

# **Coolamon Central School** Newsletter

WEEK 2 TERM 3 2020

#### **BE RESPONSIBLE**

#### **BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE READY TO LEARN** 

#### **TERM THREE 2020**

#### JULY

- 29 K-6 Gymnastics 30 Australian **Mathematics** Competition
- 31 Primary Assembly (Students only)

#### AUGUST

- 3-7 **Book Fair and Education Week**
- 5 K-6 Gymnastics
- 7 Crazy Hair Day
- 12 K-6 Gymnastics
- Primary Assembly 14 (Students only)
- 18 Kinder 2021 Parent Information Night 5.30pm - 7pm
- K-6 Gymnastics 19
- 21 **Canteen Closed**
- 24 **Canteen Closed**
- 24-28 **HSC Trial Exams**
- 26 K-6 Gymnastics
- **Primary Assembly** 28 (Students only)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 2 K-6 Gymnastics
- 9 K-6 Gymnastics
- 10 R U OK Day
- Primary Assembly 11 (Students only)

#### 17 Vaccinations

### From the Principal

Welcome back to what we hope will be a relatively normal school term, if NSW is able to stay on top of the COVID-19 situation. I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting our change in Staff Development Days last week. Friday was a very successful staff training day, which allowed our teachers to upgrade their teaching skills. All of our teachers are involved in ongoing training so that we can continually improve the learning outcomes for our students.



Students look amazing in their new school uniforms. We

now have all of the new sports shirts at the school. Each student will receive a sports shirt, free of charge thanks to the school and P&C funding. If you are having financial difficulties in purchasing the new uniform from Lowes, the school still has some of the old uniform available for \$5.

Please read the Department of Education's School activities return and timeline in this week's newsletter. It is very clear on which activities the school can and cannot carry out this Term. I would like to thank parents and carers for continuing with the rules around drop off and pick up of students and social distancing guidelines.

Now is an important time to consider having your children immunised against the flu. The Federal Health Minister, Mr. Greg Hunt, has urged all parents to vaccinate their children against the flu. He stated, "Influenza is the leading cause of hospitalisation for children under five and can be fatal, even in previously healthy children."

The school is just beginning to develop its 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan. Later in the year, we will be inviting parents and community members to become involved in helping shape Coolamon Central's learning journey for the next four years. Coolamon students have made amazing gains in their learning over our last three-year planning period and we aim to keep improving their learning and wellbeing outcomes in the future.

John Beer Principal

### **Book Fair...Five days to go!**

2020 Scholastic Book Fair will be at Coolamon Central School Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August





Above: Coolamon's own Enchanted Forest

Scholastic is the nation's leader in quality Book Fairs, with an exciting range of recently published children's books and educational products from Australia and around the world.

Students will have the opportunity to view the books for sale at set times prior to purchasing. They will bring home a wish list and be able to purchase books during the times detailed below. (Look closely – you can purchase before, after and during both recess and lunch.) Remember, the vast mass of knowledge in the world is often gained by reading; now is the perfect opportunity to encourage your children to acquire a love of this valuable tool.

Purchasing Date	Time		
Tuesday 4 August	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30		
Wednesday 5 August	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30		
Thursday 6 August	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30		
Friday 7 August	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10		

NB: Cash is the preferred method of payment. All cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

We look forward to seeing you in the library. Parents and carers are welcome to call in during our purchasing times. We also have prizes to give away!





Minnie-Lee Lewis, who finished her HSC at Coolamon Central School in 2018, has completed her basic training at Kapooka Army Base, Wagga Wagga. Minnie-Lee proudly attended her 'March Out' ceremony on Friday 17th July 2020, after a rigorous training program over many months. She will now move on to another Army base for further training in her chosen field before being posted permanently somewhere in Australia. Congratulations, Minnie-Lee. We are very proud of you.



The Kindergarten 2021 Information Evening has been cancelled due to current COVID-19 restrictions. We are, however, able to conduct interviews and appointments with individual families and encourage you to contact the school to arrange a suitable time. Information packs will also be available at this time. We look forward to hearing from you to discuss the enrolment process for Kindergarten 2021.

### Year 12 Biology

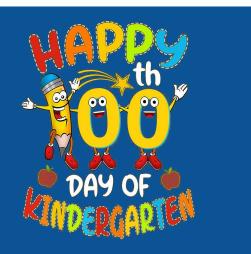
Year 12 Biology have been studying infectious diseases, looking at how the human body responds to infection through the immune response. This poster was created to model the innate and adaptive immune systems with a focus on the three barriers to infection.





So many new books to choose from in the library at the moment. Pictured below are Lily-Rose, Ricky-Lee and Harrison making the tough decision of which book to borrow.





On Friday 3rd July, Kindergarten students enjoyed their 100th day of school. We had been counting down the days since we started school and the children were very excited. Kindergarten came dressed up as though they were '100 years old'. Their costumes were fantastic and we would like to thank parents for their effort.

Kindergarten enjoyed a variety of activities across the day to celebrate 100 days of school. It was a great way to end the term with students cooperating with each other and demonstrating team work.

Miss Jessup and Mrs Glasgow



The school canteen will be unavailable on **Friday 21st August** and **Monday 24th** August. Students will need to bring their own recess and lunch on both these days.

# SIC News



What's the time? It's NEW clock time! You can now check the time at school without having to ask a teacher because the SRC raised enough money to buy a new clock. We are hoping to raise more money to purchase items for the school, so we can make it a better place.

By Shilah Gain, Natalie McDonald and Noah Curtis

#### **Crazy Hair Day**

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, Coolamon Central School will be holding a Crazy Hair Day to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Community Care NSW. Students are to come to school with a crazy hair-do or wear a red piece of clothing in return for a gold coin donation. Students will also have the chance to see Mr Besgrove dye his hair!

By Penny Caldwell-Higman and Harrison Delaney





#### **Tissue Boxes for Primary**

Tissue supplies are running very low in Primary. We would very much appreciate any donations of tissue boxes to get us through the remainder of the year. Tissues may be dropped off at the office or to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



# School activities return and timeline

#### Activities/site usage that can already take place

- · Use the school library
- Engage in sporting activities
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- Year 11 and 12 students only may attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. School based
- apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- · Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Hydrotherapy pools can be used
- · Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development, outside of school hours with limited adult attendance)
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to local river to collect water samples)
- Face-to-face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
- School photos
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs
- Community use activities on weekends involving adult attendance (complying with relevant guidelines) not essential to continuity of education.
- Community use activities involving general adult attendance (such as community markets).

#### Activities/site usage that can take place from the beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)
- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc)
- · SRE/SEE lessons
- Work experience for students (with appropriate risk assessment)
- VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk
- assessments. For any that can't proceed, please see the NESA websitExternal linke
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back n operation
- P&C meetings with a strong preference for on-line where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings where these need to take place strong preference for on-line where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

#### Activities under consideration from Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- · Kindergarten orientation
- · School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- · Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (e.g. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Parent volunteers e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- · Interstate excursions
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings and the following activities will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPPC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.

#### Activities that are cancelled, delayed or not permitted

- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more.
  - International excursions are cancelled until further notice



# 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

Do you live within the Coolamon Shire? Are you going into Yr 11 and looking to kick start your working career and gain a qualification?

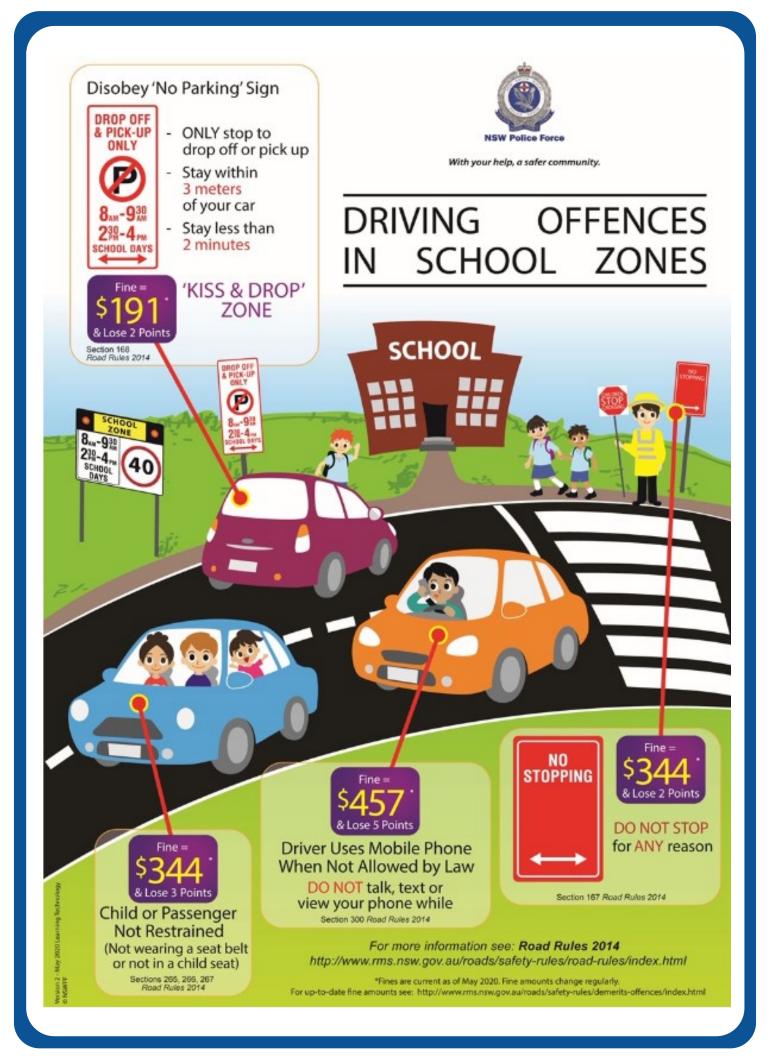
TO APPLY ; EMAIL YOUR COVER LETTER ADDRESSING WHAT PATH YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AND RESUME TO COUNCIL@COOLAMON.NSW.GOV.AU OR CONTACT 69301 801

Applications

will close 25 September 2020 One student will be selected based on their application

### CHOOSE YOUR CAREER PATH WITH COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL

Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) - Cert 2 Individual Support (Aged Care) - Cert 3 Business Administration - Cert 3 Horticulture - Cert 3







### NDIS Connection Desk at Coolamon Central School

Do you have questions about the NDIS that you would like to ask? We can help you.

This term we encourage you to come along and talk with a Local Area Coordinator from the NDIS. Questions can range from how to access NDIS, how to use the plan you have, review meetings etc.

These meetings will be held via a <u>virtual platform with the NDIS</u> representative and you will have a school staff member sitting with you to support you.

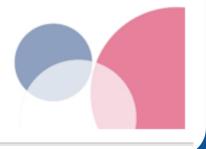
You can also find out about the range of services available including supports which assist young people to transition to post-school life and employment. It's simple – just make an appointment!

Dates: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August between 9.00am – 11.00am

Thursday 20th August between 9.00am - 11.00am

Thursday 3rd September between 9.00am - 11.00am

If you are interested please contact the school to make an appointment on 6927 3209.



### **Community News**



#### CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a preemployment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact

Joss Facility Management via email on

#### cleaning@jossgroup.com.au

Check us out of Facebook **Joss Cleaning** or visit our webpage <u>www.jossgroup.com.au</u>



Head Lice infestations occur form time to time in our school.

Effective treatment is essential to break the cycle. To help us try to control head lice, please check your child's hair regularly and treat appropriately. If symptoms occur, use the methods recommended in information from the NSW Department of Health.

- Always tie back long hair.
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.
- Head lice move from one person's head to another via hair.
- Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head.
- Daily combing of hair with white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs.
- Further information is available on the NSW Health website <u>http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/</u> environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx



The NSW Government will continue its popular Active Kids and Creative Kids \$100 rebate voucher programs for all school students from K-12 involved in approved physical and creative activities outside of school. The Active Kids rebate covers sporting and swimming pursuits, programmed physical fitness programs and approved active recreations such as dance. The new Creative Kids rebate covers activities such as music, dance, drama, language classes, visual arts programs, coding and design.

For more information and to apply for an Active or Creative Kids voucher go to the following websites:

ACTIVE KIDS - https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids

CREATIVE KIDS - https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids



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#### UNSW Global ICAS Assessments 2020

ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated and thorough level of learning.

To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level.

NB: Due to COVID19, there will be no Writing assessment this year and NO assessments in any subject area for Years 11 and 12.

Benefits for students of ICAS assessments include:

An objective ranking of their performance Thinking beyond the classroom Recognition of success through medals and certificates Encouragement to attain greater academic success

Entrants are encouraged to visit the ICAS website prior to their assessment: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas

Please complete the participation slip for entry in one or more of these competitions. Return your slip with full payment by Friday 31 July, 2020.

Competition	Year Level	Sitting Date	Original Cost	Subsidised Cost
Science	2 – 10	Monday 17 August	\$15.95	\$8
English	2 – 10	Monday 24 August	\$15.95	\$8
Digital Technologies	3 - 10	Tuesday 25 August	\$15.95	\$8
Mathematics	2 - 10	Monday 31 August	\$15.95	\$8
Spelling	2 - 7	Tuesday 1 September	\$15.95	\$8

#### ICAS SCHOOL COMPETITIONS FOR YEARS 2 – 10

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Please complete one form per student and return it to the school office with payment by Friday 31 July, 2020.

Student's name: (please print)\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition	Year Level	Sitting Date	Original Cost	Subsidised Cost	Please tick
Digital Technologies	3 – 10	Tuesday 3 September	\$14.50	\$8	
Science	2 – 10	Thursday 5 September	\$14.50	\$8	
Spelling	2 - 7	Thursday 12 September	\$14.50	\$8	
English	2 – 10	Tuesday 17 September	\$14.50	\$8	
Mathematics	2 - 10	Thursday 19 September	\$14.50	\$8	

Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_