



# Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 10 TERM 3 2019

BE RESPONSIBLE

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## TERM THREE

### SEPT

- 27 Year 12 End of Year assembly @ CCS Hall  
K- 6 Assembly featuring Stage 3  
2.10pm @ Hall

### FINAL DAY TERM 3

## TERM FOUR

### OCT

- 14 **STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURN**
- 18-22 Life Education Van  
K-6
- 25 Footy Colours Day  
Pizza Lunch Fundraiser  
K-6 Assembly featuring Ruby  
2.10pm @ Hall
- 31 Stage 3 Ballarat Excursion

### NOV

- 1 Stage 3 Ballarat Excursion  
Stage 2 Beechworth Excursion  
Stage 1 Altina Wildlife Park Visit
- 6 K-6 Start Smart Commbank visit
- 8 K-6 Assembly featuring Emerald  
2.10pm @ Hall

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (RELIEVING)

This will be the last newsletter for the term and there is so much to report.

Bike week last week was a fantastic initiative. It was great to see every class out on the track each day. It was easy to see the growth in confidence by the end of the week I hope these skills transfer to outside the school and keep everyone safe.

Kapooka Band visited our school this week and was a unique opportunity. A big thanks to Senior Constable Troy Fisher for organising this for us. With over 400 people in the audience, it was easy to see why Coolamon Central is a leader in the educational community of the Coolamon Shire.

RUOK Day was a resounding success, with sea of yellow and activities to spread the message around mental health and taking care of each other.

A big thank you to all the primary staff for making themselves available for the parent teacher evening on Tuesday. Some great conversations where had to support the learning of the students whose families attended.

Year 12 move into their final week with some fun activities planned as they celebrate the end of their schooling. This will culminate with a farewell assembly on Friday morning. We wish them well in their exams next term and look forward to hearing about their lives after Coolamon Central School.

We have 2 staff leaving us at the end of this term. It is never easy say farewell to any member of the Coolamon Central community.

**Mr Joshua Celi** will be leaving us at the end of the term to take up an appointment as a substantive Head Teacher HSIE at Koorungal High school. He first came to the Coolamon Central in 2014 to complete his final placement for university. Mr Celi returned and started on a temp contract at the beginning of 2015 as an English/HSIE teacher and was permanently appointed in Term 2 of that year. He is an energetic, creative and engaging teacher with a firm focus on the learning of his students.

More recently he has fulfilled the role of Head Teacher Wellbeing/Learning Support. In this role he has had a massive impact across the entire school, with a rigorous focus on ensuring ALL students are care for and given the best possible options in school. He has been instrumental in seeking funds to establish and maintain the employment of the wellbeing staff we have at Coolamon Central. As a result of his leadership of the Coolamon Central School team, we are seen as leaders in the region for learning and support and Wellbeing programs and initiatives.

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## from The Principal (Relieving) continued

Throughout his time at Coolamon Central Mr Celi has been actively involved in all aspects of the school community and is widely respected by Students, Parents, Staff and the community. He has been driving force around the review of our entire wellbeing structure, a Year Advisor, coordinated ANZAC and RSL functions, NAIDOC celebrations, Up2date committee, the voice of Coolamon Central carnivals and many many many more.

He will be sorely missed but I am confident his excellent work at will impact on our daily activities for many years. We wish him the best in his new role at Koorngal High and know he will embrace the challenge with vigour.

Thank You Mr Celi you have made ALL our lives richer.

**Miss Alyce Regan** will also be leaving us at the end of this term. She will be taking up a permanent appointment at Corowa High School. Miss Regan has been at Coolamon Central the last 2 years largely in the role as a Science teacher, but also teaching some Mathematics and PE. She has made significant contributions through the management of our Tournament of the Minds teams and running our Science week rocket contest. Miss Regan has contributed to a number of other STEM based initiatives as well as guiding HSC students in both Biology and Senior Science.

We thank her for her contribution to Coolamon Central and wish her the best in her new appointment at Corowa.

Can I thank everyone for their efforts over a very busy term. Have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing everyone ready to take on the challenges of Term 4.

Mr Kingsley Ireland  
Relieving Principal



# Primary Assembly Award Winners



## Principal's Award



Millar Dyason - Diamond for being a positive example for others by demonstrating integrity and being a conscientious, responsible learner and always demonstrating outstanding leadership in the playground.

Pictured above are the class award winners from our Week 8 Primary Assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

### **K Emerald**

Destiny Speechley, Eli Nemeth and Meikah Horan

### **1/2 Garnet**

Harrison Delaney, Abbie Docherty and Imogen Crocker

### **1/2 Sapphire**

Joseph Dillon, Shilah Gain and Jack Leaver

### **3/4 Opal**

Matilda Munro, Maurice Craig and Ayla Moses

### **3/4 Ruby**

Emma Riley, Noah Curtis and Zac Kennedy

### **5/6 Topaz**

Charlie O'Brien, Lily-Rose Lange and Max Deighton

### **5/6 Diamond**

Indianna Tokley, Aliesha Krogh and Ricky-Lea Campbell

### **SRC Award**

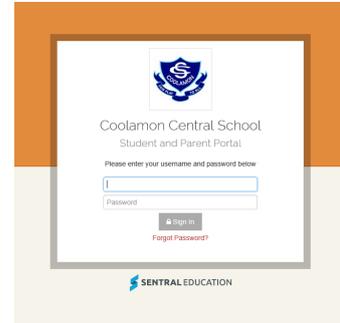
Penny Caldwell-Higman for always being supportive towards her peers and teachers.

# Parent Portal

Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the Student and Parent Portal, to provide both parents and students discreet information about each students' progress in our school.

You can see information from the school and a link to your enrolled children. At the moment these include:

- Attendance
- Booking Parent/Teacher interviews
- School reports
- Timetables (Secondary)
- NAPLAN



The URL for continued access to the portal is: <https://colamoncs.sentral.com.au>

When your child starts school we will email you the access key for your parent portal.

As we progress this initiative, we are confident that the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in the day to day management of your child's enrolment at our school.

# Film Workshop

Students interested in a career in film, TV or technology participated in a film workshop. They learnt lots of tips and tricks that film makers use, recreated a scene from a Spiderman movie and used various editing software.

Thanks to the Rural And Remote Careers Initiative Funding and Nextwave for providing students with this opportunity.



# New Careers Resources

Students have been excited to play with our new OK! Dolls which show characters in lots of different professions. These were purchased with Rural and Remote Initiative Funding and we can't wait to use these more to help students explore career opportunities through play.



# LEAP - Defence Force Excursion

On Friday 6th September, the Coolamon Central School LEAPers attended the Wagga Wagga Army Reserves Base. From fitness testing through to survival skills and kits - they all got a taste of what a career in the Australian Defence Force would be like. Braving the cold and rain, every student had a go at all the activities (even backups for the BBQ lunch) and were admired for their outstanding manners and attitudes, making them a credit to their community.

Thank you to COMPACT, Wagga Army Reserves, Defence Force Recruiting Albury and everyone involved in such a fantastic day.



# Year 12 Final Week



As part of the activities for Year 12 in their final week they have a different theme each day. Monday is dress as a celebrity. Follow our Facebook page to see what the theme is each day.

There is a wide variety of celebrities today from the late Steve Irwin, Ed Sheeran, Britney Spears and even Yoko Ono and John Lennon made an appearance.

# Kindergarten Science

Kindergarten science had the “Big Bad Wolf” come to visit Emerald to see if the houses that the students had built for their little pigs would stay standing. We are pleased to say that they all stayed standing. Great work Emerald.



## R U OK Day

Secondary students participated in various activities in their house groups during sport. What a great way to earn points for their teams.



# HSC Major Works



For Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber (woodwork) Zoe and Ashley had to design and build an item of furniture to be marked for their HSC Major works in August. Ashley chose to make a dressing table with a mirror made from pine with a jarrah tabletop. Zoe's project was a rustic style queen bed frame made from recycled timbers and palettes. The projects were finished and assembled in the hall for marking on the 15th August.



## Introducing the Parent Zone App

Many parents are worried about the unsavoury elements of the internet finding their way to their children's devices and frustrated about getting their kids off their devices and to sleep at night.

Well we have found a solution in the easily accessible Parent Zone App!

### How do parental controls work?

In the simplest terms, parental controls allow parents to manage what children do online, and when they do it.

Parental controls can;

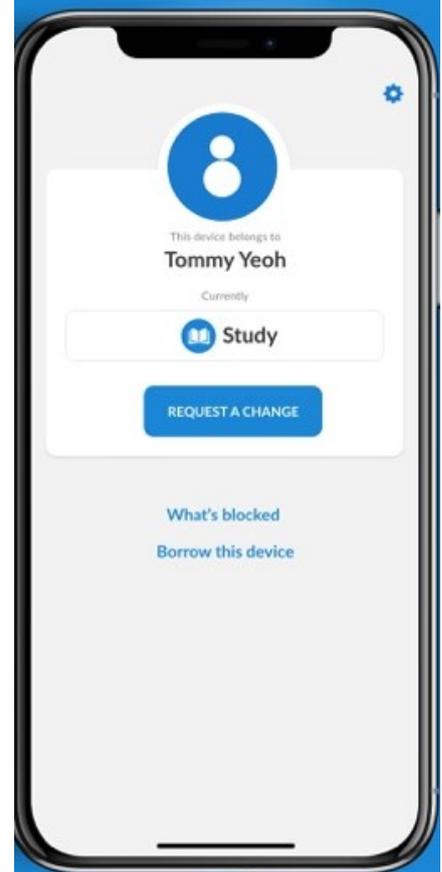
- Filter and block inappropriate content, for example violence and pornography
- Set time limits and daily routines for online activity
- Selectively block or allow individual apps and games
- Locate devices
- Set different profiles so that each family member has an access level that is appropriate to them

Sorry kids!

Wellbeing Team



Register your family's devices and assign them to family members, to add family Zone filters and controls



# Tournament of Minds

Earlier this term Coolamon Central School competed in the 2019 Tournament of Minds challenge. Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. The team consisted of Lexi Lamb, Hannah McDonald, Charlie O'Brien, Abby Caldwell-Higman, Maddie Vine, Aliesha Krogh and Emmerson Buchegger. Held at Sturt Public School, the team completed a performance based on The Wizard of Oz and a spontaneous challenge. The team demonstrated great resilience and creativity and should be very proud of their efforts!



## Middle School

Stage 4 Hume and Sturt have been involved in completing a range of activities this Term. At the start of the Term individuals and groups planned and produced a three dimensional model classroom. During the process students investigated building materials, learnt how to draw plans to scale and even produced spreadsheets with costings for the classroom. There were many interesting and innovative designs, from circular classrooms to multistorey learning spaces. Some classrooms even had internal ponds and fish tanks.

To finish the Term teams have been participating in an activity based on the Amazing Race. The activity challenges teams to work together to solve clues based on Geography, History and Mathematics. It involves researching answers, solving riddles and even some physical challenges. This has been a fun activity where all students have been actively involved in racing to the finish.



# Premier's Debating Challenge

On Tuesday 10th September, four students from Stage 3; Hannah, Lucy, Ricky-lea and Penny went to Griffith to compete in the Year's 5 & 6 Premier's Debating Challenge. These students were zone winners and were competing for a place in regionals. The issue up for debate was 'All Year 5/6 students should have a weekly cooking class'. The Coolamon Central team were the negative and put forward some critical arguments. However, they lost narrowly to an experienced Year 6 Griffith North team.

It was a great day. A special thanks to Miss Barker who drove us there and supervised us on the day.

By Penny Caldwell- Higman



## Early Stage One/Stage One Excursion

JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*

Please be reminded that notes and money are due back for the Early Stage One/Stage One Excursion to Altina in Term 4, Week 3, Thursday 24th October 2019. Final numbers need to be given to Altina, so late payment will not be accepted. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sandra Richardson, a school counsellor in training completing her studies through the University of Wollongong, is conducting research into the use and effects of out of school suspension in NSW schools as part of her Graduate Diploma in Psychology.

She is looking for parents of students currently attending a NSW school who would be willing to complete a questionnaire. No personal information will be published, and your identity and the location of your school will be kept confidential.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandra Richardson for further information about the study and the consent form.

Contact details:  
Mobile: 0428536494  
Email: [sjr899@uowmail.edu.au](mailto:sjr899@uowmail.edu.au)

# Year 12



**Tanisha Bischof (Nishi)**

**Describe your time at CCS in three words**

Fun, hard-work, good

**If I were to ask one of your teachers to describe you, what would they say?**

Eager to learn, funny and caring

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Working at a disability home hopefully in my own house

**Zoe Cartwright**

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would you be and why?**

Mr Besgrove because he gets to do lots of sport.

**If I were to ask one of your teachers to describe you, what would they say?**

Tall and loud

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Travelling the world, in search of a flamingo



**Chloe Griffith (Griffo/Chlo)**

**What's your most embarrassing in-school memory? What happened?**

Tripping over nothing and dropping a whole carton of eggs under the cola. The stain was still there years later.

**Who was your favourite teacher throughout all of high school?**

Mr Besgrove

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Successfully finished uni and working as a physio for the Manly Women's NRL team after being able to explore the world and visit new countries.

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would it be and why?**

Mrs Crocker because she's just amazing



**Madison Hard (Maddi)**

**What's your most embarrassing in-school memory? What happened?**

Serving Brooksie a raw kebab at the Athletics Carnival

**Who was your favourite teacher throughout all of high school?**

The Bez's and Mrs Crocker 🍷❤️❤️❤️

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Hopefully alive with more \$\$\$\$ than I have now

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would it be and why?**

Mr Lyons because he doesn't have to deal with little children, he is the boss and does what he wants. He's scary and smart



**Kayla Hillier (Koala Bear)**

**Describe your time at CCS in three words**

Long, Fun, Good

**If I were to ask one of your teachers to describe you, what would they say?**

Annoying and gets distracted a lot

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

A successful job and a house

**Ethan Jones (Jonesy)**

**What's your most embarrassing in-school memory? What happened?**

Going to The Rock in thongs and breaking my wrist on the way down.

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would you be and why?**

Mr Lyons because he's cool

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Working on engines





### Madison Marshall (Madi)

**What's your most embarrassing in-school memory? What happened?**

Cutting my hair - it was so ugly

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would you be and why?**

I would be Mr Szery he is the most wholesome person and always seems so happy and he is in a band which is cool

**Who was your favourite teacher throughout all of high school?**

Mr Rerden 🥰 and Mr Pollard

**What's your favourite Mrs Crocker moment?**

Sitting around the fire at Blue Water Holes while she pulled prickles out of my hair.

### Jacob Neale (Jake)

**Describe your time at CCS in three words**

Not too bad

**If you could be any teacher at the school would you be and why?**

Mr Bez - we are similar

**What's your favourite Mrs Crocker moment?**

When she broke her tailbone in Melbourne ice skating



### Makenna O'Brien (Kenna)

**Who was your favourite teacher throughout all of high school?**

Probably Mrs Crocker lol

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Hopefully having a family and a job in radio

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would it be and why?**

I would be either Mr Hewson or Bez. Hewson doesn't take rubbish from anyone and is just inspirational and Bez is always in a good mood and is great to be surrounded by



### Moniqua Stoddard (Niqua)

**If you could be any teacher at the school would you be and why?**

Mr Lyons because he's tall and cool

**What's your favourite Mrs Crocker moment?**

When she lets me talk about anything and everything in class

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Job in Aged care



**Ashley Sanders (Ash)**

**Who was your favourite teacher throughout all of high school?**

Mrs Crocker

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Working as a psychologist or travelling

**If you could be any teacher at the school who would it be and why?**

Mr Hewson, he never needs to clean his classroom or do small tasks because he just uses blues to bribe kids to do it for him

**"I will always remember..."**

That time Corey Rudd was swinging off the bag hooks out the front of room 9 and it fell off the wall



*Year 12 2019*

*and so the  
adventure  
begins*

# Farewell

As most members of our school community are aware this will be my last week at Coolamon Central School. Having been a member of this great school community for just over 5 years it saddens me to think that this will be my final newsletter and week at Coolamon Central School. Prior to coming to Coolamon Central I had grandeur ideas about where and what I would do as an educator, and to be honest, being a teacher at Coolamon was never on that plan. It was an unexpected opportunity when I was offered permanency, and for that I am eternally grateful. During my time here I have met lifelong friends, met a plethora of amazing youth, worked with the wider community and have, all in all, had the great privilege of holding your trust in educating the future of this great shire.

In the last two years I have had the privilege of leading the Learning Support and Wellbeing team and most recently Art, Language and Music. I must say that I have never heard or met a more dedicated, loving, and compassionate teaching and support staff than what we have at Coolamon. They go above and beyond what is expected of them and they continue to strive for excellence for your child. What underpins our work is the words of Rita Pierson, my personal idol, when she states that ***“Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be”*** I can, without hesitation or concern attest that this is what is at the core of Coolamon Central’s practice.

I would like to take this opportunity to publically acknowledge a number of great local organisations that have put the interest of our students first and invested in greater opportunities for our school. The Coolamon RSL Sub Branch, Up2Date Art and the Coolamon Rotary Club. Without your unwavering support our students would not have a number of the privileges that we have here. So thank you.

My final message to our students is to take advantage of the great opportunities that you are afforded at this amazing school. The values that underpin us are the central ingredients in preparing you for life beyond the school gates.

It has been an honour and privilege working at Coolamon Central School and thank you to all those who have made these wild five years memorable!

Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Ready to Learn,

Mr Joshua Celi  
Head Teacher Wellbeing



## OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - 2019

Bookings  
Essential  
Phone  
6927 2492



**2nd Oct**

**"Decorate a notepad and Pencil"**  
Enjoy decorating your very own pencil and notepad  
Rachel Wheatley  
Wednesday, 2nd October  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Cost \$7.00

**3rd Oct**

**"Clay Making and Modelling"**  
Make your dough, knead your dough and make your own sensation  
Thursday, 3rd October  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Cost - \$5.00

**4th Oct**

**DIY "Kite Making"**  
Join us to make a Kite - all materials supplied  
Friday, 4th October  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Cost \$5.00

**8th Oct**

**"Fun Science with OzGrav"**  
Hands-on VR headsets - to discover planets, stars and black holes  
Tuesday, 8th October  
1.00pm - 1.45pm  
Cost - FREE

**10th Oct**

**"Biscuit Decorating"**  
Enjoy icing and decorating biscuits  
Join us  
Thursday, 10th October  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Cost \$5.00

**11th Oct**

**"Origami"**  
Come along to make some awesome origami with Rachel Wheatley  
Friday, 11th October  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Cost \$5.00

**Youth Fest North**

**Youth Fest in Ardlethan Hall**  
Enjoy - Silent Disco, DJ Static, Acoustic Stage, Giant Games  
Friday, 11th October - 6.30pm  
Food and Drinks Available  
FREE ENTRY

**Pumptrack & Mobile Skate Park**

They will be on the move early October.  
Pumptrack > Ardlethan  
Mobile Skate Park > Ganmain

Thank you to Coolamon Shire Council and Riverina Regional Library.



**INFORMATION MORNING**  
Prospective Year 7 Students 2021  
Tuesday 15 October 2019  
at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student academic achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Teaching and learning programs feature extension and higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice for High Potential and Gifted Learners.

Other features of the school include robotics, debating, public speaking, digital media, music ensembles and sport. The school actively promotes an environment in which student wellbeing, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: [su@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:su@det.nsw.edu.au).

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## FREE child car seat safety check



### 2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

**DATE:** Tuesday 1st October 2019  
**TIME:** 9am - 12 noon  
**LOCATION:** Rear NRMA  
209 Baylis Street  
Wagga Wagga

For bookings contact Emma Reynolds at Roads and Maritime Services on (02) 6923 6771  
[RoadUserSafety-Southwest@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:RoadUserSafety-Southwest@rms.nsw.gov.au)



A road safety initiative of  
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Turtle & Mel  
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