



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 8 TERM 1 2022

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM ONE

MARCH

- 25 Whole School Athletics Carnival
- 30 Whole School Photos
- 31 Year 7 Girls Sleepover
- Fast Five Netball @ Wagga

APRIL

- 1 Year 7 Girls Excursion to Wagga
- Secondary Assembly
- 6 Easter Hat Parade
- 8 Primary Assembly
- Zone Athletics Carnival
- FINAL DAY TERM 1

TERM TWO

APRIL

- 25 **ANZAC DAY**
- 26 Staff Development Day
- 27 Students Return
- 29 Secondary Assembly

MAY

- 3-6 Book Fair
- 5 K-6 Questacon Science Performance
- 6 Cross Country Primary Assembly

from The Principal

It is my first opportunity to submit a Principal's report for 2022. Mr Beer has been on some well-earned leave and will return to school on Tuesday 22nd March. During this time, I would also like to thank Mr Atkins who has relieved in the Deputy Principal role and Mrs Vogt who has relieved in the HT English/HSIE role.

A small staffing change has occurred in Primary. Mrs Taber has commenced maternity leave and we wish her the best. Mr James Lyell will fill the RFF role in primary teaching Science. Welcome Mr Lyell.



Some exciting news! FINALLY, our new play equipment is ready to be used. By the time you read this newsletter it will have been officially opened by Mr Beer and Mrs Sparkes-Carroll and lots of students will have experienced its challenges and fun.

Similarly, it is exciting to see such significant progress on our new classroom. The classroom is located behind the canteen building and can be seen if you drive past Bruce St. The wall frames and roof frames are up, windows and doors are going in as you read, and the brickwork will commence shortly. We envisage this multi-function room will be available for use by the middle of next term.

Our annual athletics carnival will be held this Friday on our school oval. Preparations have been underway for some weeks and the oval is looking its best. A big thanks to Teak and Rocky for their efforts in getting it ready in time. Parents will be permitted on the day, but we will restrict them to an area along the fence beside the 100m track.

School Photos are upon us again. These will be held at school on Wednesday the 30th of March. Please make sure you are in full school uniform and looking your best. Envelopes for the purchase of photographs went home with students some time ago. If you missed out, please see the office ASAP.

Covid update: Please ensure you make use of RAT kits if your child or a family member has symptoms. Please keep children home if they are unwell. We continue to experience regular Covid reports in both staff and students across our school community. Please encourage safe covid procedures with your children.

A reminder about our General Meeting being held on Wednesday 23rd March at 5.30pm in the library. All parents are welcome.

Mr Kingsley Ireland

Music with the Conservatorium



Some of our primary students have recently started guitar and drum lessons with staff from the Riverina Conservatorium of Music. Pictured above on guitar are Jasper Abel and Hayden Blair with Brianna Seary and on the right; with Dave Wilson are Ada Maloy and Dan Carthew on drums.

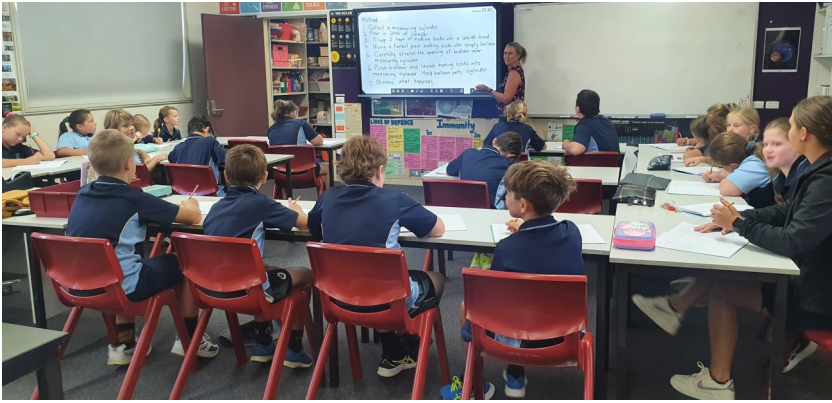


Chess

On Tuesday 15th March, Narrandera High visited Coolamon Central for the first round of the Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition. We were able to win one point for the round with one 'check mate' out of a possible four, thanks to Aaron de Haan. Baxter Graham, Lenny Stone and Wyatt Mitcherson all played stellar matches with immense concentration and sportsmanship.



Diamond



Recently, as part of their Science lesson, Diamond visited the Science lab. The students enjoyed learning about gases when they conducted an experiment using vinegar and baking soda. Thank you to Miss Bagrianov for co-teaching with Mrs Gillett.



Stage 4 HSE

Stage 4 students learnt about archaeology with a hands-on experience, uncovering artefacts from the sand. They had to use their critical thinking skills to analyse an item and make inferences about what it tells us about society. A huge thanks to Mrs Wright who organised the activity and brought in some amazing artefacts and fossils to show the classes.



Stage 5 Elective History

Stage 5 Elective History students have used the information from their archaeological dig to digitally reconstruct what the site might have looked like. They researched Minoan architecture and culture and learnt about the challenges of reconstructing the past, especially how a person's perspective influences their interpretation.



Year 11



Coolamon Central School Year 11 students are looking fabulous in their new senior jerseys ready for the colder months.

Rex & Doreen Poole Recipient

Stuart Daley received the Rex and Doreen Poole Memorial Award at our 2021 Presentation Day and has used the award money to purchase an incredible Kramer electric guitar. Stuart has been using his new guitar to further develop his shredding skills in his elective Music class and intends to use it in senior music courses.





Book Fair

Book Fair is coming to the school library on Tuesday 3rd May for the week.

There will be lots of great books, posters and stationery for sale at very reasonable prices. Stay tuned for extra library opening times when parents are welcome to come to the library to buy for their children. Eftpos facilities will be available.

GENERAL MEETING FOR INTERESTED PARENTS

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 5.30PM

SCHOOL LIBRARY

RSVP SCHOOL OFFICE 69273209

Due to Covid and other issues Coolamon Central School has not had a functional P&C for over three years. As such, the P&C had to be put in recess and hand back its charity status. Many new parents have expressed an interest in being more involved in the school. Therefore, we will be holding a General Meeting to discuss its future. Suggestions have been put forward regarding it being reformed as a Fund Raising/Social Committee.



Congratulations to Lucas Hatty and Jarvis Pritchett who were both selected in the Riverina AFL side recently.



New Playground

Some lucky students had the opportunity to try out the new playground equipment prior to the official opening this week.

PE Pump



Secondary staff and students jumped into their Monday with the return of PE Pump.



Whole School Athletics Carnival

Our annual Whole School Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 25th March at the school oval in Bruce Street. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours: Methul (blue) Millwood (green) and Rannock (orange). The school canteen will not be operating on that day but Mrs Crocker and her hospitality team will be selling cakes and slices, fruit boxes, nachos and pork and gravy rolls at the carnival.



Position Vacant

Coolamon Central School has a School Chaplain position vacant through Your Dream School Programs.

Your Dream School Programs is a registered National School Chaplaincy Service Provider and Authorised Employment Agency in NSW, VIC, SE QLD, SA & NT. Your Dream School Programs has been providing services for Australian schools that aim to help young people overcome life challenges and live their dreams. The term 'chaplain' is what the Department of Education (Federal and/or State) has assigned to workers who will be providing pastoral care to students within a school context. They work alongside the existing school welfare/wellbeing and counselling services. All Chaplains support and serve all students regardless of gender, belief, culture or background. To be eligible you must have completed or commenced either a Cert IV in Youth work or Pastoral Care or an equivalent qualification which includes two core units: Respond holistically to client issues and refer appropriately and work effectively in mental health.

If you would like to apply for a position please email admin@yourdream.org.au or phone: 1300 792 856

Applications should include:

1. Resume outlining current qualifications, experience and transcripts
2. Current state based (paid) Working with Children Check
3. Endorsement letters

For further enquiries please contact Mrs Linda Crocker through the school office on 69273 209.

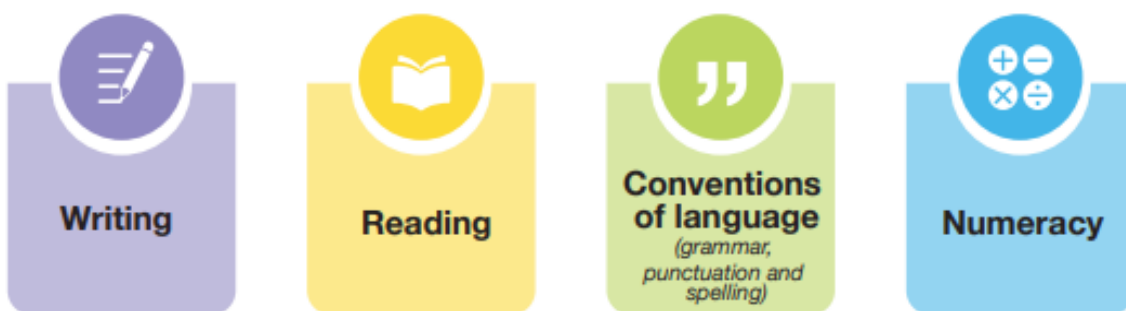
NAPLAN – information for parents and carers

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

- NAPLAN is the name of some literacy and numeracy tests completed by students in Australia.
- All students do NAPLAN tests when they are in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9.
- Students are tested in English about their knowledge in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Some of the questions are written and some of the questions are spoken.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going.
- Students do four different tests during two weeks in May each year.

BETWEEN 10TH MAY - 20TH MAY

The names of the four tests are:



- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- After getting the results back in Term 3, schools will give parents and carers a report showing how their child did.
- Parents and carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- The information from the NAPLAN tests is used by people working in the Australian Government, your state or territory education authority and the school to find out how students are going all over Australia. It lets them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to the teacher if you are worried about your child being able to do the tests.

For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

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Wednesday 30th March 2022

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife, school photography & print specialists**. Photo envelopes have been distributed, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and family photographs can be placed securely online at **www.advancedlife.com.au** using our school's unique **9 digit advanced order code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a family photograph online, the order must be placed **no later than the day before photography day (Tuesday 29th March)**. Family photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact **advancedlife** at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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Riverina Central Choir

Riverina Central Choir Senior Division is available to secondary students in years 7-12, who enjoy singing, are able to consistently hold a given part in vocal music and demonstrate exemplary rehearsal and performance behaviour.

Students attend the audition session at Turvey Park Public School hall, Wednesday 6th April, 4pm - 6pm. Choir fees for students accepted after auditioning are \$150 per student covering terms 2, 3 and 4 rehearsals.

Audition results will be sent to students' schools. Students who audition successfully will be required to attend choir sessions at Turvey Park Public School hall from 4pm – 6pm on each of the following days:

Term 2, 2022	Term 3, 2022	Term 4, 2022
27 April (Week 1) 11 May (Week 3) 25 May (Week 5) 15 June (Week 8) 29 June (Week 10)	20 July (Week 1) 17 August (Week 5) 7 July (Week 8) 21 September (Week 10)	12 October (Week 1) 26 October (Week 3) 9 November (Week 5) 30 November (Week 8)

Community News

Coolamon Town Library

Storytime 2022

Our next Storytime for the month of March will be held on Friday, 25th @ 10.30am – theme “Counting 1,2,3,4,5”. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Baby Bounce – New Program

The Library is introducing a new program called Baby Bounce. Baby 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. Our first Baby Bounce will be held Thursday 31st March @ 10.30am in the Library – we welcome new mums and their bubs.

Lego Club

Lego Club will commence again at the Library – it will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Then Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am, all ages welcome. The aim of the Lego Club program is for children to have fun, learn to communicate with others and to develop problem-solving skills. Covid regulations will apply – bookings are essential - 69272492.

NSW Seniors Festival

To celebrate NSW Seniors Festival, the Library is offering a fun morning for our seniors. The workshop is called Soap Making - Using a prepared soap base, participants melt base and then add colour, scents and botanicals. It will be held on Wednesday, 30th March @ 10.30am - Cost is \$5 with morning tea provided.

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.

A Quick Bite ...

Eight (8) food swaps you can make today

If you want to make some changes to your family's eating you could start swapping some of the common occasional foods for healthy everyday foods. Swap foods like:

- White bread, muffins, crumpets, and pasta for *wholemeal varieties*
- Soft drink or cordial for water. Try fruit pieces added in for extra flavor.
- Sour cream for reduced fat greek yoghurt.
- Sugary cereals for porridge with banana and dates.
- Biscuits or cakes for fruit bread or wholemeal crumpets and pikelets
- Packet of chips for popcorn or rice crackers
- Fruit roll ups for dried fruit (30g)
- Pre-packaged fruit yoghurt for plain yoghurt with fresh, tinned or frozen fruit.



For more information visit

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- Birth, death and marriage certificates
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