



NEWS

The Pelican

Dates

8/8–12/8

Vision screenings

15/8–19/8

Book Fair

16/8

Deadly Sports Program

19/8

Movie night

24/8

Surf lifesaving presentation: P–6

29/8–2/9

Performing arts visit

31/8

School photos

From the Principal's Desk

Putting Cunnamulla on the Map

It was with great pleasure I was asked to present at the ACEL 2016 Early Childhood Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Thursday 28th July. With my co-presenters Rowena Shirtcliff and Melissa Kidd, who work for the Department of Early Childhood and Care (ECEC), we showcased the work we have been doing in the early years across our community.

The presentation, Optimal Transition Practices – Empowered Voice and Community Action, provided an opportunity to give an insight into the processes that underpin the leadership required for collaborative transition practices and reflect on the application to our context. Our presentation focused on the Keeping Early Years in the Spotlight (K.E.Y.S) project that



was initiated in 2014 across all early years' educators and health services.

We had a great response from participants who travelled from all over the country and overseas.

This is also a good opportunity to thank all members of the K.E.Y.S project who have committed to supporting the young children in our community to ensure they are 'school ready' and as a school we are 'child ready'.

Narrow and Sharpened Focus on Reading

As a school we are continually working to build staff capacity in how to teach reading in all classes. Our work is never ending in this space and it has been pleasing to see an improvement in reading levels across the school. You can also help your child to improve their reading by taking the time to sit and read on a daily basis.

2016 Book Week Theme: Australia! Story Country.

We will be celebrating book week on 20-26th August. This is just another way to build a love of reading. Come and join us at school and read the Book of the Year winners!

- Mrs Karen Campbell



Strong participation in Athletics Carnival

In Week 3, Cunnamulla P–12 State School held its annual Athletics Carnival on the school oval. For the first time, events were held over two days, with the secondary students beginning their field events on the Thursday. On Friday the whole school competed in events including shot put, high jump, discus, long jump, triple jump, running, javelin and ball games. Congratulations to Paroo House who were this year's winners!



Douglas Pender helps set up.



Ms Jeisman celebrates her house winning more points!



Damian Beresford prepares to throw a discus.



Marion Widgell and Jacob Vider compete in sprinting.



Jasmin Anderson, Steven Mitchell, Koli Tangi-Tangi and Tyanne Widgell.



Tarni Thomas clearing the bar in high jump.



WEEK 2 WINNERS!
9/10 Class

WEEK 2 WINNER!
Quanika Colliss



The 9/10 class, from back left: Chelsea Ferguson, Natasha Hearn, Marion Widgell, Jemma Thomas, Reece Kelly and Steven Mitchell. Front row from left: Ebony Mitchell, Tarni Thomas, Loren Mitchell and Phillip Anderson.

Year 6 student, Quanika Colliss

Week	Class	Class %	Individual	Ind. %
1	7	94.5%		
2	9/10	95%	Quanika Colliss	100%
3	9/10	89%		

School Photo Day

Country School Photos

will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on

Wednesday 31st August 2016

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform

- ◆ Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day or as directed by school.
- ◆ Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
- ◆ Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card (\$1.00 transaction fee applies) or cheque.
- ◆ **Sibling photo needs only to be ordered on your eldest child's envelope.**

Parents with more than one child in the same class may find the options below helpful.

Child 1: \$28 Photo Pack including class photo

Child 2 and subsequent children: \$18 Portrait Photos only (just cross out Photo Pack and write 'Portrait only \$18' on envelope)

So, if a parent has 3 children they would pay $\$28 + \$18 + \$18 = \64

Sibling photo, if required, is separate again - \$20

If you have any questions, please contact Donna who will be happy to answer them

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More highlights



Courtney Barlow, Alison McCormack, Kirsten Shillingsworth, Tyanne Widgell and Faith Nelson.



Tristan Marshall strikes a pose.



Tyreese Colliss, Lawrence Widgell, Joshua Wharton and Leslie Martin.

Student Interviews



Brody Smyth

Year 5



Nathan Widgell

Year 8

What is your school house?

Warrego

Where were you born?

Toowoomba

What is your favourite football team?

Cowboys

What is your favourite movie?

'Paranormal Activity'

What is your favourite food?

Chicken

What is your favourite cartoon?

American Dad

What is your favourite sport?

Boxing/Football

What do you like doing after school?

Going to the PCYC

What is your favourite colour?

Purple

What were you born?

Cunnamulla

What's your favourite sports?

Football

What's your favourite food?

Spaghetti bolognese

What is your favourite movie?

'22 Jump Street'

Who is your favourite teacher?

Miss Bourke

What do you do after school?

Walk around

What do you want to do after you finish school?

Just play sports

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to town

Throughout the next few weeks it is **Story Time** here at Cunnamulla P—12 State School. Children will be encouraged to read and share stories. There will be a number of competitions running right across the school.

Book Fair will be running from Monday, August 15 to Friday, August 19. Each child will take home an invitation to attend the Book Fair. The bookstore will be open to students and members of the community each afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.00pm and on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:10am to 8:30am.

Book of the Year Awards celebrate the wonderful writing and illustrating of Australian creators who produce books for children from the earliest years to upper secondary. Throughout Book Week (August 22 to August 26) students will review all the lovely new books that have been shortlisted in the Book of the Year Awards. The week will culminate with a Dress up Day on Friday, August 26 where students will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite character.

Remember, it is through stories that we develop an understanding of who we are. Stories help us to understand our world and our place in it. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, uncles and aunts and friends, make August a special time to share your story with the children of our community.



7–10 OzTag team go to Sunshine Coast



Sports Coordinator Miss Stevi Bourke recently took a team of boys from years 7–10 to the Sunshine Coast to participate in the Queensland All Schools OzTag Cup, for the first time.

Year 10 students Phillip Anderson and Steven Mitchell recount the trip:

The boys were up and about early Friday morning leaving at 5.30am from the school. Phillip, Stevo, Reece, and Miss Bourke left a little later. We pulled up in St George to get a feed then we keep on going to Toowoomba. Then we left Toowoomba at 3pm and got to the Sunshine Coast at 9pm. Then we went to the PCYC where we stayed for the weekend. We had to wake up at 6am every day to get ready for our games. Unfortunately, we lost all our games but we gave them a run for their money! After that we went home and had a shower and a big feed. On Sunday we played one more game then went to the beach and after the beach we went to the plaza for a while. Then we went back to the beach for an hour then after the beach we went back to the PCYC packed our gear up and left the next day. Thanks to Miss Bourke, Scott and Henry for taking us on the trip.

The team wearing their new uniforms on the field.

Highlights from the OzTag Competition



Back, from left: Marlon Munn-Tanner (7), Damian Beresford (8), Scott Pattie (PCYC), Steven Mitchell (10), Phillip Anderson (10) and Reece Kelly (10). Middle, from left: Lochlan Jackson (8), Nathan Widgell (8), Nathan Barlow (8) and Matthew Pringle (8). Front: Jack Pringle (7).



PCYC Sports Coordinator Scott Pattie gives Reece Kelly a rub down after playing an arduous game.



Phillip Anderson uses his down time to take selfies!



Competing against teams from all around Queensland.

Fun Page: Colouring Competition

Instructions: Colour in the fish and return this page to the Senior Staffroom to be considered for a prize!

Name:

Grade:

