they had a shopping spree. The six children were Mark Horne, Chloe Muddle, Jordan Ryan, Abbey Smith, Charlie Duclos and Rebecca McIntosh. This reward highlights the advantages that comes from attending school each day.

This week the children are completing several activities based around Mother’s Day and I am sure all mums will appreciate the work and care of these items. We are also holding a Mother’s Day Stall this week with the Infants children in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 purchasing items from the stall on Thursday and Stage 2 and 3 on Friday. All children got to view the items for sale on Tuesday and we are sure many mums will be delighted with their chosen gift.

Today the school was represented by the Netball team in Dubbo. The girls were very excited about the opportunity to play in the Western Gala day and Mrs Cobcroft was sure the girls would perform admirably.

Tomorrow the students in Years 5 and 6 will be going to the High School production at 12pm. The children and staff are looking forward to this wonderful opportunity with several past students of our school performing.

Next week the school will be conducting the NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is very important that all children in Years 3 and 5 arrive at school on time on those days.

On Monday, 12 May, Year 2 will be having a walking excursion as part of a unit of work being completed in HSE. Mrs Cole and Mrs Myles will be taking the children on the day on what promises to be a very informative event.

Our school will also start our Eisteddfod involvement next week with both the junior and senior choirs performing on Friday, 16 May. To highlight the commitment of the effort our staff put forward, I would like to credit Mrs Hilton who still came in to practise with the choir last week even though she was on leave.

Lastly I would like to wish all the mothers of Cowra Public School students the best for Sunday and I hope you have a very special day that reflects how important you are in your child’s eyes.

Enjoy your week.

Brad Tom

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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.

All 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.

Assemblies for both Infants and Primary for this term will be held on:

- Week 4: Thursday, 22 May
- Week 6: Thursday, 5 June

COMBINED ASSEMBLIES
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.

- Week 8: Thursday, 19 June

NAPLAN TESTING
NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students begins NEXT WEEK.

- Language Conventions and Writing: Tuesday, 13 May
- Reading: Wednesday, 14 May
- Numeracy: Thursday, 15 May
- Catch-up day: Friday, 16 May - Catch up day

It is very important that the students attend on these days and are on time in getting to school.

COWRA EISTEDDFOD

**Infants & Primary Choir**
Friday, 16 May

**Stage 3 Verse Speaking Choir**
Tuesday, 20 May

**E2-3 & H2-3 Performance**
Wednesday, 21 May

**Dancing**
Thursday, 22 May

**Instrumental Band**
Wednesday, 4 June

**E2-3 & H2-3 EISTEDDFOD**

Excitement grows as our Eisteddfod performance gets closer!

Here are the details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 21 May 2014
- **Place:** Cowra Civic Centre
- **Time:** In the morning session, which starts at 9.30am

The students will be performing two items.

On Eisteddfod day, we are asking all children to come to school in winter sports uniform including long pants.

On Eisteddfod day, we will need to leave school at about 9.15am to walk to the Civic Centre.

Please come along to the Eisteddfod to support, cheer, clap, applaud etc.!!

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- Dates for sitting the exams
- Computer Skills: Tuesday, 20 May
- Science: Wednesday, 20 May
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- Spelling: Thursday, 17 June
- English: Tuesday, 29 July
- Mathematics: Tuesday, 12 August

Entries have now closed!

INFANTS CHOIR

The Infants Choir will be performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod on Friday, 16 May in the morning session.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform:

**Girls**
- Long sleeved white shirt
- Tartan uniform pinafore
- Short white socks
- Black shoes
- Blue and gold hair ribbons
- Blue school sloppy joe (removed for performance)

**Boys**
- Long sleeved blue shirt
- School tie (provided)
- Grey long pants (NOT track suit pants)
- Grey socks
- Black shoes
- School sloppy joe (removed for performance)

All parents and friends are welcome to support the children.

PRIMARY CHOIR

The Primary Choir will be performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod on Friday, 16 May in the 9.30am session.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform:

**Girls**
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- Short white socks
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YR 6 TRANSITION TO COWRA HIGH SCHOOL

Each Tuesday for the rest of the year, Year 6 students attend Cowra High School for transition into Year 7 next year.

All students need to be in full school uniform with correct closed in shoes. This is an OH & S requirement.
**STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA ZOO**

On Tuesday, 20 May, Stage 2 children have the opportunity to participate in a day excursion to Canberra Zoo. The excursion will tie in with work being studied on endangered animals and Australian fauna.

The cost is $42.00, which must be paid at the school’s office before tomorrow, Friday, 9 May 2014.

**What To Bring/Wear (in a sturdy bag/back-pack):**

- Suitable mufti attire, including sensible closed in shoes
- Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent (raincoat, if weather indicates)
- Pocket money for souvenirs (maximum $20)
- Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
- Drink bottle
- Camera (optional)

The bus will depart Cowra Public School at 7.30am and return at approximately 5.00pm.

Any medication your child may need on the day should be given to the class teacher. The child’s name and instructions for administering must be clearly shown.

Kathryn Macnamara  
Stage 2 Assistant Principal

**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

This year, children from Stage 3, have the opportunity during Term 4 to take part in a three day excursion to Canberra. This excursion is the culmination of the Stage 3 HSIE unit on Government and it is also an enjoyable social experience for all those involved.

The excursion will occur: **Wednesday, 10th December to Friday, 12th December 2014.**

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

The cost will be $272 per student, this amount may vary depending on the number of students attending and the amount of profit generated by the PIE DRIVE. This includes ALL costs, except for lunch on the first day. The itinerary for the excursion will be sent home early in Term 4.

All students wishing to participate in the excursion must have paid $72 by Thursday, 24th July and the excursion paid in full by 20th November.

**Payment options:**
1. Pay $72 deposit by Thursday, 24th July and then $14—$15 each week so you have paid in full by 20th November.
2. Start paying $12-$15 each week now, you will have paid $72 and the full amount, before the due date.
3. Pay in 5 instalments NO LATER than the following dates:
   - 24th July: $72
   - 21 August: $50
   - 18 September: $50
   - 23 October: $50
   - 20 November: $50

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Stage 3 teachers.

A firm indication of the number of Stage 3 students participating in the excursion is vital. Please indicate on the slip sent home whether your child will be attending and return the slip to the school by tomorrow, Friday, 9th May. If you indicate that your child will be attending please be aware that we will regard this as a firm commitment and we will make bookings accordingly.

**STAGE 3 PIE DRIVE**

Stage 3 students are holding a Pie Drive to assist with costs for their excursion to Canberra this year. The excursion will take place in Term 4 and more information will be sent out early Term 4.

Depending on how much is raised, the final amount for the excursion could be revised.

A Pie Drive order form is attached to this newsletter and as winter is fast approaching this is an excellent opportunity to stock your freezer with mouth watering pies from Roberts Bakery in Orange.

Orders for the pies need to be in by Thursday, 15 May 2014 and the pies will be delivered to school on Friday 23 May 2014.

There will be a prize for the most pies sold by a student.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Each year the school asks families to pay a small contribution towards the cost of their child’s education.

This contribution helps to cover the cost of books, paper and other items used by every child.

The school has set the fee at $30 per child with a family maximum of $60. **This equates to approximately 15c per day.**

The receipt of your contribution would be very much appreciated and payment can be made at the school office.

**NOW ACCEPTING PAYMENT FOR:**

- **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION:** $30 per student, with a family maximum of $60. Payment would be appreciated this term.
- **STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA ZOO:** Tuesday, 20 May 2014. $42.00 or instalments of $10.00. Closes tomorrow, Friday, 9 May 2014.
- **STAGE 3 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA:** Deposit of $72.00 by 24th July. Total cost: $272.00 (this could be reduced depending on how much money the Stage 3 Pie Drive raises).
APPLICATION FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by Friday, 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to the NSW Public Schools website.

Online applications opened on Monday, 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form.

Application packages are now available from the school.

Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday, 16 May 2014.

The nearest school to Cowra operating an Opportunity class is Bathurst West Public School.

BOOK CLUB

The third issue of Ashton Scholastic Book Club for 2014 was sent home this week.

Scholastic Book Clubs operates eight times a year.

The closing date for Issue 1 is Friday, 9 May 2014.

*** Please make cheques payable to Cowra Public School.

M1 & C1 HERITAGE WALK

Weather permitting, M1 & C1 will be participating in Cowra’s Heritage Walk on Monday 12 May. The students will walk past the Uniting Church, Cowra Court House, St Peter’s Presbyterian Church as well the Australian Hotel and Surveyor Evans Park.

The classes will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning following morning tea at Squire Park.

Students will need to be in full school uniform and have their recess with them.

Mary Myles  Kerry Cole
M1 teacher  C1 teacher

STEWART HOUSE DAY

2014 DONATION DRIVE

Stewart House provides public school children with a much needed break in Sydney.

If you would like to make a donation, please insert a gold coin in the envelope that was attached to last week’s newsletter. The school office also has a few spare envelopes.

Please return the envelope (with the gold coin) inserted to the school by Monday, 19 May (Week 4) 2014. You could win a $4000 family holiday. To be eligible you need to be a student in the NSW Public Education system. If you would like further information, visit their web site: www.stewarthouse.org.au

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were the lucky winners of the Attendance Awards draw for Term 1.

Infants: Mark Horne and Chloe Muddle
Primary: Jordan Ryan, Abbey Smith, Charlie Duclos and Rebecca McIntosh.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL TIES

Mr Tom,

- I would be happy for my child/children to wear the Cowra Public School tie for Term 2 and 3.
- I would prefer my child not to wear the Cowra Public School tie.
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

The District Cross Country will be held at the Koorawatha Showgrounds, Koorawatha on Monday, 2 June 2014.

Transport to and from Koorawatha will be by private vehicle. Those students not able to arrange transport need to contact the school ASAP.

Parents who travel to Koorawatha by car may take their child directly home. Miss Parker and Ms Kelly will accompany the team.

Suggested program:
9.30am Assemble at the Cowra Public School tent
10.00am First event (no walking the course)

Order:
10 year boys (2000m) 10 year girls (2000m)
8/9 year boys (2000m) 8/9 year girls (2000m)
11 year boys (3000m) 11 year girls (3000m)
12/13 year boys (3000m) 12/13 year girls (3000m)

Uniform: Cowra Public School runners will wear CPS sports t-shirt and sports shorts, and a compulsory identification tag (provided by the school).

The first six placegetters in each event qualify for the Regional Trials, being held in Wellington on 11 June 2014. Students need to organise their own transport to and from Wellington.

PSSA BOYS’/GIRLS’ SOCCER GALA DAY

Cowra Public School Soccer Girls’ and Boys’ teams will play in the first round of the PSSA Knock-out Soccer at Millthorpe on Friday, 22 May 2014.

Shirts will be supplied but the boys/girls need their soccer boots, shin pads, socks and blue sports shorts. Mouth guards are recommended.

The students will travel to Millthorpe by bus departing from Cowra Public School 9.10am. The students will be accompanied by Mr Tom and Miss James. It is expected that they will return in time for afternoon buses.

It is anticipated that the team will return to Cowra at approximately 3:00pm.

Children need to have a packed recess, lunch and drinks. As the weather is unpredictable at this time of the year, warm clothing is also recommended.

P & C

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The P & C is holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday, 9 May (tomorrow) for Primary students. Infants students had the chance to buy their mothers a present today.

If for any reason infants children who were away today or forgot their money they can still buy tomorrow.

All gifts are priced between $2.00 and $5.00 and there is a great variety of gifts to choose from. Some gifts are labelled for Mum and Grandmother and the rest are unlabelled. There has been approximately 700 items ordered, so there is stock for students to purchase more than one gift.

Gifts all come gift boxed, cello wrapped, in a pouch or on a card and will be placed in plastic shopping bags once purchased.

COMMUNITY

GRENFELL HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL

Big Air School will be delivering a scooter, skate, BMX and parkour event in Grenfell at this year’s Henry Lawson Festival.

The group will be performing on Saturday, 7 June at 10.00am, 12 noon and 2.30pm near the Peter Melon Motors on Alexander Street. They will also be holding a workshop on Sunday, 8 June at the skate park in Melyra Street. Registration will be at 10.00am for a 10.30am start and the workshop will run until 12.30pm.

Children under 18 years will need a guardian present during the registration process. Participants will learn new tricks, try new sports and build confidence. Big Air School provide outstanding prizes, and prizes are awarded to competition winners and those participants with a ‘winning attitude’.

A BBQ will be in operation and skate and scooter related market stalls will be available. For more information please ring Amanda Brenner on 0437 432 060 or visit the website www.bigairschool.com.au.
**Cowra Rotary Club Movies**

Cowra Rotary will be screening these three movies this weekend at the Cowra Community Cinema.

**Cowra Library**

Cowra Library is hosting National Simultaneous Story-time at 11.00am on Wednesday, 21 May.

**Disney on Ice:** 11 July 2014 - Sydney - Expression of Interest

**Wicked:** 11 October 2014, Capitol Theatre, Sydney - Expression of Interest

**Cowra Travel in Conjunction with Go See Touring:** Norfolk Island: 9-17 October 2014, Includes 13 activities/tours - Expression of Interest

“Cowra Travel Takes You There”
# COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL STAGE 3 FUNDRAISING PIE DRIVE

**Orders due in on:** THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2014  
**Delivery date:** FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014  
**Delivery time after:** 2.00pm

**Please note the money is to accompany orders**

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Thank you for supporting our school and our students