



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

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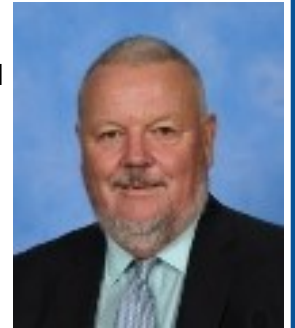
BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

from The Principal

Welcome back to all parents/carers, students and staff for 2022. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy their break under the present circumstances. Congratulations to our 2021 HSC students who gained some outstanding results despite all the difficulties and uncertainty they faced over the two years.

Unfortunately, this is not the start we had hoped for this year. I would like to thank everyone for the understanding they have shown during these frustrating times. At this stage we are asking parents to minimise their entry to the school grounds as attendance at functions or activities at school is not allowed, unless it is essential for your child's education.



Below is a summary of the main COVID requirements affecting your children while at school:

- Masks are compulsory for all high school students when inside
- Masks are recommended for primary students when inside
- Cloth masks are not acceptable
- Students will remain in their stage cohorts in the playground
- Rapid Antigen Testing is recommended for all students twice a week
- Please notify the school if your child has COVID; they must stay home for a minimum of seven days
- If your child is a household contact, they must stay home for a minimum of seven days
- Online learning is available on the Department website for Years K-10 (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home>)

We will be sending home the next allocation of RAT kits with your children later this week. If this is not suitable you can arrange to collect them from the school.

Tragically one of our ex-students, Colt Parker, passed away in late 2021. Colt attended CCS from Year 2 to Year 12. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Parker family during this difficult and sad time.

The Primary Swimming Carnival was held on Friday with some great achievements by competitors. The Secondary Swimming carnival will be held on Thursday. Parents can attend but they must follow all the COVID rules as outlined in the permission note.

I would like to welcome our new staff to the school:

- Mr Mitchell Harpley and Mr Tony Chamberlain (Mathematics and PE)
- Ms Holly Wright (English/History)
- Ms Sarnia Sly (AP and COVID learning support)
- Mr Thomas Besgrove will be our Relieving Head Teacher of Mathematics/PE

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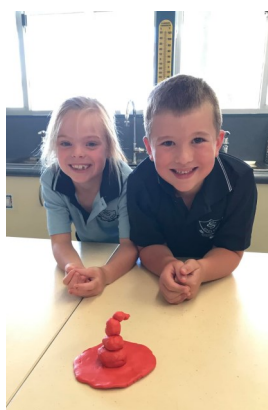
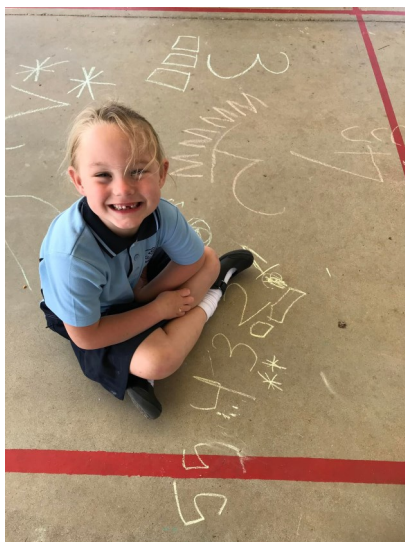
- 10 Secondary Swimming Carnival
- 18 Secondary Assembly (parents/carers unable to attend)
- 25 Primary Assembly (parents/carers unable to attend)

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome To KINDERGARTEN

Say hello to the new faces of Coolamon Central School. Welcome Kindergarten 2022, we look forward to watching you grow and learn as you progress through your schooling years.





Book Club

CHANGES ON HOW TO ORDER

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** again next year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

Previously we have taken your child's book club order with cash payment and submitted the order on their behalf. From next year we will no longer be able to do cash payments, but orders can be made through The **Book Club LOOP**.

It is easy to order, The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe, and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

CCS Book Club Co-Ordinator



Mathematics Growth Team @ Coolamon Central School



Have you ever said to yourself or to others, “I’m not a maths person?” Some people believe that Mathematics is a skill that people are either born with or not. The truth is...”Maths is found everywhere and is for everyone” - Eddie Woo.

What is the Mathematics Growth Team?

The Mathematics Growth Team (MGT), a part of the Best In Class Teaching Unit, amplifies the impact of expert mathematics teaching at targeted schools to:

- strengthen mathematics leaders and build a new generation of mathematics teachers across NSW public schools
- support the use of evidence-based, best-practice assessment and teaching practices among mathematics educators.

Currently, the MGT consists of 13 school-based expert mathematics secondary teachers. **Mr Pollard** is the trainer based at Coolamon Central School.

Mr Pollard will be working with teachers and students to develop mathematics skills and knowledge at CCS.



Mr Pollard (centre) is pictured with Craig Holden – Coordinator, Mathematics Growth and Eddie Woo, Leader Mathematics Growth during a visit last year.

Lesson studies and observations

As part of the evaluation of the MGT project, mathematics lessons across the school will have teacher demonstration and teaching recorded for the purpose of evaluation. These recordings are shared securely with the research team and any incidental capturing of students will not be published. Mr Pollard has been provided with video recording equipment and will be conducting these lesson observations late Term One and early Term Two.

Importantly, the data collected aims to analyse the needs of the school and its Mathematics teachers and for future state-wide evidence. In no way will students or teachers be identified or disclosed. If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact this school.

Last year our student wellbeing team made Christmas hampers with kind donations from students and staff. These were then taken to Allawah Community Centre and given to some of their clients. It is important for our students to be able to contribute to our elderly community.



“On behalf of all the staff here at Allawah Community Care we would like to say Thank you for your donation of Christmas hampers for our clients.”



Young Citizen of the Year and Young Sportsperson of the Year

Congratulations to Hannah Walker and Chloe Clark for their recognition at the recent Coolamon Shire Council Australia Day awards, and congratulations to Emmerson Buchegger on her nomination.

Hannah was the recipient of Young Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding contribution to the school community. Hannah was awarded 2021 Riverina School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year and was a top three finalist for New South Wales.

Chloe was the recipient of Young Sportsperson of the Year Award for her longstanding success and commitment to netball for the Ganmain Grong Grong Matong Football and Netball Club and the representative netball community.



CCS Mathematics and PDHPE Faculty

2022 sees the start of several changes for the Mathematics & PDHPE Faculty at Coolamon Central School.

Ms Reimers joined the school during the second half of 2021 as our new permanent Mathematics teacher.

This year we welcome Mr Harpley who will be teaching a combination of Mathematics and PDHPE classes, in addition to Technology Mandatory in Stage 4. Mr Chamberlain is also new to the mathematics faculty and will be teaching classes in Stages 4-6. Mr Hughes continues in his role as our permanent Mathematics & PDHPE teacher as well as coordinating Thursday sport.

A big congratulations to Mrs Maddox who has secured a permanent position in the faculty, which will enable us to continue to offer a range of elective studies in Stage 5 & 6. She will continue to be an invaluable asset to the school and coordinate representative sport for our students.

Mr Besgrove will relieve in the position of Head Teacher Mathematics/PDHPE, while Mr Pollard continues in his role as Trainer on the NSW Mathematics Growth Team.

The Mathematics and PDHPE Faculty are looking forward to working with the CCS school community in 2022.



Coolamon Central School's Mobile Phone Policy

From the beginning of Term 3 Coolamon Central implemented our **"Off and Away"** Mobile Phone Policy. Students are not allowed to use their mobile phones from the time they enter the school grounds until the final bell at 3.10pm. If a student has to carry a mobile phone to and from school, it is their responsibility to ensure that it is turned off and stored securely away during the school day. Please note: 'school grounds' extends to school excursions, sports carnivals and other events off the school site, where an approved school activity takes place.

During school hours, parents and carers are expected to only contact their children via the school office. Parents are able to send messages to student mobile phones to be accessed after the 3.10pm bell.

If the Mobile Phone rules are broken and they are used during the school day, mobile phones will be confiscated and stored with the Deputy Principal. The offending student is to collect the phone from the Deputy Principal at the end of the day. If students show a repeated failure to follow the regulations, then further disciplinary action will be taken. In special circumstances an exemption can be requested from the Principal on the basis of medical and wellbeing grounds. Full details of the policy are available on our website.



While mobile phones and other such devices have significant advantages for use in the broader community their use in schools is highly problematic. In schools, mobile phones can be significant distractors to learning and they can also pose significant risk to the safety of students through unfiltered access to the internet.

I have discussed this matter widely with a number of other schools who have gone down this path. They all report a significant drop in cyber bullying and negative behaviours. They also note a large increase in physical and social activity during recess and lunch.

Thank you for your support in this important learning and wellbeing matter.

John Beer
Principal



NSW School Vaccination Program

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2022 the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7 Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine 2-doses at least 6 months apart Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine Single dose

Years 10 Meningococcal ACWY vaccine Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) or consent signed in 2021.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx.

A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Wilson MLHD Immunisation Coordinator, Albury PHU on 1300 066 055.



upcoming sessions



Parents, Carers, and Community Members in Southern NSW are invited to attend a free mental health education session in Term 1.



The sessions aim to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health definitions.
- Enhance your conversational approach to mental health and well-being.
- Build skills and strategies to support young people, including transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Increase your knowledge and understanding of the mental health challenges facing young people today.
- Introduce you to some of the skills and strategies to encourage and support help-seeking.



Helping my young person during COVID

Date: 9/2/2022

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM AEDT

Location: Online webinar

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3rlDmoF>



Communicating with my young person

Date: 23/3/2022

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM AEDT

Location: Online webinar

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3zXdjrs>



For more information

Contact us at programsupport@headspace.org.au

Safer Driver Course

NDE Australia are currently conducting the Roads & Maritime Service (RMS) Safer Driver Course in Wagga Wagga, for Learner Drivers.

The next series of courses will be held at the Wagga Wagga RSL, Dobbs Street Wagga Wagga, on Sunday 13 February 2022, commencing at 0900am.

All social distancing procedures will be followed and hand sanitiser will be provided. The Safer Drivers Course is an essential service under the present COVID 19 situation and can be conducted under the present Government guidelines.

Students are advised not to attend if they have any COVID 19 symptoms and can rebook for a later course.

The course consists of a 3 hour theory session followed by a 2 hour practical driving session, which involves low risk driving techniques. The 2 hour session entails 2 students, completing 1 hour drive each, on a pre prepared route.

The course provides 20 hours of log time in the Learner Drivers Handbook for \$140. Drivers need to have 50 log book hours, excluding driving instructor hours, to qualify for the course. The recent lockdown in regional NSW has caused a backlog in driver testing which will delay drivers securing a driving test until early November 2021. The ability to obtain 20 log book hours in 1 day will greatly assist drivers to have the required 120 hours completed, whilst waiting for driving test positions to become available.

This is great value for students and families and can be completed in 1 day. Lunch is provided at the training venue.

The Facilitators and coaches are highly skilled and experienced and provide easy to understand instruction, which will assist young drivers to gain valuable experience and safe driving techniques.

Students and families can book through the NDE Australia website <http://www.ndeaustralia.com.au> or call 0298533243.

There are limited places available on each course, so book early to secure your place.

Community News

Coolamon Town Library

Storytime 2022

Storytime will start again this Friday 11th February @ 10.30am theme – “Under the Sea”. New families are most welcome to attend. The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 25th February @ 10.30am theme “Farms”.

Review and Win

This month the Library is asking our residents to send us a review of that you have read, listened to or watched over the holidays. Then you go into a draw to win a craft pack and audiobook. Reviews can be submitted here at the Library or emailed to library@coolamon.nsw.gov.au.

Tech Savvy for Seniors

The Library is offering free computer courses for our seniors in the community. The Tech Savvy Seniors program helps you build the skills and confidence to use computers, tablets and smartphones. It includes face-to-face training and will the course will be held over 8 weeks. Phone the Library for further details – 69272492.

Unique hobby or Collections

The Library is looking for any residents with unusual collections or pastimes who would enjoy the opportunity to share with others over a social morning tea. If this sounds like you, please contact us – 69272492.

Delivery Services

Our home delivery service will continue again this year; our delivery day will be every Friday morning. Please contact the Library for further details – 69272492.

Re-Visit the Library

The Library is continuously receiving new books, DVD's, and magazines, come and re-visit the Library - Join the Library today - membership is FREE.

Also the Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. It provides free Public Internet Access & Wifi, photocopying, Service NSW kiosk, Community Recycling Station and laminating services. Also a community noticeboard, children and youth services, council school holiday programs and Local History services. It also provides housebound services to our members – further enquiries phone the Library - 69272492

RIVERINA CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday, February 24 2022

Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

To register for this webinar please email – admin@rivconmusic.nsw.edu.au and title in the subject line: Online Information Evening.

Information session will cover details about the RCM, music lessons available at schools & at the RCM as well as other programs on offer.



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You will be emailed the zoom link to the information session on Wednesday Feb 23, 2022

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





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