



# Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 2 TERM 4 2019

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

## TERM FOUR

### OCT

- 25 Footy Colours Day  
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
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13 Kinder 2020 Transition  
Day
- 14 Year 12 Formal
- 20 Kinder 2020 Transition  
Day
- 22 K-6 Assembly  
featuring Sapphire  
2.10pm @ Hall

### DEC

- 1-3 Legal Studies  
Excursion @ Sydney
- 2-13 K-6 Swim School &  
PE Swimming

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the whole school I would like to wish Year 12 all the best in their HSC exams which started on Thursday. The Year 12 students and their parents/carers need to keep in mind that although this examination period is important, they need to also focus on their wellbeing. Students need to maintain a healthy diet, exercise and sleep patterns during this time so as to reduce their stress and ultimately improve their results. Whatever their result, students have the right to be proud of their achievements that reflect their effort and hard work.



Congratulations to Lexi Lamb for her outstanding



achievement in gaining the Fred Hollows Humanity Award which was presented to her in Sydney last week. It is exciting to see our students recognised for their activities above and beyond school learning.

The Healthy Harold Van has again visited the school this week. Our primary students have had the opportunity to visit and engage in the activities offered. Healthy Harold is the mascot of Life Education Australia, an organisation seeking to empower our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

When you visit the school take the opportunity to look at the new paved path in front of the primary classrooms. This was funded and completed under our School to Work program. Five Year 10 students worked with a paving specialist to complete the job. This provides the students with trade skills and further insight into workplace activities.

This Friday is Footy Colours Day with students encouraged to wear their favourite footy team's colours in return for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will support the Fight Cancer Foundation's education program which helps children recovering from cancer.

I would like to welcome Ms Chloe Lafsky who is replacing Mr Celi in the English /HSIE department this term and Ms Dana Mueller will continue as the teacher of 3/4 Ruby for the remainder of the year.

John Beer  
Principal

# Volunteering

Over the school holidays Coolamon Central School in partnership with Coolamon Rotary helped to support the Wollundry Rotary Gears and Beers bike tour that came through Coolamon on Sunday 6 October. The school food technology and hospitality students made 850 of the 3000 ANZAC biscuits that were put out for the riders. Zoe Cartwright and Chloe Griffith helped out on the day, cutting water-melon and serving fruitcake and biscuits. All up about 1500 riders came through Coolamon and the ANZAC biscuits were a big hit as was the ride up Dead Camels Lane and the boutique beverages at the end of the ride in Wagga Wagga.



## Strong Partnership

We are extremely excited to reveal phase one of our three phased project in conjunction with the Coolamon RSL Sub Branch. After a number of years of hard work we are proud of the outstanding relationship our school and the branch have.

Phase one has seen this space outside the library be converted as an area of remembrance for all those engaged in defending our rights and privileges in Australia. The signage 'Lest We Forget' has been erected on a once unused wall.

Phase two will see ceramic poppies placed throughout the garden which were made by students of Coolamon Central School, to symbolise Flanders Field.

Phase three is a long term historical inquiry where students will investigate former students of our school who have made the ultimate sacrifice and will have their names displayed on the wall.

This is an amazing project and we would like to thank the Coolamon RSL for their ongoing commitment and financial support of this initiative.





# Primary Assembly Award Winners



## Principal's Award



Abby Caldwell-Higman - Topaz

For always demonstrating initiative, participating in all learning activities with enthusiasm and effort and displaying kindness at all times.

Pictured above are the class award winners from our Week 10 Primary Assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

### K Emerald

Dan Carthew, Lily Lagan and Paige Dillon

### 1/2 Garnet

Ariyah Gain, Archie Gray and Pippa Clarkson

### 1/2 Sapphire

Jaack Oppelaar, Hayden Blair and Indy Karlberg

### 3/4 Opal

Joshua Hiller, Isaac Bischof and Jazmyn Oppelaar

### 3/4 Ruby

Phoenix Wise, Khya Mead and Bella Bond

### 5/6 Topaz

Allie Leaver, Oliver Furner and Lucy O'Brien

### 5/6 Diamond

Isobel Lamb, Jai Hermann-Barnes and Olivia Crocker

### SRC Award

Khya Mead for always being responsible in all areas and completing her learning all the time.

# Chords 2019

Coolamon Central School's primary choir will be performing as part of CHORDS at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre **Wednesday 30th October @7:00 pm**. CHORDS (Choral and Dance Spectacular) is a biannual event featuring local school students from Years 3 to 6. The four performances showing at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre include over 500 students from 17 local public schools. Students take to the stage to perform to a variety of songs from the more traditional like *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machine*, *A Whole New World* to more contemporary songs such as *Fight Song* and *A Million Dreams*.

Tickets are available to purchase online at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre website (below) or by calling the **Civic Theatre on 6926 9688**. Ticket prices vary and have a booking fee, it is best to visit the website or call to get an accurate price. There are only 480 seats available for the evening performance so book early to avoid disappointment.

<https://civictheatre.com.au/whatson/chords>



## 2020 Secondary Captains

Congratulations to our new School Captains for 2020 Samantha Costello and Braith Kean and Vice Captain Abigail Graham.



We are seeking donations of milo, strawberry jam and vegemite for our breakfast program. While soothing rumbling tummies is the most immediate benefit of our program, the impact on students and teachers is far more profound than you may imagine.

Donations can be dropped into the school office at any time during school hours.

**Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!**



# Proceeds from Coolamon Up2Date Art Exhibition

Coolamon Central School will employ a permanent Student Support Officer thanks to funding from the Coolamon Up2Date Art Exhibition. The art committee and those who purchased art and attended the exhibition should be so proud of the remarkable impact they are having on our community.

The mental health of our students has become a priority at Coolamon Central School, as the community continues to struggle under the strain of the drought. 'Mental health is a national problem and we're not unique in that, but with the drought it has hit our community hard', said Joshua Celi, our former Head Teacher of Wellbeing.

To combat the effects of drought, the school has taken delivery of \$14,000 in funding to pay the wage of a permanent Student Support Officer. 'The Student Support Officer's job is to look after the wellbeing of the students, supporting their needs, promoting self-esteem, building community and prospering education,' said Deputy Principal Kingsley Ireland.

Originating as community funding, the money was raised through the entrance costs of the recent exhibition at Coolamon's Up2Date gallery. An encouraging sign despite the drought, this year's total represents a \$4000 increase on the previous year's donation. The exhibition itself has been running for more years than the teachers at the school can remember and continues to be a highlight on the community's calendar.



**Pictured above receiving the proceeds of \$14,000 from the Coolamon Up2Date Art Exhibition are Mr Kingsley Ireland and Mr Joshua Celi with students, Paige Dillon, Lily Lagan, Isabelle Brabander, Royce Gillett, Madeline Cutler, Claire Wiltshire and Monique Kitchener.**

# Fixing 'Sick Sentences'



Opal have been working hard to improve the quality of their writing. After discussing the image, Opal were asked to 'fix up' the following sentences by adding detail and correcting sentence structure.

***The horse-drawn wagon went along the road. The trees stood there in the fog The horses ran***

This is some of their fabulous writing...

The wooden horse-drawn wagon went along the dusty dirt road. The trees stood waving softly in the dust fog as the horses galloped swiftly through the dry grass. **Annabelle**

The horse-drawn wagon went along the loose road. The narrow freaky trees stood there in the dark thick fog. The horses ran like their life depended on it. **Patrick**

The aged wagon drawn by two caramel stallions, went swiftly along the road. Silent trees lay in the fog watching every move. The spooked horses galloped off road and into the bush never to be seen again. **Ellyse**

The horse-drawn wagon went along the old dusty road. The dead, broken trees leaned as the cold gushing wind glided through their branches. The horses galloped as the white fog chased after them. They could hear the majestic black birds scream with fear. **Ayla**

The red horse-drawn wagon swiftly went along the rocky road. The leafless trees stood silently amongst the thick fog. The majestic, jet black horses quickly ran. **Jazmyn**

The blue horse-drawn wagon went quickly along the dusty road. The autumn trees stood there menacingly in the dark misty fog. Bang! The horses ran as fast as they could when they heard the bang. **Declan**

The horse-drawn wagon went cautiously along the road. The dead trees stood in the fog. The horses mysteriously started to run. **Reaghan**

The old rusty horse-drawn red wagon went slowly along the old road. The large oak trees stood up tall and straight in the misty fog as the grey horses ran. **Emilee**

The old vintage horse-drawn wagon roughly dragged along the dusty path. The lanky broken tree stiffly stood in the misty fog as the muscly horse sprinted across the land. **Natalie**

The horse-drawn wagon went swiftly along the road. The trees stood there in the dusty fog as the horses ran quickly across the road. **Matilda H**



The Student Representative Council is celebrating its annual Footy Colours Day on Friday 25th October, 2019.

Students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy team's colours in return for a gold coin donation.

All monies raised support the Fight Cancer Foundation's education program to help kids with cancer continue their education during treatment and recovery.







# #nursecampMLHD

Pictured is Jack Christopher who recently attended Murrumbidgee Local Health District Nurse Camp. #nursecampMLHD is a new initiative by MLHD this year to showcase nursing and midwifery as a career and provide information about career pathways.

The students put their skills to work nursing patients through snake/spider bites, wound care, choking infants, basic life support and hazardous manual tasks.



SYDNEY SOUTHEAST

## ORCHESTRA

**Late applications please apply now! String players urgently needed!**

The Sydney Southeast Orchestra is an exciting opportunity open to public school students in the Sydney Southeast area who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

The Orchestra is open to students from years 5-8 and is especially aimed at players who may not have an orchestra program in their school or area. The main activity of the Orchestra is a two-day residential camp, held at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from **28-29 October 2019**. During the camp, students will take part in rehearsals, sectionals and tutorials with specialist musicians.

The Orchestra have a performance at the Sydney Southeast Showcase at Sutherland Entertainment Centre on **Thursday 14 November**.

Details of the project can be found on our website at <http://www.gspensembles.com/orchestra.html> with an online application form that needs to be completed. Please apply if you'd like to be considered.



## **Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Scholarships 2020 -**

### **Information for new applicants**

DCJ is offering scholarships to students enrolled in education or training. We know there are many bright, ambitious students who want to excel in their studies. The scholarship helps young people complete their studies and reach their full potential.

#### **How much is the scholarship?**

Each scholarship for the 2020 academic year is \$1,000 (GST exempt).

#### **Who can apply for a scholarship?**

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- Living in social housing (includes public, community or Aboriginal housing), a social housing applicant or receiving private rental assistance
- Living in crisis/supported accommodation, or living in out-of-home care
- Studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 at a NSW high school or TAFE in 2020
- Undertaking a school based apprenticeship or traineeship, or studying a VET subject at a NSW high school in 2020.

#### **How do I apply for a scholarship?**

It's easy to apply online. You must have a valid email address. You should use this email address to register and receive updates about your application.

To apply:

1. Click on the SurveyMonkey apply link (<https://nsw-facs.smapply.io/>) to set up an account and create a password. You must register with your first name and last name, using your personal email address. You cannot use an education email address to register.
2. Complete the pre-eligibility questions and all relevant sections of the online application form
3. Nominate a parent, guardian, carer, support worker or your teacher to support your application.

**NOTE:** You must have a different email address to the person supporting your application.

You can choose to have someone help you fill in your application. Provide their email address and think about the level of access you would like to give them.

#### **When can I apply for a scholarship?**

Applications open at 9am on Monday, **16 September 2019** and close at 5pm on Thursday, **31 October 2019**.







# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### Share the Dignity – It's in the Bag

Fill a handbag with gifts for women and girls in need - "It's in the bag". Provide personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence. It's simple - choose a handbag in good condition that you no longer use. Then, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, such as personal care items. The Coolamon Library will be collecting these bags in October and November if you wish to be involved.

### Stroke Safe Talk

The Library is hosting a stroke safe talk on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.30am. The Stroke Foundation undertakes a variety of stroke awareness and prevention programs. It will present common information about stroke and its prevention and they will also draw on their own personal experiences so every talk is different – and very powerful. Come along – everyone is most welcome.

### Lego Club

Lego club is on again – its held every Wednesday from @ 4.00pm – 5.00pm and then on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am at the Library.

The aim of the Lego Club program is for children to have fun, learn to communicate with others and to develop problem-solving skills. This is a free program and is being offered to children from 5 years to 15 years of age.

### Storytime

Storytime will start up again after the school holidays – it will be held this Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.30am – theme "Books about Books". Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### Family History Group

Interested in Family History, come along to the Library Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.00am. Chat about family history or history in the area.

### Celebrity Cricket Match

Mark Taylor Oval, Bolton Park, Wagga  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am - 2.00pm

Join in the fun with celebrities from near & far including swimming legend DAWN FRASER, GWS Giants HARRY PERRYMAN, MP WES FANG.

BBQ, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Ice Cream and Coffee Vans

Entry by donation

Monies raised to McGrath Foundation to place more McGrath Breast Care Nurses around Australia and increase breast health understanding.

**Together we can make a difference**



## #ITSINTHEBag

Do you have a spare bag at home you no longer need?

Fill it with new, unopened sanitary items, hygiene products and other thoughtful items any woman would love to receive.

Drop your donation to the Coolamon Library before November 29<sup>th</sup>

and we will deliver them to charities that assist women in need, to be handed out as a special gift.

Items you may choose to include in your bag are:

Soap	Hair ties
Pads & Tampons	Small brush/Comb
Moisturiser	Compact mirror
Deodorants	Poncho
Toothpaste & Toothbrush	Umbrella
Babywipes or Hygiene wipes	Gift card
Hand sanitiser	Phone card
Makeup	Shampoo & Conditioner
Stationery	Handcream
Chapstick/Lipbalm	Gift Vouchers
Socks	Meal Vouchers
Tissues	A little note from you

The charities and shelters that we send the bags to for distribution, have requested that the following items ARE NOT included in bags for safety, health and hygiene reasons:

SHARPS: Razors, knives or scissors.

FOOD ITEMS: Including, but not limited to chocolate, lollies and alcohol.

PHARMACEUTICALS: Panadol, throat lozenges, condoms, Nurofen.



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