

# COOLONGOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 4, 2019



## From the Principal's Desk

Week 4 already and what a wonderful start we are having to the term! There are a number of exciting activities happening over the next few weeks, so I hope to see you at school soon.

## Grandparents Day and Karen Weller Visit

Thank you to the many grandparents and community members who joined us last Monday for our special assembly, where classroom awards were presented and our special guest, Mrs Karen Weller, addressed the school community, telling wonderful stories about her time learning at our school. Mrs Weller spoke highly of our students and their engagement during her presentation and was excited to listen to our school band and the school body singing the new PBL school song after the assembly. Mrs Weller also enjoyed joining with the grandparents and visiting the classrooms, witnessing some of the engaging learning activities taking place.



Above: Mrs Karen Weller, guest speaker (former student)



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On behalf to everyone at our school, thank you Karen for everything you brought to our very special day. It was a great success and we were so very lucky to have you in attendance. We hope you can visit us again soon!

At this time, could I also say a big thank you to Jenny Gough and Rachael Ryan for catering on behalf of the P&C Committee and to Kelly Ede and Kriss Thoroughgood for the efforts in organising/drawing the 5/6 Canberra raffle.

### **Bus Behaviour**

Our staff are extremely proud of the positive behaviour that has been displayed by all students in the classroom and playground this year. Coolonglook Public School really is a great place to learn and the students really should be proud of their efforts.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about our students bus behaviour. This continues to cause concern and I am hoping to gain the support of all parents and carers to improve this area of our school. Currently, staff are working closely with Busways in identifying poor behaviour and assisting those students making poor choices in learning safe behaviours. Each afternoon, staff help in loading the bus, always seating students in the front five rows. No student is permitted past this designated point during morning or afternoon travel!

We have made it clear to all students that poor behaviour, which includes yelling, swearing, physical or verbal abuse or even moving seats will not be tolerated and will lead to consequences not only from the bus company, but also at school. With our current bus route, travelling along some of the most dangerous and concerning roads in our area, it is important for us all to take a lead role and ensure students arrive at school and home safely each and every day. We hope you can show your support and discuss the importance of your child's behaviour during this time.

### **Day for Daniel**

On Friday October 25, students dressed in red in support of the 'Day for Daniel' campaign. During our morning session, both classes joined to discuss 'Stranger Danger' and how to keep safe when out and about. We hope our kids are never confronted with an uncomfortable situation but discussing preventative measures is crucial. Well done to all the students, staff and P&C on raising \$162.35 towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.



### **Swim School 2019**

From Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November, students will be learning to swim at Great Lakes YMCA in Forster. The group will leave school at 9.30am and return no later than 2.00pm each day. Permission notes and payments are due next Friday November 15.

### **Year 5-6 Canberra Excursion**

From Wednesday October 23 – Friday October 25, I was lucky enough to supervise our Year 5-6 students, who joined with children from Stroud, Stroud Road, Stratford and Booral Public Schools for the Combined Small Schools Canberra Excursion. The students had an amazing time, visiting many Canberra historic sites including new and old Parliament House, the Electoral Commission, the High Court, War Museum and finally Questacon. We learnt so much during our stay and would like to thank the P&C for their assistance and Kelly Ede and Kriss Thoroughgood for their efforts with fundraising. Also thank you to Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) for their \$30.00 rebate per student. Thank you everyone!

### **K-2 Sugarloaf Point, Seal Rocks Excursion**

On Thursday 24 October, our K-2 students were lucky enough to travel to Seal Rocks for their class excursion. This day of learning supported their Geography unit 'Features of Places'. From all reports, the students had a wonderful day of learning. A big thank you to all involved, especially Mr Martyn, Mr Jacob Martyn, and Mrs Everingham for their supervision of the students and to Mrs Kelly Roberts for helping with transport on the day.

### **Bulahdelah Show Student Night**

This Wednesday night, Bulahdelah Show will once again hold its 'Student Night'. Activities will start at 5:30pm with the presentations beginning at 6:30pm.

We have recently been notified that a number of our students will receive certificates in the 'Writing' and 'Art' sections. Students receiving awards are listed below.

Congratulations to these children and good luck to our Public Speaking students who will compete during the night.

#### P and C Meeting

Our next P and C meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12 at 2:00pm. On the agenda will be end of year fundraising. Hope to see you there!

Jason Tindall  
Principal



### Bulahdelah Show Winners

#### Art Section Winners

##### Early Stage 1

- Elijah Smith – Painting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Natalie Roberts – Collage – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

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- Ayva Elms – Line Drawing – Highly Commended
- Darlene Pacey – Painting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Darlene Pacey – Collage – Highly Commended

##### Stage 2

- Jasleen Kaur – Painting – Highly Commended
- Hallie Sabo – Collage – Highly Commended

##### Stage 3

- Myla Ede – Line Drawing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Mackinley Thoroughgood – Line Drawing – Highly Commended
- Jordin Cole – Painting – Highly Commended

#### Writing Section

##### Early Stage 1

- Natalie Roberts – Creative Writing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

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- Seth Johnson – Creative Writing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Edward Hartridge – Creative Writing – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Ayva Elms – Creative Writing – Highly Commended

##### Stage 2

- Delilah Hartridge – Creative Writing – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Shane Cornish-Walsh – Creative Writing – Highly Commended

## CALENDAR

### TERM 4 WEEK 4 (4-8 NOVEMBER)

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Bulahdelah Show Presentation Evening 5:30pm BBQ with Presentation commencing at 6:30pm
Thursday	
Friday	Breakfast Club, Library

### TERM 4 WEEK 5 (11-15 NOVEMBER)

Monday	Canteen
Tuesday	P&C Meeting 2pm
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Breakfast Club, Library

### TERM 4 WEEK 6 (18-22 NOVEMBER)

Monday	P&C Annual Picnic Day
Tuesday	Assembly 9:15am
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Breakfast Club, Library

### Assembly Awards

#### K-2 Awards

- Natalie Roberts** – Reading Award for using strategies to become an independent reader
- Brooke Callaghan** – Mathematician Award for always being attentive and engaged during maths lessons
- Isabel Griffis** – Writing Award for improving her sentence structure in her writing
- Edward Hartridge** – PBL Award for being a sensible class member who always listens and follows instructions



From left Natalie Roberts, Brooke Callaghan, Guest Speaker Mrs Karen Weller, Isabel Griffis and Edward Hartridge

### 3-6 Awards

**Jordin Cole** – Writing Award for writing well structured and interesting stories

**Chloe Roberts**– Mathematician Award for working attentively in all Maths groups activities with improved confidence

**Brodie Thoroughgood** – Reading Award for improved fluency and expression while reading in group activities

**Delilah Hartridge** – PBL Award for her fantastic manners and politeness across all school activities



From left Jordin Cole, Chloe Roberts, Brodie Thoroughgood and Delilah Hartridge with Guest Speaker Mrs Karen Weller

### P&C News



The P&C will be running a raffle from now to Presentation Day. Raffle tickets will be \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets will be coming home soon with all proceeds going to our Farmers. We will also have tickets available from several of our local businesses.

- First prize is a Jumbuck BBQ kindly donated by Bunnings Forster
- Second prize is a \$50.00 BCF voucher and a pamper pack from 'Pure Romance' and 'Lora Lea Linen'
- Third prize is a gift pack donated by Nabic Pharmacy

The Annual Picnic Day will be held on Monday November 18. Coolongolook PS traditionally held an Annual Picnic

Day and we want to keep the tradition alive. Come along and have fun with some games such as sack races, quoits, marbles and many more. We will have a sausage sizzle available or BYO picnic.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday November 12 @ 2:00pm. New members are always welcome.

Rachael Ryan  
P&C President  
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### K-2 Geography Excursion

Hi Parents, Carers and friends.

On Thursday the October 24, K-2 went to Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse at Seal Rocks. We saw an enormous whale. It was slapping its flipper on the water. We climbed up a steep path then some scary steps to get to the top of the lighthouse. It was so windy Darlene's hat fell off. After, we went to Bungwahl School. I saw my friend Amber and I made a new friend. We saw the kitchen garden. My favourite plant in the garden was the pineapple bush. We had the best time, wish you were there.

Ayva Elms  
Year 2



Photo: Looking down from Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse

On Thursday, K-2 went to Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse. We saw a school of sharks following some fish in the ocean. We also saw a humpback whale. We had a great day. Thankyou,

Natalie Roberts  
Kindergarten

## 5-6 Canberra Excursion

All the fundraising – raffles, cake stalls, crazy hair day and chocolate and mango drives - supported our Stage 3 students in attending the Small Schools excursion to Canberra. Other schools attending were Booral, Stroud, Stroud Road and Stratford Public School. On Wednesday October 23 at 6:00am, Coolongolook students met the bus and joined all the other excited students ready for the trip south to the nation's capital. Even Mr Tindall was wide-awake and excited to be travelling to Canberra.

We arrived after lunch visiting Mt Ainslie, Telstra Tower and the famous War Memorial then we checked into our accommodation at the Gold Creek Resort. It was fantastic with great food. After a yummy breakfast of bacon and eggs, toast and hash browns, Day 2 began with a visit to Parliament House where we met our local Federal Member David Gillespie and explored both the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament. After a practice debate, we set off for the Museum of Australian Democracy and Australia's High Court followed by "chill out" in the beautiful rose garden. At night, we played games and laser tag.

Day 3 was a tour of the Foreign Embassies and a visit to Questacon. After the eight-hour drive, we arrived home with everyone excited to tell his or her parents and carers. Thank you to Mr Tindall for accompanying us on our excursion and to Mrs Kelly Ede and Ms Kris Thoroughgood for their help and time organising raffles and fundraising activities.

By Mackinley Thoroughgood, Myla Ede, Jordin Cole and Jesse Cornish








Photo: from left, Jesse Cornish, Myla Ede, Jordin Cole and Mackinley Thoroughgood at Mount Ainslie lookout

## 5-6 Canberra Fundraiser

For those who ordered Mango Trays, they will be arriving towards the end of November. Thank you to everyone who supported the 5-6 Canberra Excursion Fundraiser. A big thank you to our P&C for their donations and to Mrs Kelly Ede and Ms Kriss Thoroughgood who coordinated the fundraising events that enabled the students to enjoy a fully paid excursion to Canberra.

We are pleased to advise there is approx. \$500.00 in surplus funds that will be used for next year's 5-6 Hill End Excursion. We hope to continue with fundraising each year so all students at Coolongolook PS have this particular excursion paid for each year.

Total funds raised are as follows:




-  P&C donation from Colour Run \$500.00
-  P&C donation from Cadbury Chocolate drive (20% of sales) \$150.00
-  Crazy Hair Day \$46.00
-  Raffle/Cake Stall \$547.80
-  Mango Drive \$570.00

## BPL (Behaviour for Positive Learning)

PBL is a consistent and user friendly school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a positive school environment.

Lionel Lizard has asked his students to be switched on at school, out in the community and at home. We are asking parents/carers to help Lionel Lizard by handing out the 'Switched on' Tokens to their children when they have displayed switched on behaviour. These tokens are attached at the back of the newsletter. The children can bring their tokens into school and they will be counted towards the end of term rewards day.

Being **SWITCHED ON** includes:

-  Be your best and make good choices
-  Follow instructions
-  Think before you act

We thank you in supporting us in making our school **RESPECTFUL**, **SAFE**, and **SWITCHED ON**

