### CORINELLA SCHOOL CHAT

#### Week 6

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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Community: It Takes A Village Painting Workshop, 10:30 am.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Students: Small Schools Disco, Bedgerabong Hall, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm</td>
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<td>Students: Non-denominational religious education with Sister Frances</td>
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### CWA Public Speaking Competition

Some nervous anticipation from Austin Fay who was first on the list in the Year 5 & 6 CWA (Oxley Group) Public Speaking competition, held at Parkes Christian School on Tuesday 29th May. At the last moment Austin’s position changed and the whole Year 5 & 6 group were a part of the element of surprise!

It didn’t deter Austin who presented his topic ‘Parents Always Know’ with great confidence and clarity. Austin was immediately followed by Jeordy who also presented the topic ‘Parents Always Know’. Jeordy too presented a convincing argument supporting the topic. Congratulations to the boys for a well-researched topic.

We were welcomed by the Principal of Parkes Christian School, Mr Graham Hope. He spoke about the opportunity that public speaking gives children to develop skills to speak up and not just for themselves but for others - the term ‘advocacy’ comes to mind.

The other topics were ‘Our Most Important Sense’ and ‘The Pressure to Conform’. Students spoke about the five senses, common sense and a sense of humour. Others spoke about issues such as women’s rights, the importance of education. There were over 30 presentations in the Year 5 & 6 group and all were very different, interesting and entertaining.

### Kitchen Garden

Thursday 29th May, was a morning cooking day, where our seven cooks prepared Apricot & Oat Muffins and Nut Free Muesli Bars for recess. The muffins were half cooked in the oven when the power went out. Luckily, Mrs Carty was able to transport that tray of muffins to the McDonald’s home to finish baking; thank you Mr and Mrs McDonald.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of chewing all the different seeds in the Muesli Bar and said “yummy!” when they tasted the Apricot & Oat Muffins.

### Fire Awareness - Stop & Think!

On Wednesday 4th June, Mrs Noeleen Rathbone from the Forbes division of the NSW Rural Fire Service, visited students to initiate discussion about fire safety. Students enjoyed learning with practical experiments; how fires can start and how to put them out - understanding that fires require oxygen, heat and fuel. Students’ knowledge was also reinforced and extended regarding dialling 000 to report a fire (what important information do we need to convey to the operator) and what items are safe to store around the home (considering we all live on farms). We thank Mrs Rathbone for her passionate teaching, which inspired students and prompted important discussion at home.

### Weekly Assembly

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- Karla Osborne - Subtracting in Maths
- Austin Fay - Spelling & Writing
WINTER FIRE SAFETY - CHECKLIST
Fact Sheet 13 – Community Risk Management. Revised 28/09/2004

- NSW FIRE BRIGADES
- NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE
- ACT FIRE BRIGADE
- ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Working towards a FIREWISE Community

FACT
Last year 4339 homes were involved in fire in NSW, killing at least 20 people and injuring another 573. Around 1300 of these fires, or 30 per cent, occurred during the winter months.
(Statistics correct as of 04/08/04)

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?

We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

☐ Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
☐ Make sure you and your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
☐ Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
☐ Never ever leave cooking unattended.
☐ If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean.
☐ If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
☐ Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
☐ Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
☐ Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
☐ If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
☐ Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
☐ Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
☐ Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
☐ Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION OR FIRE CONTROL CENTRE

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- To test an electric blanket lay it flat on top of the bed, then switch it on for five minutes before putting it on the bed for use to confirm it is okay
- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances
- Oil, gas or wood heating units may require a yearly maintenance check
- Only use fuses of recommended rating and install an electrical safety switch
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit
- Never leave burning candles or any open flame unattended

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000

Term 2, 2014
Fire Danger Ratings

WHAT DO THEY MEAN FOR YOU?

Knowing what they mean could save your life

☐ If you live or travel through an area where a bush fire can start you need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is and what it means so you can make the safest decision.

☐ The Fire Danger Rating is the indication of the consequences of a bush fire if a bush fire was to start.

☐ The higher the Fire Danger Rating the more dangerous the conditions and the more likely that people will be injured or die if a bush fire occurs.

☐ When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic for your area, any fires that start will be extremely hard for fire authorities to control. Even a well prepared, well constructed and actively defended home may not survive.

☐ If Catastrophic conditions are expected the best option is to leave early the day or hours before a fire threatens.

☐ Keep informed - check the Fire Danger Rating for your area at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

☐ PREPARE your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Know your trigger points and download a plan from www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

FIRE DANGER RATING

CATASTROPHIC

EXTREME

SEVERE

VERY HIGH

HIGH

LOW MODERATE

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

For your survival, leaving early is the only option.

Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens.

Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return.

Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.

Leaving early is the safest option for your survival.

If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day.

Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire. You are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.

Leaving early is the safest option for your survival.

Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.

If you’re not prepared, leave early in the day.

Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan with your family.

Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions.

Be ready to act if necessary.
Parenting the Anxious Child

Monday 16 June 2014
6.00pm to 8.30pm
Forbes North Public School (SaCC)
Thomson St Forbes

This seminar looks at the strategies parents can learn to best help settle and manage their child’s anxiety. It also assists parents in gaining a better understanding of the causes of anxiety.

Presented by trained facilitators from Relationships Australia, (a community service organisation with over 60 years of experience in parenting and relationship matters.)

Cost $10 or a contribution you can afford
For more information and bookings contact the Family Relationship Centre on 6333 8888 or Maree Yapp on 6852 3008

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