

# Coolamon Central School

## Newsletter



WEEK 3 TERM 1 2025

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

### TERM ONE

#### FEBRUARY

- 13 Leadership Induction  
Assembly 10.30am @  
Hall  
  
Whole School Swimming  
Carnival 3.10pm -  
7.30pm
- 18 'Meet the Teacher' -  
Primary classrooms
- 21 Primary Assembly  
2.10pm @ Hall featuring  
Ruby
- 24 Secondary Assembly  
12.30pm @ Hall -  
English/HSIE
- 28 Clean Up Australia Day

#### MARCH

- 7 Primary Assembly  
2.10pm @ Hall featuring  
Diamond
- 10 Secondary Assembly  
12.30pm @ Hall -  
Science/TAS
- 12-24 NAPLAN
- 18 CSU Explore Day
- 21 Primary Assembly  
2.10pm @ Hall featuring  
Amber
- 24 Secondary Assembly  
12.30pm @ Hall -  
Maths/PDHPE
- 25 Secondary Canberra  
Excursion

### from the Principal

#### Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

It has been fantastic to see our new Kindergarten students arriving each day, ready to take on the challenges of school. A big thank you to all parents for their engagement on Day 1, both with their children and during our information session. We hope this has set you and your child up for a positive educational journey. Additionally, we have welcomed many new students across all year levels, and they too have started their time at CCS on a positive note.

#### Twilight Swimming Carnival

This week we will hold our **Twilight Swimming Carnival** on Thursday evening. This is a great opportunity for parents to attend and be part of this exciting event. **Students who attend on Thursday evening are not expected at school on Friday, February 14th.**

#### Staffing Updates

We have a few staffing changes across the school:

- **Ms. Zacharia** – Mathematics
- **Mrs. Maddox** – Returning from maternity leave
- **Mrs. Rava** – Returning from maternity leave
- **Mrs. Langtry** – Working in Primary Term 1 on RFF
- **Mr. Martyn** – On parental leave for Term 1

Welcome, or welcome back, to the best school in town!

I look forward to meeting parents and families throughout the year, starting with our **swimming carnival this week.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the **school office** for guidance. The office is open **Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.**

Thank you for your support, and let's make this a fantastic year at CCS.



# from the Principal

## Important School Policies & Reminders

As we begin the school year, I'd like to remind students and families about a few key rules and regulations that help keep our school running smoothly.

### 1. NSW Department of Education – New Behaviour Policy 2024

The **NSW Department of Education introduced a new Behaviour Policy in 2024**. This policy strengthens the **Principal's ability** to ensure a **safe and productive learning environment** for all students. It explicitly addresses the use of mobile phones, vapes, social media, smoking, violence and bullying.

### 2. Mobile Phone Policy

- o **Years 7-12:** "Off and away" – No phones should be visible or used during school hours.
- o **Kindergarten - Year 6:** Students are not permitted to have a mobile phone or smart watch connected to a carrier service while at school.

### 3. Before & After School Supervision and Parent Access

- **Morning Drop-Off:**
  - o Students should **not arrive before 8:40 AM**, as staff supervision begins at this time.
- **Afternoon Pick-Up:**
  - o Supervision after school is **only provided in the bus area**. Students should exit the school grounds **promptly** at the end of the school day.
  - o If a student has issues with pick-up, they should go to the **office immediately**.
- **Parental Access:**
  - o We ask parents to **limit** entering the school grounds for pick-up/drop-off.
  - o **New students may need time to settle in**, so we encourage parents to establish a **routine for collecting children at the school gate**.
- **Other Reminders:**
  - o **Dogs are not permitted on school grounds.**
  - o **Parents who need to see children or meet teachers** should enter via the **front office** or call to schedule an appointment.

### 4. Communication Options

We continue to use **Sentral** as our primary communication tool, allowing emails and SMS notifications to parents.

- The **Sentral Parent Portal and App** are valuable tools for both parents and staff.
- Our **Facebook page** is a great source for school updates and community engagement.
- **Class DoJo** is used in Primary classes **only for tracking student achievements and rewards** – it should **not** be used to contact teachers or exchange information about students.

### 5. School Costs & Uniform

All school payments will now be managed through the **School Bytes** finance platform, allowing for easier online payments and expense tracking.

- We will provide further details on **school contributions and subject costs** in the coming weeks.
- We recognize the impact of the rising cost of living and **have not increased any school fees**.
- If you are facing financial difficulties, please **contact me as soon as possible** so we can work together to ensure no student misses out due to financial constraints.



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2025 will commence on Monday 24 February. 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 all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 10, and does not close until Friday 22 August.

Entering the PRC is simple. Just go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website and register your name. [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au) 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 books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	20	10	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
3-9	20	10	10	All booklists

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 is waiting to help you get started.



## Music with the Con

Students interested in attending music lessons with qualified teachers from the Riverina Conservatorium of Music are invited to complete the online enrolment form in the link below. Students must be in Years 3-6 in 2025 to be eligible. Lessons are held at the school during class time and are typically in groups of two to three. The school is able to provide guitars, drums, keyboards and a violin.

<https://www.rivconmusic.nsw.edu.au/enquiry>



# Guess Who?

It has been great to see so many photos of our students coming back to school or starting school for the first time. The staff thought that they would join in on the fun and share some of their school photos. Can you pick who is who? Names will be in the next newsletter.











**BACK TO SCHOOL**

# **MEET THE TEACHERS**

**Join us in our classrooms to meet the teachers  
and find out what's ahead in 2025!**

**Tuesday 18th February**

3:30-3:45 K/1 classrooms

3:45-4:00 Stage 1 classrooms

4:00-4:15 Stage 2 classrooms

4:15-4:30 Stage 3 classrooms



**Coolamon Central School**



# CCS Sports

## 2025

### CCS CARNIVALS

**THURSDAY 13TH FEB** Whole School Twilight Swimming Carnival

**THURSDAY 10TH APRIL** Whole School Athletics Carnival

**THURSDAY 8TH MAY** Whole School Cross Country



### SECONDARY ZONE CARNIVALS

**THURSDAY 27TH FEB** Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival Arianah Park

**FRIDAY 23RD MAY** Secondary & Primary Combined Zone Cross Country Coolamon

**WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE** Secondary Zone Athletics Venue TBC



### RIVERINA CARNIVALS

**TUESDAY 11TH MARCH** Riverina Swimming Carnival Leeton

**FRIDAY 13TH JUNE** Riverina Cross Country Gundagai

**FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST** Riverina Athletics Albury

### CENTRAL SCHOOLS TOUCH/NETBALL QUALIFIER

**THURSDAY 5TH JUNE** Touch qualifier

**TO BE CONFIRMED** Netball qualifier

### CENTRAL SCHOOL FINALS DUBBO

**MONDAY 1ST SEPT - FRIDAY 5TH SEPT**

**MONDAY 1ST SEPT**

**TUESDAY 2ND SEPT**

**WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPT**

**THURSDAY 4TH SEPT**

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPT**

Bowls

16's Touch

Opens Touch

14s and 16s League and 16s Netball

Opens Netball





# SECONDARY RIVERINA TRIALS

- Students can nominate to trial for these sports by putting their name on the nomination lists outside the staffroom.
- There are Riverina based trial criteria that must be adhered to for a student to trial. These may include (but are not limited to) age, skill level & previous experience. CCS students must be showcasing our CCS values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible & Be Ready to Learn, in order to represent our school at these trials.
- Parent permission for these trials will occur over school bytes.

<b>MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY</b>	15yrs and under Boy and Girl Touch trial
<b>THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY</b>	Basketball Girls trial
<b>FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY</b>	Rugby Union Open Girls 7s trial
<b>WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY</b>	Basketball Boys trial
<b>MONDAY 3RD MARCH</b>	Girls Football (soccer) trial
<b>WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH</b>	Boys and Girls Hockey trial
<b>FRIDAY 7TH MARCH</b>	Girls AFL trial
<b>WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH</b>	Boys and Girls Water Polo trial
<b>FRIDAY 14TH MARCH</b>	Secondary Boys AFL trial
<b>FRIDAY 14TH MARCH</b>	Rugby League Girls 16 & under and under 18s trial
<b>MONDAY 17TH MARCH</b>	Secondary Rugby Union trial
<b>MONDAY 24TH MARCH</b>	Boys Football (soccer) trial
<b>TUESDAY 25TH MARCH</b>	Golf Stoke play trial
<b>TUESDAY 25TH MARCH</b>	Lawn Bowls trial
<b>WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH</b>	Under 15 and Opens Boys Rugby League trial
<b>FRIDAY 28TH MARCH</b>	Open Netball trial



Thank you for supporting our CCS staff raffle





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## Wagga Wagga My Guardian Abilities Unleashed Kids

A fun and inclusive day connecting children with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities.

**Wednesday 26 March, 2025**  
**10 am - 1 pm**  
**Wagga Wagga Multi Purpose**  
**Stadium, Copland St,**  
**Wagga Wagga NSW 2650**

**Click here**  
or scan the  
QR code  
to register:



**Contact:** [abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au](mailto:abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au)

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Abilities Unleashed Kids is a national initiative by Disability Sports Australia focused on promoting active pathways for people with disabilities.

These multi-sport come and try days start the active journey of children living with disabilities. Each event aims to motivate and enable participants to discover local sport and active recreation opportunities in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment.

The program provides a platform for local inclusive program and disability service providers to collaborate and connect to children with disabilities in their area.

Benefits of attending the day:

- physical and mental health benefits of exercise
- social wellbeing, friendships, and community connection
- strengthening balance, coordination and mobility skills
- teamwork, collaboration and planning
- increased self-esteem through a sense of achievement

**Disability Sports Australia (DSA)** is a National Sporting Organisation and charity whose mission is to enable more Australians with disabilities to be more active, more often.

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[sports.org.au/volunteer](https://sports.org.au/volunteer)

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# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### Storytime 2025

**Storytime** will start again for another year – it will be held this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.30am theme – “It’s Bear Time”. New families are most welcome to attend. The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.30am theme “Farms”.

### Lego Club

Lego Club will start again on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 4.00pm – 5.00pm, then on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am. Lego Club is a fun inactive program for all ages – everyone is most welcomed.

### Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce will commence again on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.30am at the Coolamon Pool. The Library in conjunction with the Coolamon Pool invites young parents, grandparents to join in the fun. Baby Bounce will be held on the lawn in the pool grounds. Then parents are welcomed to use the facilities at the Pool - older siblings are most welcome. Bring along a friend to enjoy the morning.

### Re-Visit the Library

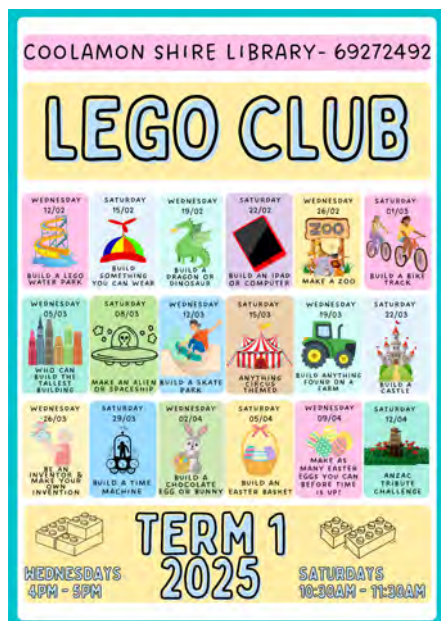
The Library is continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, and magazines, come and re-visit the Library - Join the Library today - membership is FREE.

Also the Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. It provides free Public Internet Access & Wifi, photocopying, Community Recycling Station and laminating services and Justice of the Peace service. 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.

### Library Opening Hours

- Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm.
- Saturday morning – 9.00am – 12.00pm

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now!





**President: Holly Gray**

**Vice President: Christopher Galvin &  
Katie Farrell**

**Treasurer: Laura Munro**

**Secretary: Bronwyn Maslin**

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3 and 8**

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