# Coolamon Central School Newsletter



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As we reach the end of 2024, it feels like a long and busy journey, filled with exciting opportunities and achievements for our students. The dynamic and energetic nature of our school community has made this year both productive and rewarding.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, who consistently go above and beyond to ensure our classrooms are thriving, and that students have access to a wide range of enriching opportunities.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our parents and families for their unwavering support. By working alongside us, you help ensure that every student receives the very best opportunities to succeed. A special thank you goes to the P&C for their continued support and valuable input, which play a vital role in meeting the evolving needs of our school community.

As the year comes to a close, I wish you all a safe and restful Christmas and New Year break. I look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting and successful year at Coolamon Central in 2025.

### 2025 START DATES

Staff development days

Friday 31st January

Monday 3rd February to

Wednesday 5th February

**Student return dates** 

All students return Thursday
6th February



### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school recently experienced an educational tour of our Nation's Capital, Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of education programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Institute of Sport was a cool experience for everyone. We enjoyed seeing all the different facilities where athletes and Olympians trained. We got to see some of the male, world-champion gymnasts training and the lap pool. They explained that there was a tunnel underneath where coaches could watch them train. Everyone's favourite part was where we got to experience the sports on different simulators.

At Parliament House we got to do a role play in the House of Representatives where we introduced a new bill with all the important roles played by ourselves.

At the Australian Mint we saw all of the old bills and coins used until 2000. They showed us how all the machines worked and could lift over 2000 kilograms.

At Questacon we saw a massive Lego spaceship that was 7.5 metres tall! Other highlights were the free fall drop, the earthquake room, the real lightning strike and the exploding vinegar bombs.

When we were at Old Parliament House we all wore white gloves so we couldn't damage any of the artifacts there and learned about the history of the building. At the Australian Electoral Commission we learnt how the voting system works. We then put our knowledge to the test on the interactive game. We squeezed all this in before the long drive home! Thanks to Mr Lyell, Miss Barker & Mrs Taber for taking us and a special shout out to our bus driver, Dave from Allens!

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit our Nation's Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting costs of excursion the Australian Government contributes funding to our school in the amount of \$45.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

By Henry Willis, Wyatt Vogt and Addison Rutland







### Maths/PDHPE 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 Mathematics and PDHPE subjects.





Silver, Gold, Platinum and Opal Award Winners









## 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





Thank you for supporting our CCS staff raffle

# **Community News**

### **Coolamon Town Library**

#### **School Holiday Programs**

The school holiday program has lots to offer over the summer holidays. Some of the events include DYI Bubble Machine, Colour-me-in-pencil case, Washi Tape activity being held in Marrar and DYI Fabric Koala Pillows being held in Ganmain. For further details phone the Library or follow our Coolamon Library Facebook page.

#### **Christmas Food Appeal**

Our annual Christmas food appeal is on again – help make this Christmas Special. Any donation of non-perishable food items would be appreciated. These items will be donated to charity and distributed to those in need. Donations will be accepted from Monday 25th November – Monday 23rd December here at the Library.

#### Remembrance Tree

The Library will again have a Christmas tree of Remembrance. This is an opportunity for community members to include lost loved ones in the festive season. Community members are invited to write a message to their loved one, to include them in the spirit of Christmas. The message will be hung on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory. After Christmas, it will be dismantled and a small ritual will be held to honour the memories contained in the messages.

#### **Xmas Closure over the Christmas period**

The Library will close at 3.00pm on Tuesday, 24th December and re-opening Thursday 2nd January 2025.

#### Book club - 2025

The Library is taking names to join a book club for 2025. The aim is to form a group of ten individuals, nominate a group leader and pay the membership fee. The library provides ten copies of the one title plus background notes and discussion questions. For further information, phone the Library – 69272492.





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Vice President: Christopher Galvin & Katie Farrell



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