



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 8 TERM 4 2018

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM FOUR

DECEMBER

- 3-14 K-6 Swim School & PE swimming
- 5 Wagga High School Musical showcase @ Wagga High
- 7 Primary Year 6 Final Assembly in Hall @ 2.10pm
- 13 Yr 7 2019 Orientation Day
- Whole School Presentation Night @ CCS Hall 6pm**
- 17-19 Surf Trip @ Killalea State Park
- 19 **FINAL DAY 2018 STUDENTS & STAFF**

TERM ONE 2019

JANUARY

- 30 **Primary including Kindergarten & Yrs 7,11,12 Return**
- 31 **Yrs 8,9,10 Return**

FEBRUARY

- 7 **Whole School Twilight Swimming Carnival**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The final full newsletter of 2018. How the time has flown and the end of the term approaches at great speed. Much has happened in the past 2 weeks I hope I can touch on most of these.



I had the pleasure of listening to the speeches of all the candidates for Primary Captains for 2019. These were held in front of all Students K-6 at the last Primary wellbeing assembly. Every single candidate delivered a fantastic speech. Each and every one of you deserve a huge pat on the back for your maturity and delivery of such varied yet relevant speeches to your peers. I wish you all luck in the process and look forward to the results that will be announced at Presentation Night.

On Thursday night I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the Coolamon Sports Club. All Year 6 students attended, with Year 5 students there sending them off, along with all the primary staff. Great to see the maturity in all the students and how well you scrub up out of school uniform. With a massive photo session, an enjoyable meal, some kind words and speeches, a good time was had by all. A big thank you must go to Ms Taylor and Ms Guymer for all their efforts in putting the night together.

The biggest highlight of these last two weeks was the whole school wellbeing assembly. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending to see students recognised for their achievements across the school. At this assembly we recognised students in every year level who achieved silver (50 points), gold (80 points) platinum (120 points) or opal (180 points) the highest level in our wellbeing system. We also acknowledged students achievement in many external academic competitions and extra curricula activities. Well done to all the award winners. This assembly also saw the revealing of our new 'School Houses'. Mr Besgrove presented the results of the surveys and voting to announce our new houses are **Millwood - Green**, **Methul - Blue** and **Rannock - Orange**. One of the significant aspects of these 'School Houses' is that they will now be linked to every aspect of schooling. I am excited about the opportunities these houses will present in creating leadership options and school spirit to build on the significant culture of engagement and belonging at CCS. All awards, carnivals and achievements will earn house points. A massive thanks to Mr Celi for his efforts in ensuring everything ran like clockwork and to Ms Jocelyn and the office team for their efforts with all the certificates.

On a final note, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and thank you for your efforts and contribution to Coolamon Central School in 2018.

Kingsley Ireland - Relieving Principal



Schools Spectacular is a huge showcase of outstanding musical and dancing talent from public schools across NSW. With over 5700 students performing, Isabelle Furner and Ella Menzies were selected to join the 2700 strong choir, including those from the Riverina Public Choir. It was Isabelle's fourth and final year performing and we hope she has gained a lot from the experience.

We congratulate both Ella and Isabelle on their success.

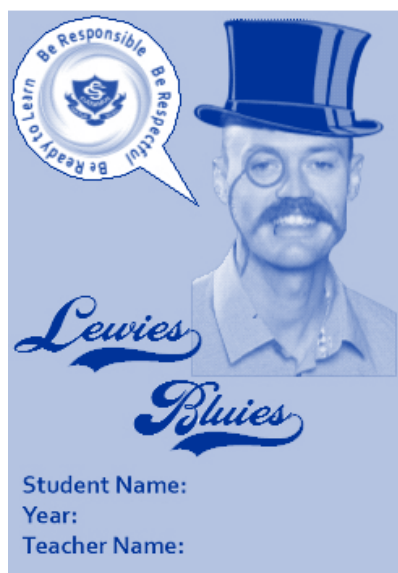
Schools Spectacular 'The Greatest' will be broadcast on Channel 7 on Saturday 8th December 2018, from 7pm.



Photo taken by Belinda Austin.



Lewies Blues



As we get closer to the final week of term 4, students who have been receiving 'Blues' and going up levels in our wellbeing system may be looking for a way to continue proving their dedication and hard work. That opportunity comes in the form of 'Lewies Blues' as a way to ensure students keep applying themselves right through until the end of the year. These 'Blues' will be awarded to students following our school values and displaying positive attitudes. If a student receives a total of 25 they will be eligible for the Wellbeing Excursion to the Forum 6 Cinema and Ten Pin Bowling in the final week of 2018. So keep up the great efforts and be on the lookout for 'Lewies Blues.'

Stage 4 Geography

Stage 4 have been learning about 'Water in the World' and on Friday 23rd November they had to assess the quality of two water samples; lagoon water and river water. To do this they had to work collaboratively and complete nine tests including turbidity, pH and dissolved oxygen. This engaging activity enabled the students to develop their geographical skills by participating in field work testing, recording observations and interpreting data.



OzGrav

Students in stage 5, 4 and 3 had the exciting opportunity to explore space via virtual reality. They got to measure the age and size of stars and determine the life cycle of different star types. They then got a tour of the solar system including a visit to Jupiter's giant red spot, a storm that has been raging for over 400 years.



PE Wellbeing Assembly



Secondary students pictured with their awards that they received at the recent wellbeing assembly. These students were recognised for their commitment in all PDHPE subjects. Congratulations.



Koorringal High School Funk Explosion



A big thankyou to Koorringal High School Funk Explosion who included Coolamon Central School in their tour, students thoroughly enjoyed listening to such talented musicians. We look forward to seeing them again next year.

Stage 5 Alpha English

Stage 5 English, in their final year examination were asked to compose a short imaginative text on the stimulus provided.

Brett Lucas composed the following short story:

I was sitting outside taking in the wonderful landscape of Australia in my brand new two-storey house. It was a quiet day and I was home alone.

Then, all of a sudden, I hear a roar of a mighty V8. I could see it from the distance, it was a very shiny car and I could not take my eyes off it. As it came closer the more I could see it, and the more I could hear its loud ludicrous noise.

As the noise raced closer, it turned into the driveway and pulled up. I couldn't see through the glass. It was the all-new Holden HK Monaro GTS. I was in love with that car from the very first sight.

When I saw my father hop out of the car I looked at him with excitement, but I was still confused. When he saw me, he smiled and said "Say hello to our new member of the family son". I looked at the shiny warwick yellow paint job and the shiny chrome and the red wall tyres.

I was 14 years old at the time and I was excited by the fact that this was my dream car, the model with the 327 V8. A four-speed manual with black leather trim. My mum used to never like the car, not just, because it was powerful but it was too loud for her liking and she refused to ever drive or ride in it.

I still have the car in my shed. I was the only child and was given the car in the late 90's after my father passed. 70,000 original miles and till goes like a rat up a drainpipe.

Well done Brett!

Mr Celi



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Buchegger for her outstanding contribution to our school and her coordination of Breaky Central over a number of years. As we move into the new year Mr Lewis Gear (Student Wellbeing Officer) will take over the coordination of the breakfast program. If you would like to donate your time to help with the program or to provide produce etc. please contact Lewis at the school.

Thankyou to all those who continue to support this initiative and we look forward to delivering this important wellbeing initiative in the New Year.

Mr Celi

Head Teacher Wellbeing



New School Houses

At our whole school assembly, Mr Besgrove made an announcement regarding our new school houses, part of his speech is below.

'This morning, I have the pleasure of being able to stand before you all, to talk about an exciting change that will occur at Coolamon Central School. I have to say, I'm really, really excited, as it is something that personally, I have believed in since I was lucky enough to start employment at the best school in the Riverina, Coolamon Central School. The change of course, is moving from two sport houses, to three school houses. So here it is, the big moment, the one you've all (or at least some of you) have been waiting for – drum roll please!!!

The three new school houses are named Millwood, Rannock and Methul, with the colours being Green, Orange and Blue respectively. The new colours, now match our core wellbeing values of 'be respectful, be responsible and be ready to learn'. Maintaining a link and engaging students more in our local area, as well as moving forward from previous house colours, were big deciding factors behind the selection of these elements.

The idea of extending our sport houses eventuated on the back of assessing the attendance, application, effort and drive of our school community - in being an active part of sport carnivals over the past two years. It is at these carnivals (amongst other events) that our school community (which includes students, parents and staff) are provided with an opportunity to show pride in our school, and participate in extracurricular events that further demonstrate this pride. It was clear in 2018 and in some of the years prior, particularly through student attendance and participation in these carnivals, that some of the motivation, drive and pride in the current sporting houses was not as strong as it had been in the past.

In an effort to not only increase student and community pride in our school - but also improve sporting outcomes, provide greater competition and leadership opportunities amongst the student body and further demonstrate that there are a variety of contexts in which students can achieve success at Coolamon Central School - the process began to move from two sport houses to three school houses. The motion for this idea was put forward to our school executive by the sport organisers in primary and secondary, Annette Taylor and myself, and was passed at the beginning of this term.

You may have noticed earlier that I referred to the new houses as being 'school' houses. This is because academic success, as well as the wellbeing system consisting of 'free and frequent' awards (known as blueys this year) and wellbeing levels, also play a big part in the success of our new houses. As a part of the new system, 'free and frequent awards' are worth a point not only towards wellbeing levels, but to an overall house score. This allows students to undertake a variety of academic, wellbeing and sporting pursuits to contribute to their houses. This will be celebrated at the end of the year at presentation night, with the presentation of a new shield to the overall school house that excels and gains points in these areas. It is also important to note that the 'Tom Goss' champion house trophy will still be presented to the champion school house that wins just the sporting carnivals (based on points only from the carnivals).

The student leadership structure that we have created, in the hope of unearthing and developing our leaders of tomorrow. Each house will have student captains, with new Year 12 students receiving the first opportunity to apply for the captains role. New Year 11 students will receive the second opportunity to apply for a role in the leadership team, pending the suitability of year 12 nominations. Applications for the role of stage 4 (years 7/8) and stage 5 (years 9/10) leaders, as well as captains, will require students to complete a nomination form, say a speech and be voted into the position by their peers and teaching staff.

MILLWOOD

RANNOCK

METHUL

New School Houses *continued*

Once students in primary know their colours, students in Year 6 will be asked if they would like to be a House Captain. One girl and one boy for each colour. Candidates will then deliver a speech to their house, and a voting system will occur whereby teachers and students vote. In the case of there not being enough year 6 girls or year 6 boys running for captain, the top two candidates with the most amount of votes, male or female will be elected. If year 6 students do not express an interest, year 5 students will be asked.

The role of the school house leadership team is also conveyed on the above slide - collaboration with the SRC, coordinating school house charity days and looking after our sport equipment just some of the important roles students will undertake.

As a school, we are lucky to have been a part of a great traditional rivalry in Kindra v Cowabbie, and without those houses, we would not have been able to build a strong foundation for what is to come. When I look into the crowd at our students, our parents and our staff, it is clear that we all have a role to play in advocating progression for our mighty little school. As a teacher, a staff member, a community member and a recent parent to a little boy who will one day don the colours of a new school house, I have to say - I am so proud of this school and the community within it, and I can't wait to see the positive input our students, parents and staff will have into the successful implementation of these houses into the 2019 school year.

I wish to sincerely thank all students, parents and staff for your feedback, ideas, for voting and for your views on this exciting change. If there are any further questions, queries or ideas, please do not not hesitate to make contact with the school.

Thank you, Mr Besgrove.'



School Houses - Leadership Structure 2019



Leadership Group

- 2 x Captains (Year 12)
- Stage 5 Sport Rep
- Stage 4 Sport Rep

PRIMARY

- 2 x Captains (Year 6)
- 1 girl and 1 boy for each house

Roles for leadership group

- Keep sports sheds tidy (all)
- Control lunch time sport gear
- Help Youth Worker during lunch times
- Undertake normal roles within sport carnivals
- Run charity 'School House' days
- Work in unison with SRC e.g. disco support
- Meet with Mr Besgrove and Ms Taylor prior to and after sports carnivals
- Help with lunch time sport competitions
- Attend school leadership forums with SRC

NOMINATION FORMS FOR SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAIN AND SCHOOL LEADERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MR BESGROVE. If you are nominating for any of the above roles you will be required to make a speech in front of your fellow housemates.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 5/12/18 AT RECESS

Whole school wellbeing assembly

The Wellbeing Assembly recognises the achievement of students in a number of areas. Students were recognised for the following achievements;

- Primary Gold Awards
- Secondary Silver Awards
- Secondary Gold Awards
- Secondary Platinum Awards
- Secondary Opal Awards
- NSW Premier's Spelling Bee
- NESA Write on competition
- Dorothea MacKellar's Poetry Awards
- NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
- CWA International Country of Study
- UNSW International Competition and Assessment for schools
- Australian Mathematics competition
- Tournament of Minds
- Coding Challenge
- Dramatic Minds
- ANZAC Day writing
- NSW Premiers Debating Challenge
- Aurora and,
- Community Service



Students should be commended on their outstanding achievements and their application towards being lifelong learners and demonstrating the schools values. It was also fantastic to have Daniel DeHann perform his own composition on the keyboard.

Wellbeing Team



Orientation Day 2018 – Year 7 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Purpose:	<p>As part of the transition program students who intend on commencing high school at Coolamon Central School in 2019 are invited to an Orientation Day at school on Thursday 13th December 2018.</p> <p>The Year 6 students will begin the day in the School Hall at 8:50 am with a welcome from our Principal and a brief introduction on what to expect for year 7 in 2019. This session is expected to last around 20 minutes and will be followed by a session with students and their peer support leaders, which aims to get them familiar with the school grounds, and the organisation required in a high school.</p> <p>After recess, students will undertake various lessons. Students are permitted to wear mufti and a BBQ lunch will be provided to students followed by structured sport at the Coolamon pool. Students must bring; swimming gear, towel, sunscreen, hat and something to eat for recess. Pool entry is \$2.00 unless you have a season pass and MUST be brought on the day.</p> <p>Students will be able to catch their regular school buses to Coolamon Central School ready for an 8:50 am start. The Year 10 leadership team will direct you to the school hall for the beginning of the day.</p> <p>If your child is attending this day and is enrolling at Coolamon Central School for 2019, could you please RSVP by completing the attached swimming permission note and returning it to Coolamon Central School by 4th December 2018.</p>				
Venue:	Coolamon Central School and Coolamon Pool				
Date	Thursday 13	Commences:	8:50am	Concludes:	3:10pm
Transport:	Walking				
Supervision:	Mr Hewson and Mr Celi				
Cost:	\$2.00 on the day (unless you have a season pass)				
Due by:	4th December 2018 – Please return note and money to the front office				
Requirements:	swimming gear, towel, sunscreen, hat and something to eat for recess.				

If you are happy for your child to participate in this event, please complete the permission note and return it to the school office with any applicable payment. If you are happy to be the volunteer parent for this trip, please call the front office to register your interest.

Dennis Hewson

Year 7 Advisor 2019

Kingsley Ireland

Principal (rel.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Caregiver)

PERMISSION to walk to the Coolamon Swimming Pool and swim at

CCS Orientation Day – 13th December 2018

YES NO NA

1	I give permission for my child(ren): _____ to walk to the Coolamon Swimming Pool.			
2	I give permission for my child(ren): _____ to swim at the Orientation Day.			
3	<p>My child is (Please Circle)</p> <p>A non swimmer: My child is unable to swim</p> <p>A weak swimmer: My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well</p> <p>An average swimmer: My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water</p> <p>A strong swimmer: My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water</p>			
4	<p>My child's medical conditions have been provided to Coolamon Central School prior to this event</p> <p>If 'NO', please add specific medical conditions or general issues below</p>			
5	<p>My child is an asthmatic and requires a Ventolin</p> <p>My child is allergic to bee stings</p>			
6	<p>My Child requires current medication</p> <p>If 'YES', please list below;</p>			
7	I give permission for the supervising teachers and/or first aid representative at the excursion to administer first aid			
8	<p>My child requires special general considerations when swimming at the pool</p> <p>If 'YES', please list below</p>			
9	<p>Emergency Contact : _____</p> <p>Phone Number _____</p> <p>I am aware I am responsible for my child when leaving the premises</p>			
10	<p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p>			

Year 6 Graduation Dinner



New Secondary Hats



The P&C have kindly purchased new caps for Secondary students. The 2019 Year 7 students will be given a hat at their orientation day. The hats are available for the remainder of Secondary for \$15 through the school office. Cash only



Thumbs
Up to
our new
water
cooler
bubbler



COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Story-time

Our next Story-time will be held Friday, 7th December @ 10.30am – theme “Jump and Jive”. Books, songs and a craft to take home – all families are welcome. Then on Friday, 14th December will be our final story-time for the year. It’s all about Christmas with a very special guest appearing. Also a small Christmas party will follow conclude our story-time sessions.

Food for Fines

The Library will again be holding the “Food for Fines” campaign from the end of November. Food for Fines offers library members an opportunity to clear their outstanding overdue fines by donating non-perishable food in lieu of money. All collected food will be donated to local charities, who will distribute the food to local families.

Lego Club

Lego Club is held at the Library on Wednesday afternoons 4.00pm- 5.00pm and then Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am – Join in the fun.

School Holiday Program

The Dec/Jan school holiday program has lots of activities for the children to enjoy. Some of the activities are – “Xmas cupcake decorating”, “make a Xmas wreath”, “Twirling Twig Mobile” and “Pencil Shaving art”. For further information phone the Library – 69272492.





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

One off free advertisement for non-profit community event
All payments must be paid prior to placement of the
advertisement

Breaky Central and our School
Newsletter Proudly Sponsored by....

NAVIGATE
Accounting • Planning • Finance

Steelsupplies

10 Say Street
Wagga Wagga 2650
Direct: (02) 69718 255
Fax: (02) 69718 266
Mobile: 0427273 254
Email: shane@steelsupplies.com.au

The Uniting
Church



**Turtle & Mel
Walker**
Your local Milkman

St Andrew's
Anglican
Church,
Coolamon



To keep yourself up to date
on all the great things
happening in our school
community, please like and
share our Facebook page
at 'Coolamon Central
School' or visit our website
at www.coolamon-c.school.nsw.edu.au



**Education
Public Schools**

Coolamon Central School
75 Methul Street
Coolamon 2701
Phone: (02) 6927 3209
Fax: (02) 6927 3644

Email:
coolamon-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website:
<http://www.coolamon-c.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Principal:

Mr John Beer

Deputy Principal:

Mr Kingsley Ireland

P&C The P&C meet
on the first
Wednesday of
each term. 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.