



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 3 2021

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

**All events
are pending
due to
COVID
restrictions**

TERM THREE

JULY

- 29 Write a book in a day
- 30 Mini Olympics

AUGUST

- 5 Year 6 Taster Day
- 6 Primary Assembly @ 2.10pm in Hall
- 9-13 HSC Trials
- 20 Riverina Primary Athletics
- 27 Primary Boys Cricket Trials

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Primary Assembly 2 2.10pm in Hall
- 16 Secondary Boys Cricket Trials
- 17 Year 12 Final Assembly

from The Principal

Congratulations to Hannah Walker who has been selected to represent the Riverina in the NSW State finals of the School-based Apprenticeship/Trainee of the Year. Hannah completed her Cert III in Tourism and has been working at Coolamon Shire Council. This is an outstanding performance from Hannah to be one of 12 finalists in Sydney in September.



Congratulations to Erin Carthew and Toby Foster who have received the 2021 Director's Leadership Award in the primary school. They have demonstrated throughout the year all of the attributes of outstanding school leaders.

As you are aware, we have started Term 3 under Level 2 COVID restrictions. We are working together to keep us all safe and healthy. Please do not send your children to school if they are sick as we will have to send them home. If they display symptoms of respiratory illness, then they will need a negative COVID test and be showing no symptoms before they can return to school.

I would like to thank parents/carers for their cooperation in not entering the school gates unless they have a specific appointment. Our student assemblies will continue, but unfortunately these restrictions mean that parents are unable to attend. Also, many of our parent information events, sporting and extracurricular activities have been cancelled or postponed. We will keep you updated if any changes occur.

I would like to thank everybody, particularly our student body, for supporting our **Off and Away** mobile phone policy. We have already noticed an increase in physical activities and face to face communication between students in the playground. Many of the students have commented on these improvements during recess and lunch times.

Congratulations to Ms Nat Ryan who has been appointed as a permanent primary school teacher. Ms Ryan has already shown, in the time that she has taught here as a temporary teacher, that she is a great asset to the children and the school. Also, we have been able to appoint Mr Jeremy Atkins as our new Head Teacher of English/HSIE who will commence in the position at the beginning of Term 4.

John Beer
Principal

Mathematics Growth Team Update

Mathematics in Secondary

Coolamon Central School welcomes back Mrs Taber from her maternity leave. Due to Coolamon Central School's involvement in the Mathematics Growth Team Project we are in the fortunate staffing position to be able to reduce some class sizes to provide targeted teaching in Stage 4 to help us improve outcomes in numeracy. As a result, Maths S and W classes will be split into roughly half with Mrs Taber and the other with Ms Reimers. Both teachers will be working closely with Mr Pollard to develop and implement strategies to best meet the needs of students.

Mathematics in Primary

Mrs Taber's return also helps facilitate co-teaching in Stage 3 as part of the Maths Growth Team Project. Miss Barker and Miss Buchanan also assist with Stage 2 and 3 classes. This will provide opportunity for quality teaching rounds where staff are able to learn from one another's experiences and trial research based teaching strategies and activities with the aim of improving student outcomes in Mathematics at Coolamon Central School.

Calculators

Parents and students are reminded that scientific calculators are an essential tool in Secondary Mathematics classes. Reliance on mobile phone calculator apps (especially given the ban on phones in class) are NOT a suitable substitute for using an approved scientific calculator. The school recommends students use a Casio fx-82AU Plus II or a Casio fx-100AU Plus. There are Casio fx82AU Plus II available for purchase from the front office for \$30.00.

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all students who competed at the secondary Zone Athletics carnival in Arianah Park. It was a great day despite the changing weather, with Coolamon winning the carnival. Thank you to all parents for driving students and a special thanks you to all teachers who helped make the day successful. Congratulations to the students who were age champions or runners up. Coolamon's age champions were Isobel Lamb in 12 year girls, Emerson Buchegger and Summer Griffiths tied in the 13 year girls, Lawson Buchegger in 13 years boys and Noah Hatty in the 15 years boys. Good luck to everyone who made it to the Riverina competition in Albury next term.





The library has a new selection of graphic novels ready for borrowing. Graphic novels powerfully attract and motivate kids to read by:

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- Providing an opportunity to think critically

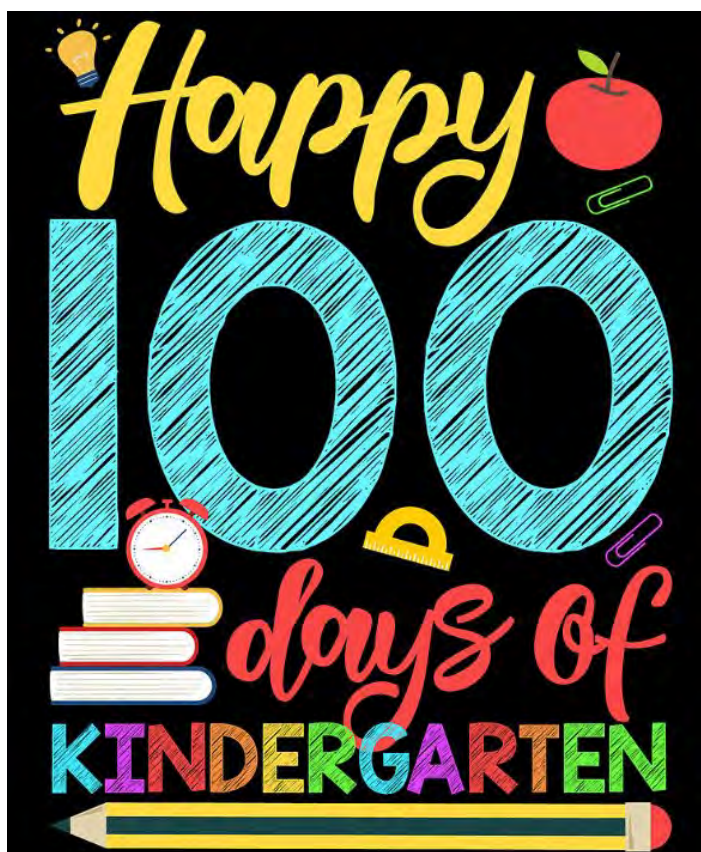
Come and borrow some now to see what the fuss is all about.



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ELECTIVE FEES

While the course fee for your child's scholastic year is voluntary, elective fees are **compulsory** and are used to buy consumables for these subjects. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your elective fees please contact the school.

Payment options include cash, cheque or Eftpos via the front office or via the \$ Make a Payment tab on the school website. Please pay your contributions **as soon as possible** to allow the school to continue with important educational programs in 2021.



The excited smiles on the faces of the Kindergarten students as they walked through the door were contagious. They knew it was a day of great celebration; they had made it through 100 days of school. Dressed in their finest 'old people' clothing they went to work exploring the number 100 through activities and games.



NAIDOC Week

Child Studies students explored ways to incorporate this year's NAIDOC theme, 'Heal Country' into learning opportunities for preschool aged children. Such activities will be implemented in the Coolamon Central School Playgroup which students hope to run in 2021 - pending COVID restrictions.



Hand-held VR

During Term 2 and 3, Primary students have been lucky enough to access the handheld Virtual Reality kit through the stem.T4L initiative. In Geography, 3/4 Ruby used them to take a virtual tour of Japan and find out interesting facts about the culture. In Science and Digital Technologies, they were used to explore different habitats of living things using the Expedition app.



Primary Debating

On the 10th of June, our two Coolamon Primary debating teams, CCS Thunder and CCS Lightning, went up against Yenda Public School, Barellan Central School and Ariaiah Park Central School. The Coolamon Lightnings team members were Toby Foster, Erin Carthew, Riya Bond and Emelia Quinn. Lightning won two of their three rounds against all the other schools. Thunders team members were Noah Curtis, Emma Riley, Annabelle Cork and Ellyse Quinell and they won all three of their rounds. Special thanks goes to Declan Johnstone and Emilee Dillon who were our chairpersons for the day, our adjudicators, Debbie Worland and Narelle Payne and Miss Barker for organising the day. We are eagerly awaiting the rest of the results from the round.

By Declan Johnstone and Noah Curtis.





Balloon rocket experiment

In K/1 Garnet, students have been investigating living things. For the experiment, students had to tape one end of a piece of string to a chair, thread the string through the straw, pull it tight and tape it to another chair. They then had to blow their balloon up and hold it tight, so that the air couldn't escape. They then taped the balloon to the straw before letting go of the end. Students observed that when they let it go, the balloon moved forward along the piece of string. The air coming out of the balloon creates energy for the balloon to move forward. This forward motion is a pushing force called 'thrust'. Students learned that the balloon needs energy to move.

What a fun experiment!

More time to prepare for HSC exams

NESA has just announced additional changes to the 2021 HSC timetable due to the evolving COVID situation. The changes are designed to give students more certainty in the lead up to their exams.

Changes NESA has detailed include:

- Extend the hand in date for all major projects by two weeks. The hand-in date for Industrial Technology has been extended by four weeks**
- Reschedule the Music performance exams to run from 30 August to 3 September in Greater Sydney and 6 to 10 September outside of Greater Sydney**
- Reschedule the written exams to begin one week later on 19 October with HSC results out on 17 December.**

Drum Kit

- This drum kit would be great for a beginner and only needs a stool to complete the set.
- 14" snare
- 12", 13", 16" toms
- 22" Bass Hi hats
- Crash/ride Kick pedal
- Hi hat stand
- Cymbal stand
- Snare stand



The kit will be tuned before sale. If you are interested or for more details, please contact Mr Szery.
\$100 ono.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Reminder for all students participating in this years Premier's Reading Challenge. All student entries to be submitted by Friday August 20.



NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens Monday March 1

Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Start Your Career Here

Thank you to Coolamon Shire Council who hosted a 'Start Your Career Here' day, which saw students from Year 10 and 11 attend the Council office to see the career opportunities available at Council. Students were able to have a hands on experience with Aged Care, Childcare, Surveying and Mapping, Works Plant Operations, Planning and Development and Tourism and Youth Development.





Kindergarten 2022



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- Parent Information Evening
CANCELLED
Tuesday, 20th July 2021
- Taster Day 1
Thursday, 5th August 2021
- Taster Day 2
Thursday, 14th October 2021
- Orientation Day
Tuesday, 23rd November 2021

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Coolamon Central School's Mobile Phone Policy

From the beginning of Term 3 Coolamon Central will be implementing our **"Off and Away"** Mobile Phone Policy. Students will not be allowed to use their mobile phones from the time they enter the school grounds until the final bell at 3.10pm. If a student has to carry a mobile phone to and from school, it is their responsibility to ensure that it is turned off and stored securely away during the school day. Please note: 'school grounds' extends to school excursions, sports carnivals and other events off the school site, where an approved school activity takes place.

During school hours, parents and carers are expected to only contact their children via the school office. Parents are able to send messages to student mobile phones to be accessed after the 3.10pm bell.

If the Mobile Phone rules are broken and they are used during the school day, mobile phones will be confiscated and stored with the Deputy Principal. The offending student is to collect the phone from the Deputy Principal at the end of the day. If students show a repeated failure to follow the regulations, then further disciplinary action will be taken. In special circumstances an exemption can be requested from the Principal on the basis of medical and wellbeing grounds. Full details of the policy are available on our website.




While mobile phones and other such devices have significant advantages for use in the broader community their use in schools is highly problematic. In schools, mobile phones can be significant distractors to learning and they can also pose significant risk to the safety of students through unfiltered access to the internet.

I have discussed this matter widely with a number of other schools who have gone down this path. They all report a significant drop in cyber bullying and negative behaviours. They also note a large increase in physical and social activity during recess and lunch.

Thanking you in anticipation for your support in this important learning and wellbeing matter.

John Beer
Principal

**Charles Sturt University**

Can an app help children with speech sound difficulties in rural Australia?

SayBananas is a fun interactive game developed by speech pathology researchers to help children engage in speech therapy

We are looking for children who...




- ☒ Live in rural Australia
- ☒ Have difficulties with their speech sounds (do others find your child hard to understand?)
- ☒ Are 4 ½ -12 years of age
- ☒ Understand what is said to them
- ☒ Have normal hearing

What does the study involve?

- You and your child completing questionnaires on your child's development and a short speech assessment.
- Your child using an app on a tablet to do speech therapy practice for 4 weeks (you can use your own tablet, or we have a few to loan)
- You and your child completing an online interview, giving feedback on the app
- A home internet connection

Professor Sharynne McLeod, Charles Sturt University
Dr Kirrie Ballard and Dr Beena Ahmed, Say56

Contact
Grace Kelly
gkelly@csu.edu.au
(02) 6301 9544



INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 28 July 2021

9 am to 4 pm

Near Sweet Briar B&B, Cowabbie Street

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For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Staying Connected With Our Children

Now is the time to stay close to our children.

They need to feel us beside them so they don't feel as worried as they are. We need to be honest with them and let them know that good people from around the world are working very hard to keep them safe and healthy.

Our children will believe us, we love them deeply.

Be Honest

COVID-19 is a virus like a cold. Some people will get it. Maybe someone in your family might get sick. We can do things that will help us stay safe. There are really good people like doctors who know what to do. They are helping to figure it out.

Validate Their Feelings

It's OK to feel scared or worried. Sometimes, when we get worried, it can make us feel scared. But I'm OK. It's OK to be feeling scared or worried or whatever you are feeling right now. You can share that with me whenever you need to.

Acknowledge Day to Day Disruptions

Even if school and your after school activities stop for a while, they will start up again. How about we think about some ways of doing versions of these things together at home if we need to?

Remind Them

That you and that is one thing that will never change.

Here are some ways that parents and carers can share connection, comfort and care with their children right now.

Look to History

There have been sicknesses like this before. And they have stopped. Good people from around the world have worked hard together. The scientists are doing this right now with this virus.

Remain Available

You can talk with me whenever you need to. I will answer any questions you have. If I don't know the answers, I will find out and then I will tell you.

Have fun

Share some time with your children that is just for them, and let them lead the play. Let's do some things that you like to do.

Create some quiet time

Find a regular time where you can just be still with children. Stroke their hair. Watch a favourite show on TV. Listen to music together. Let them decide if they want to talk. Be present with them. Enjoy it.



childhood.org.au

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MONDAY AUGUST 2, 7:15PM - 8:45PM



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Bannister Room, RCM

The Riverina Conservatorium of Music is hosting a FREE workshop for musicians who can play either the Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Piano, Guitar, Drums or Bass Guitar!

We welcome musicians who can read and play at, from a AMEB grade 3-4+ level.

If you would like to explore and perform a range of jazz, Latin, rock, funk and other contemporary music in a group, then bring your instrument & join us for a hands-on introduction to 'big band' music and skills!

Monday 2nd August 2021

7:15pm - 8:45pm

Bannister Room, RCM

Booking Essential: 69253522 admin@rivconmusic.nsw.edu.au

For further information please contact Peter Lothian:

0414 692 779 plothian@rivconmusic.nsw.edu.au



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TO FIND OUT MORE:

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E fostering@anglicare.com.au



CANTEEN PRICE LIST

2021 (commencing Term 3)

Please take your lunch order with payment to the office.

No lunch bag is needed.

Contact can be made via the school office.



All orders made fresh daily

White/Brown bread or rolls

Vegemite	\$3.00	COLD DRINKS	
Cheese	\$4.00	200ml Just Juice Boxes	\$1.50
Salad and Mayo	\$4.00	250ml Chill J Bottles	\$2.00
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$5.00	Sunraysia 100% Aust. Juice	\$2.50
Chicken and Tomato	\$4.50	600ml Bottle Water	\$2.20
Ham and Tomato	\$4.50	250ml Bottle Water	\$1.00
Egg and Lettuce with Mayo	\$5.00	DAIRY	
Chicken and Lettuce with Mayo	\$5.00	300ml Flavoured Milk (Bottle)	\$2.70
Meat and Salads with Mayo	\$5.00	500ml Flavoured Milk (Bottle)	\$3.70
HAM, CHICKEN, TUNA		FROZEN PRODUCTS	
Fresh Salad Bowls with Dressing	\$5.00	120ml Juices	\$1.00
Bowl with Cold Meat and Dressing	\$6.00	200ml Prima Juice Box (Frozen)	\$1.50
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Meat Pies	\$4.50	Fresh Made Cupcakes	\$1.00
Sausage Rolls	\$3.50		
Mini Pizzas (bacon and cheese)	\$3.50		
Chicken Nuggets x 6 pack	\$3.00		
Hotdogs Friday Only	\$4.00		
Nachos Friday Only	\$4.50		

Please note that Hotdogs and Nachos available Friday's by order only.

All Pies and Sausage Rolls come with 1 sauce, any extra is 50c

Canteen is unable to heat or reheat food from home

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WHEN: 28/7/2021 - 15/9/2021

TIME: Wednesdays 4.00pm - 5.00pm

WHERE: Coolamon Central School Ovals
75 Methul Street, NSW 2701



LEAGUE STARS

Community News

Coolamon Town Library

Lego Club – Postponed.

Lego Club is unfortunately postpone at the moment. Due to the latest COVID restrictions it will be postponed until further notice.

National Science Week, 2021

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology and this year the Coolamon Library will be involved. It will take place between the Monday, 16th August – Friday, 20th August. The Library will have 30 free take home kits to give away to families. This includes a VR headset, each headset clips onto a smartphone. All instructions will be provided with additional resources and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Phone the Library to reserve your kit - 69272492

Knitting Trauma Teddies

The Library will again be involved in a project "Knitting a Trauma Teddy". Across Australia tens of thousands of Trauma Teddies are given out to a diverse range of services. The Library is able to supply wool and the pattern for the teddies. Also all completed teddies can be dropped off at the Library. Phone the Library for further details – 69272492.

Delivery Services

Our home delivery service is still available; our delivery day is every Friday morning. Books, magazines and DVDs are all able to be borrowed. Please contact the Library for further details – 69272492.

Storytime

Our next Storytime will be Friday, this 30th July @10.30am theme – "Colour and Shapes". A special Storytime session will be held in Ganmain this Thursday, 29th July @ 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Commings Hendriks - Coolamon

Commings Hendriks are very pleased to announce the appointment of Snr Associate solicitor Ms Carla Gash to the Coolamon office of Commings Hendriks.

Carla has been a solicitor for 17 years, working in Cater and Blumer's practice in Griffith where she specialised in Rural and residential conveyancing, wills, estate administration, intergenerational farm transfers as well as initiating claims upon estates or defending claims pursuant to the *Succession Act NSW 2006*.

Carla, her husband Louis and two children are relocating to Coolamon with the dual purpose of opening a family business in the main street that Louis will run with Carla moving into a Senior Associate Solicitor management role in the Commings Hendriks office.

Originally from Ariah Park, Carla said, "The move to Coolamon it is a lot like coming home. I have family and friends in Coolamon which made the decision to move so much easier."

"Carla was well known to Bill Thompson and we are sure she will quickly become an integral contributor to the Coolamon community like Bill always was," Phillip McIntosh, CEO Commings Hendriks, said.

Carla will be in the office five days per week and is ably supported by two licenced Conveyancers, Louise Mattingly, and Kate Carroll, as well as Karen, Jordan, Terese and Wendy.





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