per player per session, or you can book for the whole term for $30.00.

Boxing for Fitness

Boxing for Fitness classes run at PCYC on Tuesday and Thursday nights, classes now commencing at 6.30pm. Morning sessions also run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.30am.

Cost for Boxing for Fitness is $5.00 per session.

Gymnastics and Kindergym

Class fees for both Gymnastics and Kindergym is $65.00 per person for one lesson per week for the school term. Children must also be registered with Gymnastics NSW to participate. Cost for GymnNSW registration is $37.00 for 2014. Discounts on class fees apply for families with more than one child or a child or children attending multiple classes.

Archery

Archery is held on Monday afternoons with a 4pm session for Juniors and beginners and a 5pm session for the Seniors and more experienced archers. Children must be aged 7 years or older to participate. All equipment is supplied however some people do choose to bring their own. Cost for Archery is $6.00 per session.

Boxing

Junior and Amateur boxing is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons commencing at 5.30pm.

Junior boxing is for ages 7 to 13 and costs $4.50 per session. Amateur boxing is for ages 14 years and older and costs $5.00 per session.

Laser Tag

Laser Tag will return on Wednesday nights commencing at 5.30pm at a cost of $5.00 per person each session. Laser Tag is proving to be a whole lot of fun and growing in popularity. Even some Mums and Dads have tried it and had a wow of a time!

Keeping informed

Please contact PCYC on 63412035 for further information about any of the activities on offer or check out the "Cowra PCYC” Facebook page or the website www.pcyccrew.org.au/cowra.

You must be a PCYC member to participate in any of the PCYC activities. Yearly membership is $5.00 for under 18’s and $10 for ages 18 and older.
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BOOK FAIR

Nov 2014

It’s on again

10 000 books

St Johns Anglican Church Hall Cowra

The Summer Book Fair extends over two weekends

Friday 14th Nov - Saturday 15th Nov
Friday 21st Nov - Saturday 22nd Nov

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For book donations or offers of help as workers, please contact
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