School News  Week 5 Term 1

You go, girls.
Best wishes to Grace Peart and Isabella Worner who will compete at the Dubbo District PSSA twilight swimming carnival in Dubbo on Thursday evening. They are representing their school, parents and the Tooraweenah community. More importantly when you get to this level you are also doing it for yourself. Give it your absolute best girls as this is not a dummy run and you have to give it your best shot in each event as it all goes on times. We are all very proud of your achievements just to get to this level.

Gardens
The students, under the guidance of Environment Ministers Grace Peart and Sam Duff are doing a great job with our new plantings. With the current hot weather it is a major effort just to keep everything alive. Keep up the great job Team Toora.

Clean up
Major gardening work by Dennis White has occurred along the driveway area, fence lines and sheds for appearance and to reduce the snake risk that has traditionally been associated with these areas. The driveway area is where Mrs Smith, last year, “accidentally” ran over the biggest brown snake seen around the school for years.
Thanks to Dennis for his repair of two burst water pipes at the front of the school, last week and another on the oval yesterday.

Painting the school
Routine cyclic painting of schools has not been a reality for over 10 years. Schools used to be painted externally every ten years and internally every twelve. Maintenance money is inevitably expended on failing or aging infrastructure such as plumbing. We are going to have to bite the bullet and paint the school ourselves via a huge working bee, probably in Spring. I have been in contact with the Assets Management Unit about whether or not we are restricted to a certain colour palette. Obviously we will not be painting it flouro hot pink or purple!! (This was one student’s preferred choice.) More information as it is available.

Add the date
Coonamble Rugby League/ Netball – Thursday 19th May.

“Small Schools, Big Futures”
Regards
Col Hare – Teaching Principal

Grace & Isabella the whole school will be cheering you on tomorrow!
Dates To Remember –

Term 1 – 28.01.16 to 08.04.16
Term 2 – 26.04.16 to 01.07.16
Term 3 – 18.07.16 to 23.09.16
Term 4 – 10.10.16 to 20.12.16
25.02.16 – Dubbo District PSSA Swim Trials
21.03.16- School Photo Day
19.05.16 – Rugby League/Netball Coonamble

Don’t forget school fees are due for payment. Thanks to those who have already given their attention to this matter.

Music Lessons with Mary Moss
In-school private Music teacher, Mary Moss has vacancies for Piano, Guitar and Theory of Music. Fully qualified, experienced, teaching all ages within school grounds, during or outside of school hours. Lessons commenced on 16.02.16.
Please phone 0428 254 344 or 6825 344 or email mary.moss@bigpond.com. If you are not interested but know of others who may be interested please pass on this information.

Request For Donations
On behalf of students of the school, Mrs Smith is calling for donations for the following items:
- old magazines
- small cardboard boxes from cereals, muesli bars, biscuits etc
- cardboard rolls from paper towel or wrapping paper (no toilet rolls please)
- ‘Fandangle’ ice block sticks (like paddle pop sticks but plastic) –

These items will be most welcome for our Waste to Art project as well as other classroom activities. If your child/children would like to enter an individual item (outside of the school class entries,) we have attached entry forms for you to complete.

Private Vehicle Conveyancing – if you travel in excess of 1.6kms to put your children on the bus you are entitled to claim Private Vehicle Conveyancing subsidy. The payment is made at end of Semester 1 and Semester 2 and is paid for each child conveyed to the bus. The school has application forms available or you are able to apply online. Go to website www.transport.nsw.gov.au.

Safe Food Handling Course – will be held in Tooraweenah on 19th and 20th March depending on numbers. This course is FREE to participants. Please phone Tanya Hutchison on 6848 1041 to enroll.

Newspower Newsagents Easter Colouring Competition – Your colouring sheet is attached to the newsletter. Please be sure entries are returned to the school by 11th March.

Coonabarabran PAI &H Association Colouring Competition – Entries for this competition must be returned to the school by 1st March.
Our school photos will be taken on the 21st March, 2016

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code-X34W7W2JK. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection