



# Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 3 2022

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

## TERM THREE

### AUGUST

- 2 Kinder 100 Days of School
- 3 Year 7 2023 Taster Day
- 4 Yrs 9/10 Debating Australian Mathematics Competition
- 5 Secondary Assembly
- 10 Business in the Quad
- 12 Primary Assembly
- 18 Try a Trade @ Wagga
- 19 Hot Chocolate & Beanie Day  
Secondary Assembly
- 22-26 HSC Trial Exams
- 24 Book Week Parade K-6
- 26 Primary Assembly
- 29-31 Netball State Finals @ Dubbo

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Touch State Finals @ Dubbo
- 2 K-6 Scott's BMX Bike Show  
Secondary Assembly
- 5 7-10 All Schools Netball Cup @ Wagga
- 9 Primary Assembly
- 16 Secondary Assembly
- 21 9/10 Ag - Henty Field Days

## from The Principal

The Year 7 2023 Parent Evening was a big success with over 50 people in attendance. We were able to show them the great academic and wellbeing programs that the school runs and the outstanding modern facilities that we have. Our new Science classroom is an example of the latest technology and modern building standards. Following on from this the first of the Year 7 Taster days will be held this Wednesday. In the coming days years 8, 9 and 10 will be starting the process of subject selections for 2023.



Congratulations to Ms Lafsky and all the students who put in a 12 hour day on Wednesday to complete the "Write a Book in a Day" competition. This is the third year that she has run this activity which gives our students the opportunity to develop their creative and literacy skills. Our primary students have enjoyed the "Footsteps" dancing activities that they participated in last week.

It has been a busy start to the term with our students involved in many educational and extracurricular activities this term. These include: the Stage 5 Science and Engineering excursion, Science and Discovery Day, art photography day, secondary debating and primary NRL skills sessions. We are looking forward to the annual kindergarten 100 Days dress up this week.

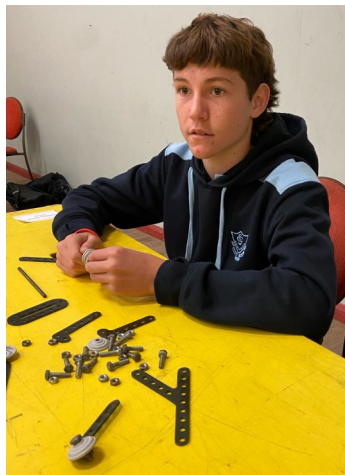
This year we will be sending out the end of year student reports by email. The time and amount of paper involved in the printing is very expensive and time consuming. Parents, carers and students will be able to electronically store and transfer these reports if they are required at a later date.

Please continue to make sure that your children stay home from school if they are sick. If you haven't received your allocation of RAT kits as yet, please pick them up at the front office.



# Secondary Science and Engineering Discovery Day

The Aspire class attended the Science and Engineering Challenge in Wagga. The Science and Engineering Challenge is hosted by The University of Newcastle, the national challenge is designed to provide Year 10 (or Year 9) students with a positive experience of science and engineering. Our school competed against seven schools from Wagga Wagga to complete challenges such as designing and constructing a bridge, design two towers to withstand an earthquake simulation, build a bionic hand, construct a buggy to withstand the rocky terrain of Mars, plan efficient transport networks to link towns, create codes to send messages using pulses of coloured light, build a model turbine that spins efficiently to generate power as fluid flows over it, and provide electricity to a city by trying to keep cost as low as possible. We managed to win some challenges across the two sessions which led us to coming third overall for the days challenge.

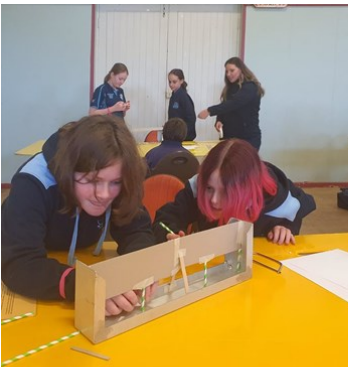




# Primary Science and Engineering Discovery Day

On Friday 29th July, Year 6 participated in the annual Science and Engineering Discovery Day held in Wagga. Student groups participated in 2 out of 8 challenges each, gaining points for their ability to complete tasks to best fit a design brief. They created bridges that could withstand 'bridge busting' weights, towers that could survive earthquakes, Mars buggies that could traverse rocky ground and 'bionic' hands that could lift the most interesting of things. They played with water while making a waterwheel to pick up the most amount of water, secret codes to pass on important messages, the most elaborate designs to create rail networks and power saving solutions for small cities.

All students had a wonderful day, collaborating with their team and using problem solving skills to create interesting solutions to each of the different tasks. After an exceptional finish to the day, where the competition's organisers realised they would have to rename their heaviest test for the bridge design after their 'bridge buster' did not, in fact, 'bust' Denzel and Bella's bridge, we were awarded 3rd place overall for the day. We can't wait until next year.





## Under 15's Basketball Gala Day



The boys did well beating Cootamundra convincingly before going down to sides with plenty of height advantage in Koorungal and Wagga High respectively. All the young men displayed the CCS core values and competed to the end when down by plenty of buckets.



### 2022 Challenge closing soon



*Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 19 August 2022*

*Challenge closes for coordinator validations: Friday 2 September 2022*

We are thrilled that so many students have already completed their reading records! As the closing dates for the Challenge edge closer, please ensure that if you have any BULK READING RECORD ENTRIES, these are completed well before the closing date for validations. Any student reading records not finalised before September 2 will require a [post-challenge validation application](#) to complete, which requires the entry of each student's reading record individually and may delay the availability of student certificates. Check the FAQs further down this email for information about entering books to student reading records in bulk, and for other support articles which may assist you in the coming weeks.



# SRC Fundraiser

Our SRC fundraiser was a fabulous success recently. Thank you to the generous and creative families who provided baked goodies for us to sell at our cake stall. We managed to raise over \$1000 towards our new filtered water bubbler. Students enjoyed dressing up as their future selves and the sausages from Coolamon Butchery were delicious.





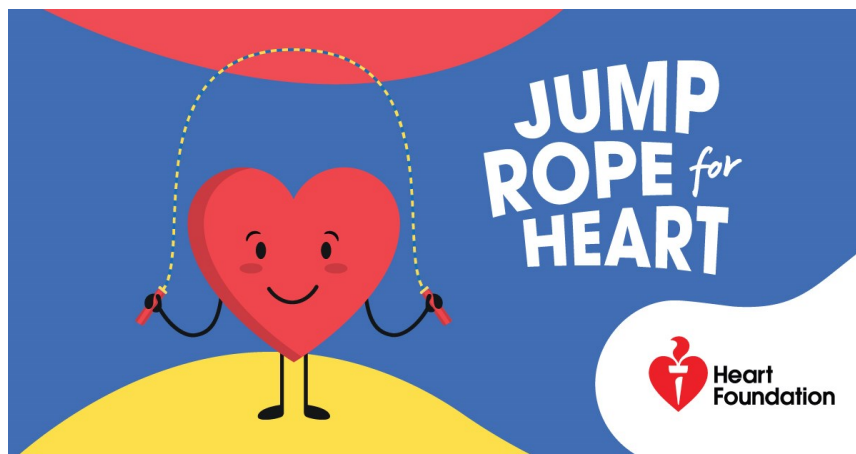
# FOOTSTEPS DANCE

Primary students enjoyed daily dance sessions last week during our school's visit from Footsteps Dance Company. Many students attended the disco on Wednesday night and danced up a storm!



We are excited to announce that Coolamon Central School are participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term – a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program run by the Heart Foundation!

By participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term, we are expecting to get our students moving. We will have ropes available on the school grounds and encourage everyone to help raise funds for lifesaving research and support programs.



Over the coming weeks your child will learn new skills, increase their physical activity and learn about heart health. The program will end with our school wide 'Jump Off Day', where your child will have the opportunity to show off their new skipping skills to their friends.

When you register your child online, you'll get access to additional skipping resources to help give your child a great reason to get outdoors. Register and create your own secure webpage at [jumprope.org.au/parents](https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents). By signing up online, you and your child can: easily raise funds online, track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way, post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress and access additional skipping resources.

This year marks 40 years of Jump Rope for Heart! We have an audacious goal for our students to log 40 hours of skipping across Coolamon Central School. Can you help us reach our goal? Register now at <https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents> and join our skipping challenge.



GREAT NEWS! - Coolamon Central School P&C has been successfully reinstated and is looking forward to supporting the school community.

A very pleasing turn out for the AGM saw the following executive positions elected:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| President:      | Lisa Piltz       |
| Vice President: | Savannah Small   |
| Treasurer:      | Bec Forster      |
| Secretary:      | Valerie McKelvie |

Thanks to everyone that has already jumped on board.

The next meeting will be Week 8 - Wednesday 7th September @ 7pm at the Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club. Contact can be made through the office for further details.

**ALL WELCOME!**



*Book Week Wednesday 24th August*

We are excited about this year's theme for Children's Book Week 2022: 'Dreaming with eyes open...'. On Wednesday 24th August we have our amazing Book Week Parade, a fun day that we all love dressing up for. All students and staff dress up as a book character and we parade around the Primary COLA where all parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend. It's never too early to start putting some thought into and preparing your amazing favourite book character costumes for this fun day. We look forward to seeing some wacky, creative and thought going into this year's costumes.







# Book Club

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## GROW YOUR HOME LIBRARY (& INDEPENDENT READERS) WITH THE FREE BOOK OFFER!

**Every child deserves access to quality and affordable books**, and Scholastic Book Club offers great prices with Value Books as low as \$3 on every issue of Book Club. Best of all, if you order on Issue 5 you can select FREE BOOKS!

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**Did you know that 20% of your Book Club order goes back to our school** in Scholastic Rewards? These Rewards are redeemed on Books and Educational Resources which helps stretch our budget further.



## *Absence Notification by SMS*

Coolamon Central School operates a daily absence notification system for unexplained absences. The prime purpose of this system is to alert parents/carers when their child is marked with an unexplained absence from school.

Parents/carers will be able to reply to the text with an explanation for their child's absence. This also acts as a tool to enhance student safety. If a parent/carer has sent their child to school and their child is marked absent, they will be alerted early in the day.

When a student is marked absent in our attendance system with no explanation, a text will be sent to the nominated parent/carer to confirm the absence. Parents/carers will be asked to reply via text to provide and explanation of the absence. Please reply to text messages **the same day** you receive them and to each child's text message separately.

If you receive a text and you believe it to be an error, please phone the school immediately so we can check what is happening.

We still encourage parents/carers to use the Parent Portal if their child is absent from school or phone the school office on 69273209.

### ADVANTAGES OF USING SMS TO COMMUNICATE TO PARENTS

- **Faster communication:** It takes a long time for school staff to individually make phone calls to each parent. By using SMS, schools can get important messages to parents faster and can send a message to one or more people instantly.





# Careers in Allied Health –

Have you considered a career in allied health and would like to know more about this industry?

Open your eyes to the diversity of opportunities in health care, and connect with local clinicians with the opportunity to arrange work experience in your chosen area.

Join us for an information evening featuring local clinicians talking about careers in

- **Physiotherapy**
- **Occupational therapy**
- **Speech therapy**
- **Chiropractic and**
- **Podiatry**

**Where:** Active Foot Clinic, 135 Edward Street, Wagga Wagga

**When:** Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2022

**Time:** 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

**RSVP:** There are limited spaces available so secure your place today by registering at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdle1g92nY88qLC9zW3qbGT8kCCqJL10phbabRaBoiXY87i0A/viewform>

Light refreshments will be provided.



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# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### Storytime 2022

Our next Storytime will be held Friday, this 5<sup>th</sup> August @ 10.30am – theme “Gardens”. Come and join us – new families are most welcome.

### Paintings from the Collection

The Library has a collection of paintings provided by the State Library of NSW on display. This small selection of paintings reproduced from the Library’s permanent exhibition “Paintings from the Collection” shows a little of the diversity of the collection, the different eras represented, its subject matter and artistic range. The display will be in the Library from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August – come and have a browse.

### Mobile Phones Lessons

The Library is offering free mobile phone lessons for our seniors, with the assistance from the Coolamon Central School students. The students will assist in teaching seniors to use their mobile device and its features. For further details, phone the library – 69272492.

### Local Government Week

As part of Local Government Week the Library took “Storytime on the Road”. We visited Ardlethan and Ganmain Preschools. Both Preschools appreciated the visit and the children enjoyed the Storytime session.

### Save Power Kits

Save Power Kits are available to borrow for free from the Coolamon Library. The Save Power Kits can show you what appliances are using the most power in your home. It also gives easy steps you can take to save money, power and reduce your impact on the environment.

### Delivery Services

Our home delivery service is still available - the library will deliver every Friday morning. Please contact the Library for further details – 69272492.



**FOR  
SALE**

## *Smooth Coat Miniature Dachshund Puppies*



**1 chocolate and tan boy**  
**1 red dapple girl**  
**1 red boy**

Three puppies available from a litter of five. Mother is a registered/papered smooth coat chocolate dapple and father is smooth coat red, fully tested clear male with chocolate and long hair gene.

Puppies will be sold with: First vaccination completed, microchipped and vet checked.

Beautiful, friendly and well-handled pups.

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