



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 4B TERM 1 2022

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM ONE

FEBRUARY

- 25 Primary Assembly
(parents/carers
unable to attend)
- 28 Primary Zone
Swimming Carnival
@ Ardlethan

MARCH

- 1 Secondary Zone
Swimming Carnival
@ Ardlethan
- 2 Riverina 15s Rugby
League Trials
- 4 Secondary
Assembly (parents/
carers unable to
attend)
- Clean Up Australia
Day K-6
- 10 Immunisations Yrs
7 & 10
- 11 Primary Assembly
(parents/carers
unable to attend)
- 18 Secondary
Assembly (parents/
carers unable to
attend)
- 25 Primary Assembly
(parents/carers
unable to attend)
- 30 Whole School
Photos

from The Principal

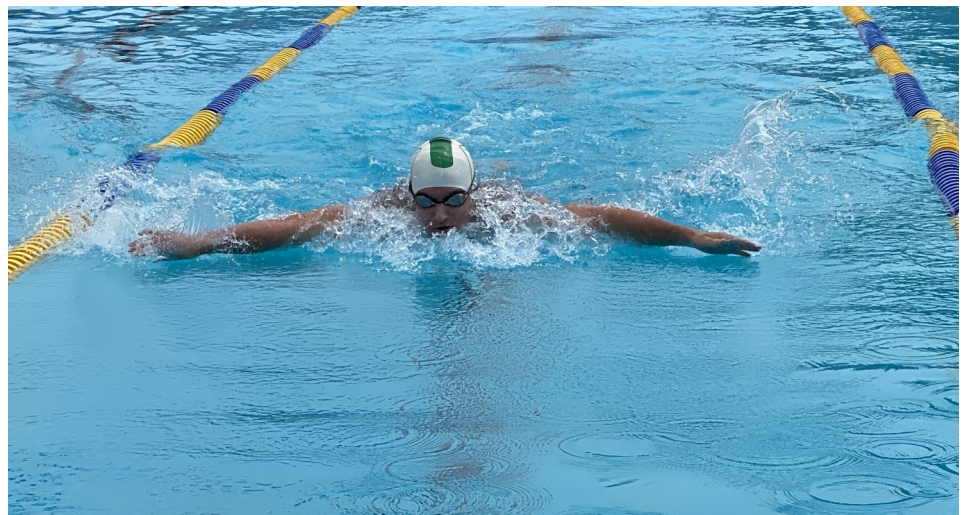
I would like to thank all parents and carers again for supporting the school during these difficult Covid regulations. Restrictions are easing in the community and we will let you know as soon as the Department of Education gives us any new guidelines. There will be an additional distribution of RAT kits in the coming days. These are for use should your child become symptomatic or if cases occur in their stage cohorts. There will be enough RAT kits to continue regular testing until 25 February, if required.



Last week our Kinder and Year 7 students completed their Best Start assessment. Best Start, conducted in all NSW public schools, identifies students literacy and numeracy skills and assists in creating teaching and learning programs that support students at school.

Congratulations to everyone who competed in our two swimming carnivals in recent weeks. There were some outstanding performances, which will see many competitors moving on to the zone carnivals. A big thanks to all the staff who were involved in these successful events.

I am very disappointed to say that there has been a delay in the opening of our new primary playground. Unfortunately, the installers must come and make modifications due to errors they made. Hopefully it will not be too long before it is completed and open for use. The concrete slab for our new classroom has been completed and building work should commence shortly.



Riverina Sport Trials

Please see Mrs Maddox if you would like to trial for one of the following Riverina Sports:

- U15 Boys and Girls Touch trials Friday 25th February @ Jubilee Park
- Girls Open Soccer Trials Tuesday 1st March @ Gissing Oval
- Boys South West AFL Trials Friday 18th March @ Narrandera Sports Ground
- Boys Open Soccer Monday 21st March @ Kessler Park
- Girls AFL Trials Monday 21st March @ Albury Sports Ground
- Secondary Golf-Stroke Play Championship Tuesday 22nd March @ Leeton
- Open Hockey Boys and Girls Wednesday 23rd March
- Open Netball Thursday 24th March @ Wagga Wagga

PE Cup

In PDHPE practical lessons, students are encouraged to bring an appropriate change of gear. This includes shoes, shorts or pants, a change of shirt, a cap or bucket hat and sunscreen. It is a points based system where students can earn points for individual and class rewards. Please remind your children to come prepared for their practical lessons to promote healthy hygiene practices.

Stage 4 HSIE

Stage 4 HSIE students used home made cookies to explore the conventions of an archaeological dig last week. Students had to excavate the coloured chocolates which symbolised historical artefacts, collate them into tables and then use their findings to design a village. Students had fun and hopefully learned something about drawing inferences in history.



PHOTO DAY

Coolamon Central School

Day of Photography

Wednesday **30/03/2022**

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
VFE MCV QF9
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

Stage 4 Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival was a great morning. Stage 4 had a blast in the swimming pool by racing against their peers. Participation by Stage 4 students was incredible. We also had the greatest number of parental support.

Lillyarna Clark, Jorja Clarkson, Emma Riley and Elise Quinnell represented their house well in the 13 year old girls. Dylan Thompson, Brock Harris, Zac Kennedy and Toby Foster swam hard all morning in the 13 years boys. Emmerson Buchegger, Maddie Vine, Claire Cochrane, Millar Dyason and Abby Caldwell Higman were our girl band representatives for the 14 year olds, while Lawson Buchegger, Levi Wise, Thomas Francis, Kayne Stuart, Luke Dennis and Sam Harper were the 14 year old fish of the pool.

We had a great time and look forward to a more COVID free carnival in the future.

Stage 4

Stage 5 Swimming Carnival

Stage 5 attended the swimming carnival in periods 3 & 4. Events were hotly contested amongst the 15 & 16 years girls and boys. In the 15's, Allie Delaney won all races, however, Liv Walker and Eva Lucas pushed her all day and represented their houses with pride.

Results are still to be determined in the 16's as we had girls compete across the cohorts, however it will be a close finish between Lacey Harris & Chloe Clark. Abigail Crocker and Tamar Harper swam well all day.

Noah Hatty blitzed the 16's boys in all events. All other boys who participated gave it a red hot go. The 15's boys were the best dressed for the day, with some close finishes between Lucas Hatty, Lenny Stone, Aaron DeHaan and Jarvis Pritchett.

Overall participation was high. We would like to thank the parents for their attendance and support.

Stage 5

Stage 6 Swimming Carnival

As a stage, we headed down to the pool at lunch and, though Stage 6 is small, we had some great house representation. For Year 12, this was our last swimming carnival and while it may not have been the large crowd we were used to, as a stage we banded together to make it an overall memorable experience. Participation was at an all-time high, with everyone contributing to the wonderful afternoon. While there were three main competitors in both male and female races, we are happy to report that all female students participated in every event, demonstrating excellent leadership and amazing doggy-paddle techniques. For our stage, the highlight of the carnival was the massive victory over our aquatically-challenged educators in the Year 12 students vs teachers relay. Thank you everyone for making the swimming carnival such an enjoyable event in such a challenging time. Special thanks to Leanne for keeping the slushies rolling.

Swimming Carnival Thank You

Mrs Maddox would like to thank the parents who attended, for supporting the students and following the COVID regulations. Despite the unusual circumstances, the student participation and energy were excellent across all cohorts. Thank you to Leanne for providing such an excellent facility, and to all of the CCS staff who were involved in the smooth running of the carnival, whether they were at school or the pool.

The winning house and Age champions will be announced at a Secondary assembly.



From the Office

Reducing the use of cash and cheques in Schools

Due to the very low amounts of change that we keep on site we, would like to strongly encourage moving to electronic payment where possible. There will always be some exceptions to this and those circumstances will be conveyed on your child information/excursion note at the time.

We encourage you to use the Parent Online Payment (POP) via our school website. For in person payments use EFTPOS which is located in our front office.

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



Attendance reminder and update

Just a quick note to remind students and parents of the importance of attendance. Every day missed or every minute late adds up and it is very difficult to catch up missed learning. If your child is away from school you need to provide a reason for the absence.

In 2022 Coolamon Central School started a trial of SMS notifications regarding student absences. You are able to respond via SMS to explain absences. This is all linked to the Sentral Parent Portal (if you have any issues accessing the Parent Portal please contact the school).

Please see the brochure included in this newsletter for more details regarding attendance.

If you have any concerns regarding your child and attendance please contact the school.

Mr Kingsley Ireland

Deputy Principal

Career Spotlight

Anthropology aims to make connections between the past, the present and the future, to preserve culture and heritage, and enable us to use each other's knowledge and research techniques to better understand why humans act the way we do.

Click this link for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo9kCJrZCJQ&list=PLj-MfJTNj5ghUqeMg13V0dwwNSxifGw1E&index=33>

Vaccinations

Please return vaccination forms for Years 7 and 10 to the front office by 9:00am this Thursday 24th February.



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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Community News

Coolamon Town Library

Storytime 2022

Our next Storytime for the month of February will be held on this 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.

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 & Wi-Fi, 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.



Kindergarten Stars

Don't forget to check our Facebook page to see our Kindergarten stars, telling us what they like about big school.

<https://www.facebook.com/coolamoncentralschool>

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pridespace LGBTQIA+ Family & Friends Info Night

headspace Griffith is running a community feedback session for family and friends who are interested in gaining more education around supporting LGBTQIA+ young people.

headspace Griffith is hosting this session with the aim of getting a better understanding of what our community needs in regards to supporting LGBTQIA+ young people.

This information session will be run on:
Thursday 24th February 2022
6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Location: You can either join us in person at
1/26 Ulong St, Griffith or via Microsoft Teams



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