Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 8 TERM 1 2025

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TERM ONE

MARCH

18	CSU Explore Day
20	K/1/2 League Stars Gala Day
21	Harmony Day
	Primary Assembly 2.10pm @ Hall featuring Amber
24	Secondary Assembly 12.30pm @ Hall - Science/TAS
	2025 Boys Riverina Soccer Trial
25	Stage 5 Canberra

Excursion 26 Whole School Photo Day

P & C Meeting 7pm

28 Riverina Opens Netball Trials

APRIL

- 2 Primary Choir -Coolamon Hospital Visit
- 4 Primary Assembly 2.10pm featuring Topaz

Riverina Finals & CHS Open Touch Trials

- 7 Secondary Assembly 12.30pm @ Hall - CAPA
- 8 Secondary Parent/ Teacher interviews
- 10 Whole School Athletics Carnival
- 11 LAST DAY TERM 1

from the Principal

Welcome to the Week 8 edition of the Coolamon Central School Newsletter! As we move through March, we have many exciting updates to share, from student achievements to special events that have brought our school community together.

Riverina Swimming Carnivals – A Celebration of Talent and Team Spirit

Our recent Riverina swimming carnivals showcased incredible talent, sportsmanship and school spirit. Congratulations to all students who participated and particularly to those who achieved outstanding results in their races. A special congratulations to our Central Schools relay team, who have won and broken the record for the freestyle relay. They will now progress to the CHS carnival in Sydney. Similarly congratulations to Sarah Dyason who has qualified for the CHS swimming carnival in Sydney, in the 100m Breaststroke. Great stuff!

NAPLAN Assessments – Supporting Our Students

During the last week, our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students participated in NAPLAN assessments. These evaluations provide valuable insights into student learning and help us tailor our teaching strategies for the best outcomes. Thank you to all students for their effort and perseverance.

Sports Achievements – Celebrating Our Talented Athletes

Recent weeks have been an exciting time for sport at Coolamon Central School. Our boys' basketball team had great success at their recent gala day, winning all three of their games—a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work and teamwork. Our boys' cricket team also impressed with two strong wins in the Byrnes Shield CHS competition. Their dedication and sportsmanship were on full display, making the school proud.

Additionally, numerous students attended trials in a variety of sports, representing the school with pride. We commend all of them for their efforts and commitment to their respective sports. Well done to all our athletes—keep up the great work!

Pi Day Celebration – A Fun-filled Maths Event

On March 14, our maths faculty led an engaging and interactive celebration of Pi Day. Students had the opportunity to take part in fun mathematical challenges, activities and, of course, enjoy some delicious pie! It was fantastic to see so many students embracing the joy of learning through this event.

We look forward to the final four weeks of Term 1 that are already looking like a very busy time, both in the classrooms and beyond.

What's Happening in Maths & PE

Get ready for an action packed update on all the exciting things happening in Maths and PE!

Meet Our Maths & PE Team - We've got an incredible team of passionate Maths and PE teachers who are dedicated to helping students develop their knowledge and skills. Our full-time Maths teachers are Mrs Jolliffe, Ms Reimers and Miss Zacharia. Mr Harpley is also teaching Year 7 Mathematics this year and Mr Bishop is teaching one of our Year 11 Mathematics Standard classes. In PE, our full-time teachers are Mrs Maddox and Mr Besgrove, with Mr Hewson teaching Year 8 and 9 PDHPE, Mr Harpley teaching Year 10 PDHPE, and Mrs Crocker teaching Year 11 CAFS.

Maths Update: We have been seeing fantastic skills developing in Maths classes, with many students actively engaging in their learning and taking on new challenges with enthusiasm.

Year 7: Students have been developing their probability skills and are now moving towards learning about positive and negative numbers, as well as the use of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 8: Students have been working on collecting, representing and analysing data and have recently been completing their assignments in class.

Years 9 & 10: Students have moved onto Algebra, where they are developing their skills in simplifying expressions, solving equations and applying algebraic techniques. Students in Years 9 and 10 have access to MathsOnline. If they forget their login details, they should ask their teachers. Extra help for Maths is available on Tuesdays at lunchtime with Miss Zacharia.

PE Update: PE lessons have been bursting with energy, competition and teamwork! Here's what's been happening:

Year 7: Students have been learning about respectful and positive relationships.

Year 8: Students have been enjoying European Handball in their practical lessons. This high-paced sport is a mix of soccer, netball, and basketball, requiring teamwork, agility and strategy.

Year 9: Discussions have focused on power, rights, and responsibilities in relationships, leading into learning about sexual health, contraception, STIs and available resources. Parents may like to discuss these topics further at home.

Year 10: Students have been deepening their understanding of safe relationships, whilst learning the skills associated with playing ball park games (such as Baseball). These legends have been doing a fantastic job both in and out of the classroom!

Child Studies: Students are learning about newborn babies. As part of their assessment, they take home the RealCare baby for 24 hours, simulating the experience of caring for an infant. They also explore the financial impact of raising a child, creating a budget to balance expenses like utilities, rent/mortgage, and fuel.

PASS (Physical Activity and Sports Studies): Students have been getting active with team-based sports while also diving into the science behind how the body produces energy for physical activity. They have recently started some fitness testing, which has been challenging, but rewarding.

Sport Licences: Want to borrow sports equipment at recess and lunchtime? Students can grab a sports licence for a \$5 bond, which they'll get back at the end of the year. Since mobile phones were banned during breaks, we've seen a huge increase in students getting active and making the most of their free time.

Pi Day Celebration: Pi Day was a massive hit! Many students were inspired by an awesome video from Eddie Woo about the magic of Pi. The competition to recite the first 15 digits of Pi had students working hard for the ultimate prize of a free pie from the canteen. Plus, many Maths classrooms were filled with fun Pi-themed activities.

CCS Representative Sport

Representative Sports: We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding achievements in representative sport! The Open Boys Cricket team has advanced to the third round of the Alan Davidson Shield after victories over Temora and Young, with their next match against Tumut. The Open Boys Touch team has reached the finals of the Riverina Knockout and will compete in the semi-final against Kooringal High in April. Ayla Moses showcased excellent officiating skills at the Riverina Touch Gala Day, while five swimmers, Sarah Dyason, Lenny Stone, Emmerson Buchegger, Aaron de Haan and Madeline Vine, have qualified for the CHS State Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park.

The Open Boys Basketball team secured three wins from three games against Mt Austin, Temora and Junee at their recent gala day. This year, we have seen our highest-ever participation in representative sport and Riverina team trials. Isabella Baulch represented Riverina at the NSW CHSSA Opens Softball Championship, helping the team achieve their best result in years with a fourth-place finish. She and Aaliyah Coleman were also selected for the Riverina U15 AFL team.

A big congratulations to Hayden Gardiner and Oscar Hatty on their selection in the Riverina 15s AFL team as well as Taylah Stewart-Rees, Khaleya Tala-Charles and Lilly Brill on their selections into the Riverina Girls Rugby League 16s and 18s teams. What a huge achievement!

Wishing all students the best of luck in the CCS sporting teams and upcoming Riverina selections trials. We encourage you to keep us updated on your progress throughout this exciting journey. Your achievements and experiences are important to us and we look forward to celebrating your successes together.





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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4/5 Diamond Home Learning Project

For this project students will need to research cities that have previously hosted the Olympics and document the selection process. They will need to identify the advantages (positives) and disadvantages (negatives) to hosting the Olympics in their chosen city.

They then need to present the information. They can write an information report, a speech, create a PowerPoint (or use Google slides) or present the information on a poster. If you have any questions, please see Miss Barker.



This project will be due Week 11, Term 1.

Inspiring Donation to Wigs for Kids

Year 5 student, Hannah Bates, recently decided to cut her hair and donate it to the Cancer Council's Wigs for Kids program. This program helps kids with cancer by giving them wigs, which can make them feel better about themselves.

Hannah was inspired to do this after learning about melanoma, a serious skin cancer. Her kind act not only helps children in need but also helps everyone understand how important it is to take care of our skin.

Thank you, Hannah, for being such a great example of caring in our school!









Thank you for supporting our CCS staff raffle



NEW everyday lunchbox ideas

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try. Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping





Mini rice wheels



Fruit scone

Roasted fava beans



Coolamon Memorial Pool

WIN A 2025/2026 **COOLAMON POOL SEASON PASS!**





Please Note: Children must be supervised by their carer at all times.





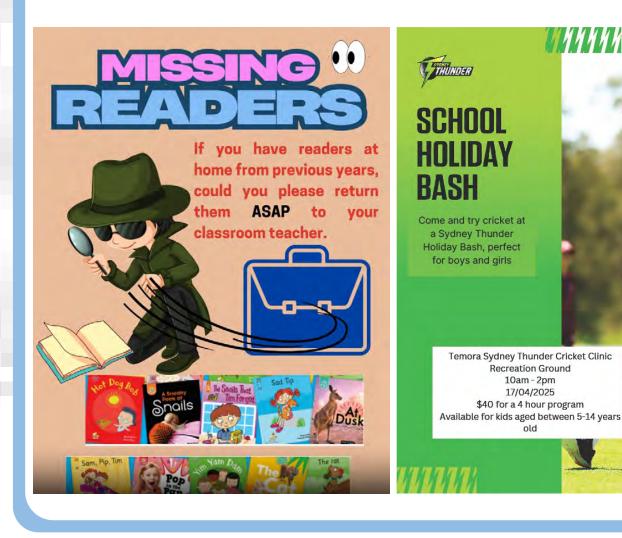
Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

- To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:
- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ${\ensuremath{\mathscr{I}}}$ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops







Maths/PDHPE Faculty Assembly

Congratulations to our award winners from the Secondary Wellbeing Assembly held in Week 7. Our students were recognised for their outstanding application in all our Mathematics and PDHPE subjects.





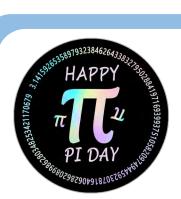




Bronze Award Winners

Congratulations to our first group of Bronze level recipients for 2025.





























TUESDAY 22 - WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL | UOW WOLLONGONG CAMPUS

Are you... • A future STEM-INIST?

• A female student in Years 10, 11 or 12? • Want to raise the STEM-bar for girls?

The University of Wollongong, with support from **Bluescope**, is excited to announce the return of the EmpowerHER STEM Summit in 2025!

Students will explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM) at UOW's Wollongong Campus enjoying interactive activities, and a Bluescope Steel site tour alongside faculty, current students, and local industry representatives.

Cost: \$110 per student for the two day event.



Register now! https://uow.info/eHer



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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. https://bit.ly/CoolamonRaidersComeandTry2025



Storytime 2025

The next Storytime session will be held Friday 28th March @ 10.30am theme "Under the Sea" @ 10.30am – Everyone is most welcome.

Lego Club

Lego Club is being held at the Library 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 – everyone 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 & Wi-Fi, 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!



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