Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 6 TERM 1 2025

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM ONE

MARCH

- 4 Year 11 Business Studies Excursion @ Wagga
- 6 CHS Touch Gala Day @ Wagga
- 7 U15 Girls AFL Riverina Trials

Primary Assembly 2.10pm @ Hall featuring Diamond

- 10 Secondary Assembly 12.30pm @ Hall -Science/TAS
- 12-21 NAPLAN

18 CSU Explore Day

- 21 Primary Assembly 2.10pm @ Hall featuring Amber
- 24 Secondary Assembly 12.30pm @ Hall -Maths/PDHPE

2025 Boys Riverina Soccer Trial

- 25 Stage 5 Canberra Excursion
- 26 Whole School Photo Day

P & C Meeting 7pm

APRIL

- 4 Primary Assembly 2.10pm featuring Topaz
- 10 Whole School Athletics Carnival

from the Principal

We are now halfway through Term 1 and the school is in full swing. Classrooms are buzzing with learning and many extracurricular activities are beginning to take shape.

• **NAPLAN Testing;** Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake the 2025 NAPLAN tests next week, running from **12th March to 21st March**. Most of our testing will take place in the first few days. These assessments, conducted nationwide, provide valuable data to help track student progress compared to others in similar schools. The results also assist teachers in tailoring their instruction to better meet the needs of individual students and groups.

• **Zone Swimming Carnivals;** Last week, our Primary and Secondary teams participated in the Zone Swimming Carnivals with great success. The **Secondary team** emerged as overall winners, achieving fantastic results, including numerous age champions. The **Primary team** also performed exceptionally well, with strong individual efforts and several students in contention for age champion titles. Congratulations to all students who gave their best and to the parents who provided transport and support on the day.

• 'Meet the Teacher' Sessions; A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the recent Meet the Teacher sessions for K-6 classes. The afternoon was a great success and well received by families. A feedback survey has provided valuable insights to assist with future planning. A special thanks to our dedicated teachers for preparing detailed and informative sessions for parents. If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.

• **P&C Parent Representatives;** The **P&C is still seeking parent representatives** for each K-6 class. Information about this role has been sent home. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the P&C directly. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

• School Photos - 26th March; Details regarding School Photos have been sent to families. Please follow the required actions to ensure your child's photos are as you wish them to be.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a fantastic remainder of the term!

Mr Kingsley Ireland

English/HSIE Faculty Assembly

Congratulations to our award winners from the Secondary Wellbeing Assembly held in Week 5. Our students were recognised for their outstanding application in all our English and HSIE subjects.









Lilly Pullen spoke at the assembly about her role in the Australian Army Cadets (AAC). Lilly has climbed through the ranks to WO2, the highest a cadet can achieve and this year she is the Company Sergeant Major of the Wagga Wagga Unit.

The Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is a youth defence organisation program that aims to build a range of military and leadership skills in young people through a combination of activities, training and community involvement.



School Photos are scheduled for **Wednesday 26th March**. Full school summer uniform including black shoes are to be worn on the day. Students have received an envelope like the ones pictured and they must be returned on the day or before even if they are not ordering. Sibling envelopes are available from the front office.

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In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke,' Ian Kiernan, had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Sydney Harbour. This simple idea has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event. Clean-Up Australia Day. This idea of a clean-up day ignited an enthusiasm and desire among the community to get involved and make a difference to their local environment. The next year Clean-Up Australia Day was born. Ian and his committee believed that if a capital city could be mobilised into action, then so could the whole nation.

For the past 35 years, over 22 million Aussies have stepped up, pulled on their gloves and donated their time to improve the environment. The aim is a circular economy - where everything is a resource and there is no such thing as waste.

On Friday, 28th February, students from Kindergarten to Year Six participated in Clean-Up Australia Day. Students were allocated specific areas within walking distance of the school and its environs to clean.









Skeleton Found in Sandpit

Did your young person come home and say that they saw bones in the sandpit?

Do not fret. IT'S ALL FAKE! The buried skeleton and artefacts were used for Ancient History students to learn about archaeology and to get some hands on digging experience.

Students will be analysing the artefacts and solving the mystery of this hypothetical dig.







The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open .

2025 Key dates

Challenge opens: Monday 25th February Challenge closes: Friday 22nd August

Simply use this link: <u>https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/</u> <u>home.html</u> and click on the image at the top of the page that takes you to the Student Experience Site. *see image above*





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



Join the Coolamon CDAT Student Advisory Group!

We invite students aged 12-18yrs to join the Coolamon Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) Student Advisory Group.

CDAT works to reduce alcohol and drug harm, including youth boredom & isolation and they're seeking young voices to help lead initiatives in the community.

The group offers a great opportunity for students to share ideas, build leadership and teamwork skills while planning and delivering fun youth-led activities. Meetings will be held monthly at school on a Thursday for 1 hour per month.

If your child is interested in being a part of this exciting group, please click on link below or scan the QR Code to provide parent permission.





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PE Pump

PE Pump runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. This is a whole school event that incorporates 10 minutes of physical activity to start the day. Lead by Mrs Maddox and Mr Besgrove, we do a variety of exercises and games at different intensities to suit every ability. This includes music, challenges, games, circuits, partner and team work, a walk of the block and follow along exercises. We mix the primary and secondary students, however, sometimes secondary can't keep up with our enthusiastic primary students!

Why do we start the day this way? There are many physical benefits of exercise including cardiovascular health, muscular fitness and bone health. Did you know that exercise can improve mood and sleep, reduce stress and anxiety? Problems in these areas can impair a child's learning. Cognitive benefits of exercise are linked to a strengthened memory, better concentration, improved mood & increased energy levels. After a single session of exercise, studies have found students respond faster and with greater accuracy to a variety of cognitive tasks, immediate improved attention, better working memory and increased academic time on task and reduced off-task behaviors.

KINDY, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 JUNIOR NETBALL Starts term 2 , 2nd April, Finishes term 3, 19th September Wagga Indoor Sports Centre Enter as team 7 players per team

Both Boys and Girls welcome

\$7 per player per week

Matches from 4:30pm for Kindy, 5pm for

Year 1 and 2 , starts Friday 2nd April

Register your team at wagga.spawtz.com Great for beginners, each team is encouraged to have a adult on the court at all times and the umpire's help the kids develop their netball skills as well

For more info contact on 0492 872 262 or visit www.wagga.spawtz.com or email admin@waggaindoorsports.com.au



The NRL will be running a League Stars Come and Try Clinic to promote the Coolamon Raiders for the 2025 season. The Clinic will take place at Jim Thompsons Sporting Oval on Friday 21st March at 4:30pm – 5:30pm, this clinic is free for kids aged 5-12yrs. <u>https://bit.ly/CoolamonRaidersComeandTry2025</u>



Senior Festival 2025

The Library is celebrating Senior Festival with a wide variety of activities for our Senior's to enjoy. Seniors Festival is from the Monday 3rd March – Sunday 16th March. Some of the activities are: Tech Savvy for Senior classes, learn the game of Mahjong, Allawah Community Care Information session, Learn more about the Library app – Borrow Box, "No Sew Pillow" craft sessions in Coolamon and Ganmain. Phone the library for further details – 69272492.

Library closure

The Library will be closed this Friday 7^{th} March from 2.30pm – 5.00pm and then Saturday morning, due to having our carpet cleaned. We apology for any inconvenience. Re-opening again on Monday 10^{th} March from 8.30am – 5.00pm.

Storytime 2025

The next storytime session will be held Friday 14th March @ 10.30am theme "Frogs". As this storytime session falls during Senior Festival Week we are inviting grandparents to come along.

Lego Club

Lego Club has commenced again – it is being held on Wednesday's from 4.00pm – 5.00pm, then on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am. Lego Club is a fun inactive program for all ages – every-one is most welcomed.

Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce will be held on Wednesday 26th March @ 10.30am at the Library . Bring along a friend to enjoy the morning. Bounce is a 30 minute early literacy program designed to help very young children to explore language. This is done by everyone joining in and learning an array of simple stories, rhymes and songs – morning tea will be provided.

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!



Thank you for supporting our CCS staff raffle

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Katie Farrell

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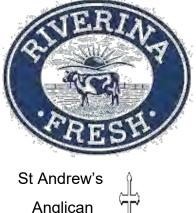
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