



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 6 TERM 4 2019

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM FOUR

NOV

- 20 Kinder 2020 Transition
9am - 12pm
- 22 K-6 Assembly
featuring Sapphire
2.10pm @ Hall

'Amber Lights' band
performance @ Hall
11.30am
- 25 Stage 6 Excursion @
Wagga
- 29 PSSA Boys Cricket
Trials @ Ganmain

DEC

- 1-3 Legal Studies
Excursion @ Sydney
- 2-13 K-6 Swim School &
PE Swimming
- 3 Year 7 2020
Orientation Day
- 4 K-12 Wellbeing
Assembly 9am @ Hall
- 6 Year 6 Final Assembly
2.10pm @ Hall
- 16 K-6 Pool Party
- 17 Years 7-11 Wellbeing
Excursion 9am - 3pm
@ Narrandera
- 18 FINAL DAY 2019

TERM ONE 2020

JAN

- 28 Staff Development Day
- 29 Primary including Kinder,
Years 7, 11 & 12 return
- 30 Years 8, 9 & 10 return

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Monday the students commemorated Remembrance Day in an assembly at school in front of our Remembrance Garden. The Captains joined the ceremony in the main street where they spoke passionately about the meaning and value of the day. On Wednesday Mr Gear took our secondary leaders to the GRIP leadership conference in Albury which was a worthwhile experience for all involved.

Congratulations to our Year 12 2019. The Year 12 Formal on Thursday night at the Cheese Factory was a great success. All the young men and women looked fantastic and presented themselves in a gracious manner. The same could be said about our Year 11 students, in particular our new leaders for 2020. Thanks to Mrs Crocker, supported by the office staff, for all the effort they put in to make the evening so successful.

On Thursday I accepted the prestigious Executive Director's Award on behalf of Coolamon Central. It was presented at the Wagga Principal's Network Day by Mr Dean White, the Executive Director from the Riverina and South West Directorate. This was the Data Award, which is in recognition of the increased student growth at CCS in both NAPLAN and HSC results over recent years. I would like to thank our staff who have been using data to inform their teaching and utilising research based learning to focus on student engagement and wellbeing.

On Friday evening the Regional Lifestyle magazine, focusing on Coolamon and surrounding areas, was launched at the Rustic Pantry. The evening was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael McCormack, and our local state member, Steph Cook. They both spoke glowingly about what a great region that we live in. The magazine features an article on Coolamon Central, focusing on our school vision. *"The school's vision is to continue as a high quality school where all children are known, valued and cared for and their full potential realised"*. The magazine features many local businesses, personalities and activities. It is available for purchase from the local newsagency.

I would like to remind all parents/carers that the NSW Department of Education has banned all mobile phones in primary schools. Please help us implement this policy by making sure that your primary aged children do not bring their phones to school.

John Beer
Principal



Chords 2019

Coolamon Central School took part in CHORDS (Choral and Dance spectacular). Our students sung alongside South Wagga Public School, Junee Public School, The Rock Central School and North Wagga Public School, in front of an audience of hundreds. Their hard work and dedication paid off with the crowd cheering for more. Two Coolamon Central School students, Lexi Lamb and Aaron deHaan were featured in small group solos on the night. The choir's next big performance will be Christmas in the park in Coolamon Sunday 8th December.

Mr Szery



Start Smart Financial Literacy Lessons

by Penny Caldwell-Higman

On Wednesday, 7th November, Miss Anne from the Commonwealth Bank talked to us about smart ways to save money. She talked to us about the difference between a credit card and a debit card and also told us what a key card is. Now if you were not listening to the definitions of these cards then this is what they are:

- Credit card; a credit card is not what you think it is, a credit card loans the banks money but it is not just that easy you have to eventually pay the money back to the bank. If you do not pay the money back to the bank you will have to give them even more money than you spent.
- Debit card; a debit card is basically like a credit card except instead of using the banks money you use the money out of your bank account.
- Key card; a key card is used for children nine and above it is pretty much like a debit card.

Everyone had a great time and joined in on her mini activities like pretending to blow all your money on Louis Vuitton and Gucci and spending \$600 a week on useless items. We learned it is important to start saving money now for your future self.

Primary Assembly Award Winners



Principal's Award



Emelia Quinn—Opal

For always displaying inclusivity and empathy towards others, both in the classroom and out in the playground.

Pictured above are the class award winners from our Week 4 Primary Assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

K Emerald

Royce Gillett, Zayden Oppelaar and Leilani Foster.

1/2 Garnet

Allie Vine, Daniel Sladden and Samuel Dyason.

1/2 Sapphire

Jacob Kennedy, Chloe Saggus and Addison Rutland.

3/4 Opal

Taleah Hopley, Ryder Robinson and Matilda Munro.

3/4 Ruby

Bella Bond, Khya Mead and Tyson Sladden.

5/6 Topaz

Braith Gain, Abby Caldwell-Higman and Laura Kenny.

5/6 Diamond

Patrick Collins and Savannah Rook.

SRC Award

Emma Riley for being a wonderful role model to others in the playground and always offering a helping hand to those who need it.

'Wonder' Book Review - Topaz

What is it about? Wonder is about a boy who is very ordinary on the inside but may not seem very ordinary on the outside. His name is August Pullman (Auggie) and he has 'Treacher Collins Syndrome'. Auggie has a lot of trouble going to a real school.

Underlying Messages: The underlying messages in this book are: Don't judge a book by its cover and always choose to be kind.

Characters:

Summer Dawson - kind, accepting and caring.

Jack Will - friendly and funny.

Julian Alban - rude and stubborn.

August Pullman - extraordinary and funny.

Character I identify with: the character I identify the most with is Summer. I am most like Summer because I am kind, friendly, caring and I don't care what anyone looks like.

Favourite Precept: My favourite precept of Mr Browne's is; 'when given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind' - Dr Wayne W Dyer. This is my favourite precept because it shows that always being right does not always help you in life because you learn from your mistakes, but always being kind will definitely always help you.

Opinion: Wonder is one of my favourite books that I have read because I believe it teaches a lesson to always accept everyone no matter what and ALWAYS choose kind.

Age Recommendation: I believe this book would be suitable for Year 5-6 and above.

By Emmerson Buchegger



Wonder by RJ Palacio is mainly centred around August Pullman (Auggie) and his first year at Beecher Prep school and it's also Auggie's first year at a real school. Auggie has a facial disorder (Treacher Collins syndrome) and we get to follow his comedic, action-packed and dramatic transition from an outcast to a popular kid.

Messages - the important message is, 'Don't judge a book by its cover'. Auggie gets judged throughout the book based upon his appearance. Auggie once was judged by his sister, 'It doesn't look like Lily!'. (Lily being the name of her dolls.)

Characters - now it's time for the hard part. In *Wonder* there are so many characters. There is Jack Will, Via and Julian, just to name three. Jack is one of Auggie's closer friends in the book, Julian is the bully and Via is Auggie's sister. I think I probably would identify most with Mr Browne, (one of Auggie's teachers). He is always there, and he also plays an important role in the book.

Precepts - my personal favourite precept is 'Your deeds are your monuments'. (An inscription on an Egyptian tomb). It's my favourite because it tells you to be proud of what you have done in your life.

Recommendations - I would recommend this book for stage three and above. I think this book is brilliant because it teaches important lessons about being kind to people who are disabled.

By Oliver Graham



Wonder is about a boy named August Pullman (Auggie), who has Treacher Collins syndrome: a condition that causes facial abnormalities that make Auggie stand out. After being home schooled for his entire life, Auggie's parents enrol him in Beecher Prep middle school. At first Auggie dislikes going to school as another pupil, named Julian, bullies him. However, after being at Beecher Prep for almost a year, Auggie finds new friends who are kind to him even with his appearance. August wins an award at the end of the year for his resilience and kindness throughout the year.

I believe the book *Wonder* conveys the message that people can love you despite your appearance, and you can love yourself, no matter what anyone says.

The characters in the book display kindness, loyalty, courage, compassion and curiosity. Via shows compassion when she treats Auggie like he's perfectly ordinary. August demonstrates courage when he faces his fears of going to school and making friends. Summer shows kindness when she sits with Auggie on his first day even though she wasn't asked to. Julian shows curiosity when he questions Auggie about his face and his family. Jack Will shows Auggie great loyalty when he defends him, as well as Amos, Henry and Miles when they stand up against Eddie in the woods.

I identify most with the character Via. She tries to keep her personality constant and keeps her friends even though they're not popular. She loves her family unconditionally and is a supportive person. I don't relate entirely to Via but I strive to be like her.

My favourite precept that Mr Browne teaches his class is: *When given the choice of being right, or being kind, choose kind.* I believe this precept conveys a message that inspires people to treat others equally and inspire harmonious living.

The book *Wonder* is an entertaining and relatable story which encourages people to treat others equally and with respect.

I think children aged 8-12 would enjoy this book the most because they can make comparisons between their lives and the story.

I encourage students to read this book either as a class or in their free time as it conveys a wonderful message of equality and acceptance.

By Lexi Lamb



Wonder is a book about an eleven year old boy named August (Auggie) that has *Treacher Collins Syndrome*. He has had surgery all his life and has gone through very tough times. He has just started school at Beecher Prep in the fifth grade.

Some underlying messages in the book may include 'Don't Judge a Book by it's cover'. Others are Mr Browne's precepts: September through June. For example - 'when given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.'

There are many main characters like: August, Jack, Summer, Ximena, Maya, Charlotte, Amos, Henry, Julian, Via (Olivia) and Justin as well as Nate and Isabel. August's family is kind and understanding of his condition. (Treacher Collins Syndrome.) His family includes Via, Nate (dad) and Isabel (mum).

I believe that I identify with Summer the most. I am a kind and caring friend that looks out for others even if we don't get along that well. I try my best in every subject and set a goal to achieve the best results from the criteria given.

My favourite precept that Mr Browne gave was: 'Just follow the day and reach for the sun!' It means every day is a new day and just go with the flow. Enjoy the day!

I really like *Wonder*. It teaches us about kindness and understanding. Auggie's friends and family are really nice. There are messages to follow through life that will help you along the long and sometimes scary ride (life).

By Madeline Vine

K-2 Excursion

On Friday 1st November Emerald, Sapphire and Garnet travelled to Darlington Point to visit Altina Wildlife Park. There were lots of interesting animals to learn about and they enjoyed the horse and cart ride around the park. They were also lucky enough to get close to some goats to feed and pat them.



We went to Altina Wildlife Park. I saw lions, rhinos and hyaenas. My favourite part was the hyaenas and lions. My least favourite part was the camels because they were just standing there. I learned that if you go in with the lions the lions will eat you. Giraffes have a blue tongue so their tongue does not get sunburnt.

By Jack Leaver



Stage 2 Excursion

The Stage 2 excursion to Beechworth was on Friday 1st November. Their first stop was at Glenrowan with Ned Kelly's Last Stand Museum and then Beechworth Gaol and Courthouse.



Stage 3 Excursion

Deborah Mine, Bendigo

"Everyone grab a partner! Quick hurry up!" The tour guide said, as we scattered around like mice. "Emmerson come here and be my partner!" Click! Our tour guide Jeremy straps me up with a battery pack so I can see during the tour in the mine. "Don't leave me Lili, don't leave me Emmerson! If we go down that thing I'm going to lose it!" There was a huge mineshaft standing in front of me. Our classes Topaz and Diamond were on a school excursion to Ballarat and we were at our first stop; Deborah Mine at Bendigo. I soon found myself crying in Lili and Emmerson's arms; we were told we were going down the huge mineshaft. Lili and Emmerson had to drag me onto the shaft but I mumbled my secret words that made me feel better. I still cried, but Lili and Emmerson were the best and let me cling onto them for the ride.

By Hannah McDonald



"Hannah! It's going be okay."

"Everybody watch and don't put your fingers out of the shaft," said the tour guide, as everybody stepped onto the metal, mesh mineshaft lift. Emmerson and I had to drag Hannah into it as she was tearing up. With a sudden jolt the lift started to descend, it was kind of hard to see with Hannah hanging onto me and Charlie clinging to me as well. Lucky most of us were wearing our jumpers, as it got a bit chilly as we went further down into the mine.

By Lili Prior

"There is going to be a bit of a jump here guys," said Jeremy our tour guide. Just moments before he told us not to put our fingers out the holes. When we got down there, I could feel water drops on my skin and my shoes were muddy. As we were walking along there were heaps of puddles, but not much gold. When we got to where the gold was it was really cool. Then we got to the shaft and Jez said if you fall down the shaft you would get mushed up and then you'd be left down there and get washed up eventually.

By Braith Gain

"You might need your jacket, it gets cold down there," announced Dave the bus driver. On the 31st of the 11th, the participants of the Bendigo and Ballarat excursion for 5/6 Topaz and Diamond got off the bus in front of the Deborah Mine Bendigo. We then went on a tour of the mine. We went down the first elevator and we were then told about the second elevator which the miners would have used. Once we were above ground we went gold panning and a few of us were lucky, finding small flakes of gold.

By Oliver Graham



Sound & Light Show Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

"CRACKLE, CRACKLE BOOM!" We were suddenly in a whole new world of meteors coming out of the screen and almost hitting everyone! The movie at the sound and light show by Aura explained how the earth was made by lots of different particles and explosions. Soon after, we were in carriages that were being pulled along by a truck, with Jurassic Park/Star Wars theme songs being played. We were driven through Sovereign Hill and to an Aboriginal story at night just next to a pond with lights to explain what was happening. After that, we were driven back to an area with a big screen that showed us a story about gold. The screen folded back to show a town and lots of stories about jealousy and gold findings. The night was very fun and I would love to see the show again. **By Aaron deHaan**

"Everybody can you listen up!" one of the tour guides yelled to us. "If you line up you can get some 3D glasses and try not to push out the lenses and wait for you teachers instructions." We walked into the cinema. Then the movie started. Rocks started to fly out of the screen! "Wooooowww!" screamed most people. After the 3D experience concluded we got on a truck that took us to a pond. A projector, displayed an Aboriginal story on a land clearing on the other side of the pond. After that ended, we went to an inside room with a big wall. About five minutes later the wall opened to show a recreation of Eureka with tents, mines, houses and more. **By Keenan Crocker**

Bang! Bang! Went the sound of the pretend gun shot. I shut my eyes so tight I was terrified, but then it stopped. I opened my eyes slowly and continued watching. The next minute the pretend hotel caught on fire. Learning what the minors and their families had to go through I felt sorry for them. They all had a lack of money and on top of that they had to pay for a minor's licence. Life back then wouldn't have been fun! **By Lily-Rose Lange**

Sovereign Hill, Ballarat



"How about you young lady?" I heard from sir.

"Arrhh sure," I murmured without knowing what I was getting myself into. Next minute I was up in front of the whole class, 5/6 Topaz, putting on a dress that people wore in the 1850s. I couldn't stop laughing at how ridiculous I looked, it was hilarious. I think it was the best part of the excursion. I enjoyed having a laugh with the best, 5/6 Topaz. Sir (the educator at Sovereign Hill) was teaching us all about what life was like in those days. **By Charlie O'Brien**

"Come in! Come in!" It's starting, the gold was ready to pour. We found out it was worth \$222,000. The crowd 'ooooed and ahhhed' as he poured the molten gold into the crust. Then he hit it with a hammer to get it out. He moved it to a trough of water and dropped it in the water to cool it down so we could see what it looked like. **By Lachlan Curtis**

Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

"Be very careful the wax is boiling hot!" said the candle maker. I was candle dipping with Mrs Taber and a few of my friends and it was super fun! The candle dipping guide told us exactly what to do and the fun began! After she told us what to do, Mrs Taber was way too excited because she mucked her bumpy candle up by dipping it into too many colours on the same end. There were three different colours to dip our bumpy or smooth candles in: Yellow, blue and pink. First, we dipped one side in pink and the other in blue. When they mixed together it made a beautiful purple colour. Then, on both ends we dipped them in yellow. It was one of the most fun things I did on the excursion! **By Emmerson Buchegger**

Splash! Oh no I spilt hot boiling wax all over my brand new t-shirt. Well the candle maker did warn us to be careful (moments before we started). The next minute I saw how much the candles were. There were smooth candles for \$4 and there were lumpy candles for \$5. I started to get excited. The line got bigger and bigger. It's our turn to go in and dip our candles. There were three colours; dark blue, hot pink and a bright yellow. At first I was scared to put my candle in because I saw Mrs Taber's candle, and that did not turn out well. **By Abby Caldwell-Higman**

I was about two metres away from the door when the pleasant scent of sugar hit me like a bus. There was a man in an old-fashioned kitchen kneading a slab of purple sugar-paste on the rough wooden countertop. He took the slab of sugar-paste off the counter and put it on a cooking top over the wood fire. The fist-sized portion of sugar-paste had started to melt into a smooth, sticky hemisphere when he grabbed it and threw it back on the counter. He repeated that process with 6 other slabs of paste and when he was done there were 36 multi coloured lollipops! **By Lexi Lamb**

Girl screams echoed through the Ballarat Mine. "Who was that?" we questioned. We all looked at Lili. Down in the mine, we had to follow a voice and at different times the lights on the walls would dim and light up. Closer to the end, it showed us a replica of the 'Welcome Nugget' and there was a hologram showing us how it was found. Going down into the mine was a great experience, and I would recommend it to anyone. **By Olivia Walker**



Sovereign Hill, Ballarat



**November 11
is a day we
remember.**



Last Monday the 11th November, the school commemorated the end of World War 1 with a Remembrance Day service. The school was fortunate enough to have a Catafalque party from the Defence Force and we thank them for coming out to participate in the service. Thank you also to Matong Public School who brought their Stage 2 and 3 students along. Our School Captains along with Mr Beer attended the town service where they delivered an address on 'the importance of Remembrance Day to the youth of today.'





Primary School Captains 2020

The following Year 5 students are our nominees for Primary School Captain 2020.

Emmerson Buchegger	Braith Gain	Tate O'Reilly
Lawson Buchegger	Abby Higman	Oscar Rose
Claire Cochrane	Penny Higman	Maddie Vine
Luke Dennis	Isobel Lamb	
Millar Dyason	Allie Leaver	

These students will be delivering their nomination speeches at the Primary Assembly at 2:10pm on Friday 22 November (Week 6), held in the school hall. Parents and family members are invited to attend. We wish them all the best of luck.

Mrs White



Congratulations to the following students who were successful at the Coolamon Shire Photographic Exhibition - 'Capture Coolamon'.

Landscape Category - Runner up: Nellie Whyman for 'When the Year is Good'

Nature Category - First Prize: Nellie Whyman for 'Jax'

People Study - First Prize: Emmerson Buchegger for 'Swish Swoosh'

Runner up: Emily Humphrey for 'Living the Dream'

Highly Commended: Jasmine Thomas for 'Cast of Light'

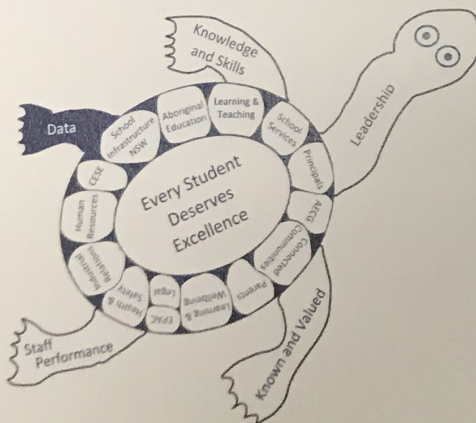


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Executive Director's Award

Presented to
**Coolamon
Central School**

For
Data



Dean White
Executive Director, School Performance
Rural South and West Operational Directorate

12 November 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.

Story-time

Our next story-time will be Friday, 29th November @ 10.30am, it's all about – "Fire Engines". We will be going down to the Coolamon Fire Station for this session. Our local fireman will be showing the children around the station and the fire trucks – everyone is most welcome to attend.

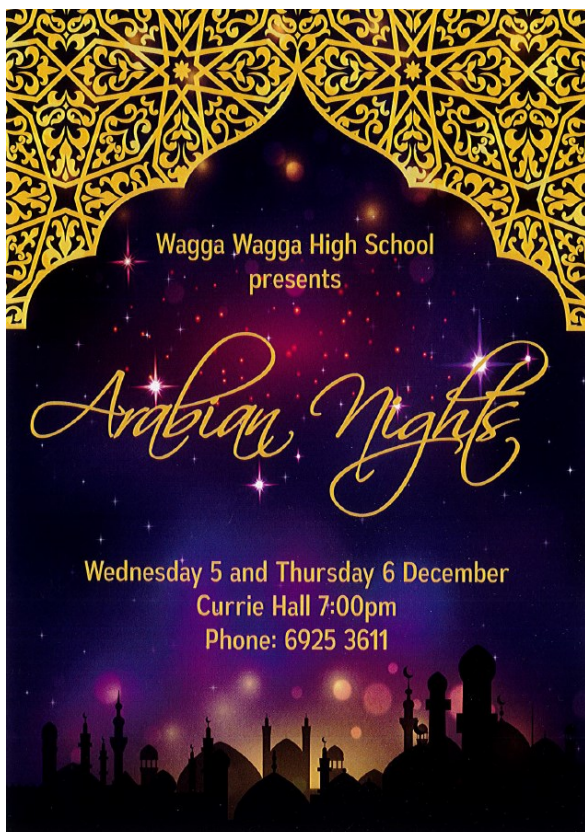
Book Club

Form a group of up to ten individuals and nominate a group leader, pay the \$400 club membership, find a venue and you can begin your own book club.

The library provides ten copies of one title plus background notes and discussion questions. Clubs meet from February to November reading ten titles over the year. For further information phone the Library - 69272492

Xmas Craft

The library is holding a Xmas paper marbling workshop on Tuesday, 26th November @ 10.30am. Paper marbling is a process using water and ink. Be creative by using the paper to make Xmas cards. Cost is \$5.00 with morning tea provided.





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