



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 2 TERM 2 2018

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COMING EVENTS

TERM TWO

MAY

8-11 Book Fair

9 Project Empower Yrs
9-10 girls

Riverina Open Girls &
Boys Touch Trials

11 Primary Assembly
featuring Garnet in
Hall @2.10pm

PSSA Zone Cross
Country @ Ganmain

14 7/8 Premiers
Debating Challenge

15-25 NAPLAN

18 Secondary Zone
Cross Country @
Coolamon

23 Riverina CHS Lawn
Bowls Knockout @
Wagga

23-25 Yr 11-12 Adv English
Excursion @ Sydney

25 Open League Tag
Gala Day @ Wagga

Primary Assembly
featuring Opal in
Hall @2.10pm

31 9/10 Premiers
Debating Challenge

JUNE

1 Riverina Lawn Bowls
Trials @ Cuccairn

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to everyone for another busy term. A big thanks to Mr Besgrove and Miss Taylor and all of their helpers for organising a great Athletics Carnival despite the inclement weather. The student participation was outstanding and it was pleasing to see the large number of parents who braved the chilly conditions to support their children.



I would again like to invite parents to become involved in our P&C. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th May at 6.30 in the library. It is an important meeting as we will be organising the P&C involvement in the Up2Date Art Exhibition in July. This is the main fundraiser for the P&C this year and we need as many people as possible to be involved. The shade sail poles were installed over the holidays and the sails will be attached in the near future. Once again a big thanks to the P&C for their \$5,000 donation towards the cost of this project. I am sure that our students will appreciate the shade area next summer.

During the last week of term, ten of our staff members undertook training as part of our \$20,000 Digital Literacy Grant. The required hardware and software have been ordered and this program will begin to be implemented in classrooms this term. This will be an exciting educational challenge for both students and staff.

There has been some confusion about seniors students who drive their own vehicles giving lifts to other students. The Education Department's legal policy is included in this newsletter. All senior students have been given a letter for their parents explaining these rules along with the required form to fill in. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated as we wish to make sure that all of our students are safe and legally covered when travelling with other students.

Congratulations to Mr Pollard who was married over the holidays.

John Beer
Principal

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ELECTIVE FEES

Statements for school fees, including electives, have now been posted.

While the course fee for your child's scholastic year is voluntary, elective fees are **compulsory** and are used to buy consumables for these subjects. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your elective fees please contact the school.

Payment options include cash, cheque or Eftpos via the front office or via the \$ Make a Payment tab on the school website. Please pay your contributions **as soon as possible** to allow the school to continue with important educational programs in 2018.



P&C MEETING AT 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We need as many people as possible to attend this important meeting as we will be discussing the P&C's involvement in the Up2Date Art exhibition in July, which is the main fundraiser for the school this year.



MEETING UP2DATE ART INC.

Date: Monday 7th May 2018

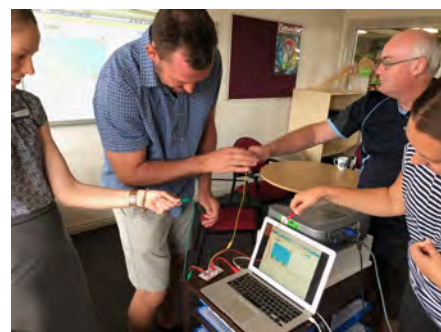
Time: 6pm

Venue: Coolamon Sport & Rec Club

CCS STEM Training

In the last week of term one, primary and secondary teaching staff participated in STEM training provided by funding from our successful Digital Literacy Grant. Teachers engaged with technologies including Sphero's and Lego robotics kits, and learnt block programming using scratch and other online coding programs.

The skills learnt during this training will be making its way to the classroom in the next two terms and will utilise the class sets of robotics kits we have also purchased with the grant.



Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. It has since spread internationally, with students in more than 30 countries attempting the same problems. In recent years the competition has been available in two formats (online and paper), allowing even more students to participate worldwide.

The AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 60 minutes (Years 3-6) or 75 minutes (Years 7-12). The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students. Students of all standards will make progress through the problems, and also be challenged along the way.

The school will participate in the online competition on Thursday 9th August 2018. Entry costs \$6.50 and needs to be into the front office by Tuesday 31st July.



What a terrific sign of respect to our service men and women! Thanks to all the students and staff that attended the Dawn service and ANZAC march in both Coolamon and Ganmain. Our school leaders spoke extremely well at both services and were recognised for their outstanding support.

"Thank you Coolamon Central School for your support of ANZAC Day 2018. The school community can be justifiably proud of the contribution made by the school community." Coolamon RSL SUB Branch.



2018 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2018 commences on Monday 5 March. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The PRC is open to available for all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 9, and does not close until Friday 31 August.

Entering the PRC is simple. Just go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website and register your name. Each time you finish a book, log it on the online entry form – the school does the rest. Details about how many books you need to read are in the table below:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice	PRC booklist you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 can either read the books on their own, read them with someone or have someone read them to you. The library is full of PRC books – come on in and start reading – Mrs White and Ms Batchelor are waiting to help you get started.

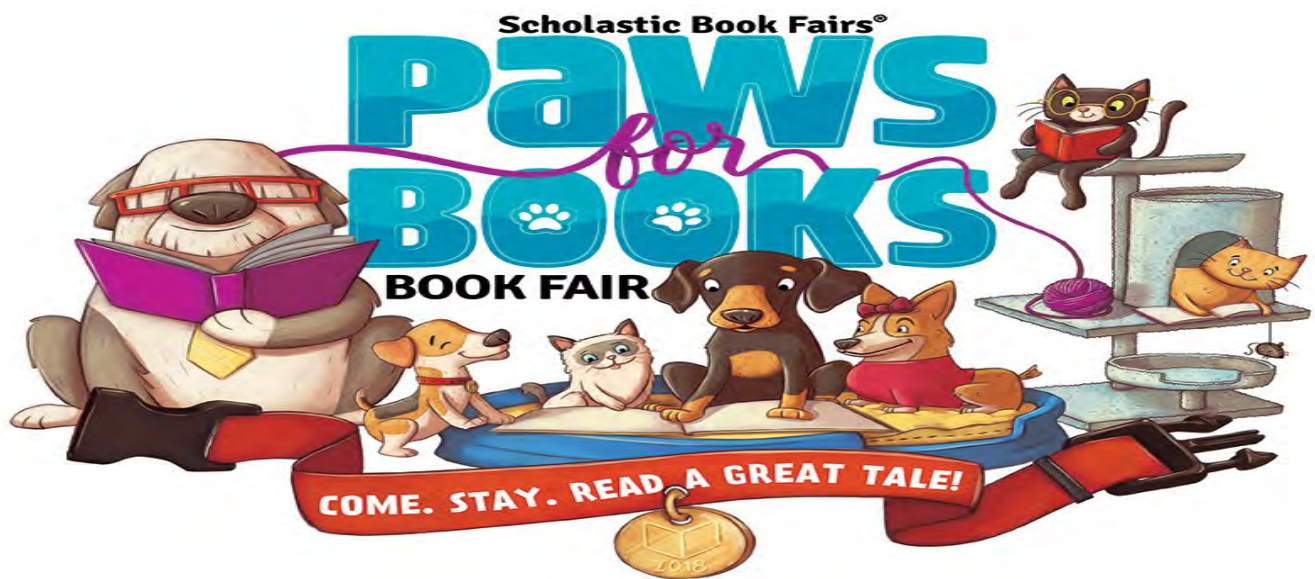
PS: Last year over 292 000 students participated in the PRC. The most popular books by challenge level were:

- K-2 *Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey
- 3-4 *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl
- 5-6 *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by JK Rowling
- 7-9 *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

THE LIBRARY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF LEGO, BOARDGAMES AND DRESS UPS TO BE USED BY THE STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY.



8th - 11th May



Follow your furriest friends to the Paws for Books Book Fair: Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale! Find purr-fect books and a dog-gone good time as we sniff out books from Scholastic and other publishers that will make your tails wag!

Don't miss out on this year's Book Fair, where every dog has its Book Fair day and books are the cat's pyjamas! Yes, it's almost time; the Scholastic Book Fair for 2018 arrives in the library on Monday of Week 2 next term. Scholastic is the nation's leader in quality Book Fairs, with an exciting range of recently published children's books and educational products from Australia and around the world.

Students will have the opportunity to view the books for sale at set times prior to purchasing. They will bring home a wish list and be able to purchase books during the times detailed below. (Look closely – you can purchase before, after and during both recess and lunch.) Remember, the vast mass of knowledge in the world is often gained by reading; now is the perfect opportunity to encourage your children to acquire a love of this valuable tool.

Purchasing Date	Time
Tuesday 8 May	8:30-9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30
Wednesday 9 May	8:30-9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30
Thursday 10 May	8:30-9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30
Friday 11 May	8:30-9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30

NB: Cash is the preferred method of payment. All cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

We look forward to seeing you in the library. Parents and carers are welcome to call in during our purchasing times. We also have prizes to give away!

Important information for parents/carers

Legal Issues Bulletin No. 8 29/05/15

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/legal/media/documents/legal-issues-bulletins/bulletin8.pdf>

Can parents, students and other community members use their private motor vehicles for department activities?

If students are required to attend departmental activities away from the school or institute site, parents, community members or other students may provide transport to and from the activity, subject to the following conditions:

- Written permission from the parent(s) of the student being transported is obtained.
- If students are transporting other students, written permission from the parent(s) of the driver must also be obtained to not only use the vehicle but also to transport other students.
- The driver must be licensed.
- The motor vehicle must be registered.
- The number of passengers in the vehicle must not exceed the number of seat belts or in the case of larger vehicles, the number of passengers that the vehicle may be licensed to carry.

Current driver's licence and car registration details must be sighted prior to giving permission for students to be transported in the vehicle. Comprehensive car insurance of any kind is not required.

Transporting students in parents' or other students' vehicles should only occur in those circumstances where there is no other feasible option available to provide the transportation. It is acknowledged these guidelines may have limited application to TAFE NSW staff having regard to the character of the student cohort who attend TAFE NSW premises for educational purposes.

Any financial assistance offered to parents for the use of their cars should be limited to reimbursement for actual costs incurred for items such as petrol and tolls. The payment of any flat fee or other sum other than for actual expenses should be avoided.

Students driving to school activities

Allowing students to use private vehicles to transport themselves and/or other students to and from school activities is a privilege granted by the principal and must be strictly supervised by the school. The principal can revoke this privilege at any time. If the privilege is abused, the principal must withdraw approval immediately.

A note regarding this information has been sent home with Year 11 & 12 students today, also included with the note is any relevant forms that are to be completed for students driving other students in their private motor vehicles.

Secondary Wellbeing and Learning Support

The Learning Support team are committed to supporting student learning. Throughout Term 1 we have supported a number of students through targeted group work, individual support and life skills. If you would like to discuss your child's progress please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Advisor.

Mr Celi

Premiers Debating Challenge

Coolamon Central School will be participating in the 2018 Premiers Debating Challenge. This is open to students in Stage 4 and 5. If your child wishes to participate please notify Mr Celi. This is a great opportunity for students to build their teamwork and debating skills whilst networking with students from other schools within the region.

Mr Celi



Tell Them From Me

Thankyou to all students who undertook the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. We have been sent the results and staff are beginning to analyse the data to strengthen and support our current systems and practices.

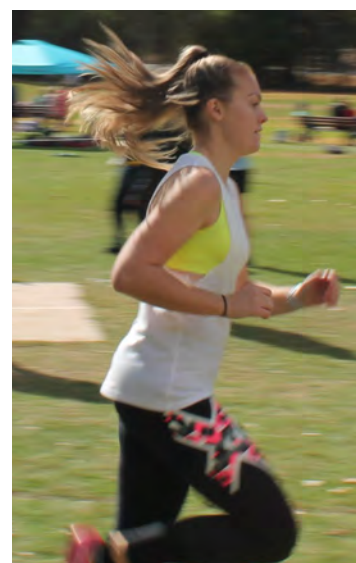
Mr Celi



Athletics Carnival



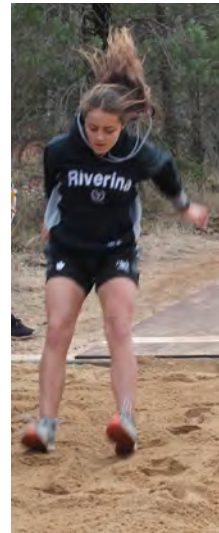
The athletics carnival was successfully held on Friday 4th May, well done to all students on their participation. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day it is greatly appreciated. Information regarding zone/district athletics carnivals will be sent out shortly.





SECONDARY CHAMPIONS

12 Years Girls - Chloe Clark
 12 Years Boys - Tyson Barnes
 13 Years Girls - Katie Cox
 13 Years Boys - Ryan Furner
 14 Years Girls - Chontal Costello
 14 Years Boys - Sam Neale
 15 Years Girls - Nellie Whyman
 15 Years Boys - Sam Carmichael
 16 Years Girls - Zoe Cartwright
 16 Years Boys - Braith Kean
 17+ Years Girls - Brydie Kean
 17+ Years Boys - Heath Walker



PRIMARY CHAMPIONS

Junior Girls - Hannah McDonald
 Junior Boys - Lawson Buchegger
 11 Years Girls - Lili Prior
 11 Years Boys - Oliver Furner
 Senior Girls - Abbey Lucas
 Senior Boys - Stuart Daley



Applications for the 2018 **Build A Bridge... & get over it! Engineering Camp** have now opened for students in years 9-12 who are interested in a career in Civil Engineering. Please see Mrs Besgrove for an Application Form or visit compact.org.au or recroc.com.au for more information.



**If you like problem solving,
maths, science & design ...
Then this camp is for you!**

Dates 20, 21 & 22 August, 2018

A 3 day Camp at Borambola for students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 who are interested in a career in Civil Engineering.

Students compete in teams to design and build a real bridge.
Participate in hands-on workshops in laser levelling,
soil compaction testing, spatial co-ordinates and surveying
plus Borambola's great outdoor activities.

Entries open to all students in the REROC member council areas of:
Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Greater Hume, Junee,
Lockhart, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga.

See your Careers' Adviser or log onto
www.reroc.com.au
www.compact.org.au
for more information or an Application Form

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COMPACT

A Special Visitor

We were fortunate to have Mrs Margaret Hamilton drop into the school yesterday for an impromptu visit. Mrs Hamilton taught Home Economics here at Coolamon Central School from 1958-1960. Mrs Linda Crocker was able to take Mrs Hamilton for a tour of our school and she was impressed with our up to date facilities. On a side note we worked out that there is approximately 60 years difference between their teaching careers. Seen pictured here in front of our school library which is our remaining original building.



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Playground supervision does not commence until 8.40am. Students and parent/caregivers are not to be on school grounds before that time.

Parent/caregivers who are dropping off and picking up students in the morning and afternoon, should not be on school grounds after 8.55am or before 3pm unless they have signed in to the front office. Parent/caregivers who are also picking up Secondary students should wait for their child/ren at the front gate of the school.

For the safety of all students at Coolamon Central School all parent/caregivers who visit school grounds at other times should proceed to the school administration office to sign in.

Book Club



When ordering through book club, please ensure that you include your full name and class. If payment is to be made by cheque, please make it payable to the school.

BATTERY DRIVE



As you service your vehicles and replace your vehicle batteries please consider donating them to the Coolamon Central School P&C where we can organise for them to be recycled and receive some cash in return. Batteries can be dropped off to the School Ag Plot in Douglas St during school hours - however please give us a quick call to let us know they are there so we can lock them away.

INFANTS BOOK BAGS

Every student in our Infants years has a blue CCS book bag. This bag is used for transporting library books, home readers and notes. Can you please ensure these are brought to school **every** day and checked **every** night. Important information regarding your child's learning and wellbeing may otherwise be missed.

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Lego

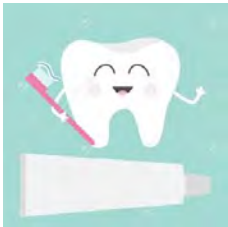
Lego club has commenced, come and join us every Wednesday afternoon at 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Also at the Library every Saturday morning from 10.30am – 11.30am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Storytime

Our next Storytime session will be Friday 11th May @ 10.30am, theme – “Mummies are Amazing” just in time for Mothers Day and then Friday, 25th May “Clothes”. Come and join us – new families are most welcomed to attend.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The library has a variety of NSW Premiers Reading Challenge books available for students to borrow for those participating. The books have been sorted into their different levels to make it easy for students. This challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, phone the library for further details.



COOLAMON DENTAL CLINIC

Phone 6927 3308

NO COST TO YOU if your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS)

Children aged between 2-17 years that are eligible for Medicare may be eligible for dental treatment through this program.

The CDBS will provide children with up to \$1000 in benefits over two calendar years for basic dental services.

We can check if your child can receive these benefits.

Dr Teresa English encourages all children to have check-ups and fluoride treatments 6 monthly.

Phone **69273308** to make an appointment. If the clinic is unattended please leave a message and we will return your call.

Dr Teresa English, Dentist, is practicing in Coolamon on Monday and Thursday 8.30am – 5pm.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DENTAL APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

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INSTRUCTION**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

COSTS FOR FORTNIGHTLY ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE COOLAMON CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

(Appear once in newsletter)

1/16 page	\$ 5.00
1/8 page	\$10.00
1/4 page	\$15.00
1/2 page	\$20.00
Full page	\$25.00

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The P&C meet on the second Wednesday of each month. All new parents are most welcome to attend. It is a great way to find out what is happening at our school and to meet staff and other parents.