



# Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 4 2021

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

## TERM FOUR

### OCTOBER

22 Secondary Assembly

29 Primary Assembly  
(no Parents/Carers)

### NOVEMBER

1-5 Stage 4 & 5  
Assessment Week

3 Kinder 2022  
Orientation

5 Secondary Assembly

9 HSC English Standard  
English Advanced and  
English Studies

10 HSC English Standard,  
English Advanced and  
Music 1

Kinder 2022  
Orientation

12 Primary Assembly  
(no Parents/Carers)

15 HSC Mathematics  
Standard 1 & 2 and  
Advanced

17 HSC PDHPE

18 HSC Legal Studies

19 HSC CAFS and  
Mathematics Ext 1

Secondary Assembly

22 HSC Biology and  
Industrial Tec Timber

23 HSC Business Studies

24 HSC Construction

26 Primary Assembly  
(no Parents/Carers)

## *from The Principal*

Congratulations to Year 12. We were finally able to hold a limited Presentation Assembly on Friday. I would like to empathise with all the parents, siblings and friends that couldn't attend in person. Thanks to Mrs Corbett and Mrs Besgrove for the hard work and persistence they have shown in making the assembly possible. We wish the students all the best in their upcoming HSC.



The school has provided a five dollar canteen voucher to all our students as a small welcome back gesture for Term 4. We realise how difficult Term 3 has been with all the disrupted learning. I would like to thank all the students and staff for their understanding and compliance with the mask policies. Hopefully more restrictions will be eased as vaccination rates continue to rise.

Due to consistency in our secondary numbers, we have been allocated a new permanent Head Teacher Welfare from 2022. I would like to invite interested parents to contact me if you are interested in being on the interview panel for the new Head Teacher of Welfare. Sitting on a panel provides you with the opportunity to have a say in the future employment of the school's teachers.

I encourage all parents and carers to have their say and participate in the upcoming Tell Them from Me survey which opens on Tuesday 26th October. This is an important way you can comment on what the school is doing well and the areas in which we can improve the education of your children.

The annual Up2Date Art Exhibition will be held from the 13th – 28th of November. Coolamon Central and its partner primary schools are the financial beneficiaries this year. We are asking for volunteers to help with the unpacking of the paintings (Nov 6th from 9am) and the pack up (Nov 28th from 2pm). Please let the front office know if you can assist at either of these times.

Mr John Beer

Principal

We are excited to announce that our 2022 Kindergarten Orientation is able to go ahead. To abide by current DOE COVID-19 guidelines:

\*students must be enrolled to attend the orientation sessions

\*parents and carers must drop students off at the front gate and at the same point if picking them up

\*parents and carers should not remain at the designated drop off point for longer than 10 minutes.

\*drop off time will be 9.10am

\*pick up time for November 10th will be 3.00pm

**Coolamon Central School**



## Kindergarten 2022



### Orientation Days

3rd November 2021

9.10am - 12.00pm

10th November 2021

9.10am - 3.00pm

Orientation Days will be held in the Kindergarten classroom at Coolamon Central School.

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# Kindergarten Orientation Program

## Wednesday 3rd November



Time	Activity
9.10am	<b>Drop off</b> Students will be met at the front gate, say goodbye to their parents and carers and be escorted to the Kindergarten classroom for a morning full of fun activities.
9.15am - 11.10am	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Roaming activities</b> Students will have the opportunity to roam around the classroom, selecting and completing a range of activities, with the assistance of their teachers, interacting with their peers. These activities include fine motor skills, puzzles, reading, craft, alphabet activities, play dough and building.  <b>Crunch &amp; Sip</b> Students will take a toilet break, eat some fruit and listen to a story.  <b>Phonics</b> Students will listen to a song, learn a chant, and interact with our Smart Board whilst learning all about the sound/s/. This will be followed by a craft activity based around the /s/ sound that students will be able to take home.  <b>Outdoor game</b> Students will be able to participate in some fun physical games outside on our grassed area.
11.10am - 11.40am	<b>Recess</b> Students will take a break from a busy morning, enjoy some food and explore and play in our playground with their year 5 buddies.
11.40am - 12.00pm	<b>Session 2</b> Students will return to the classroom for a story and photo with their new year 5 buddies before preparing to pack up for home time.
12.00pm	<b>Home time</b> Students will say goodbye to their buddies and be collected from school or returned to their learning centres.



# K/1 Emerald

Emerald thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seasons and wind through art last week. They made a windsock and made use of the very windy day by taking their creations outside for a test run.

'That was so fun' - Ivy Crocker

'I love my windsock' - Eva Copley

'Can I take my windsock home' - Grayson King





# Kindergarten Orientation Program

## Wednesday 10th November



Time	Activity
9.10am	<b>Drop off</b> Students will be met at the front gate, say goodbye to their parents and carers and be escorted to the Kindergarten classroom for a morning full of fun activities.
9.15am - 11.10am	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Outdoor Activities</b> Students will participate in a rotation of games and sports, led by our wonderful secondary school students and teachers.  <b>Crunch &amp; Sip</b> Students will take a toilet break, eat some fruit and listen to a story.  <b>Roaming activities</b> Students will have the opportunity to roam around the classroom, selecting and completing a range of activities, with the assistance of their teachers, interacting with their peers. These activities include fine motor skills, puzzles, reading, craft, alphabet activities, play dough and building.
11.10am - 11.40am	<b>Recess</b> Students will take a break from a busy morning, enjoy some food and explore and play in our playground with their year 5 buddies.
11.40am - 1.20pm	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Maths</b> Students will return to the classroom for some fun maths activities. A variety of stations will be set up for students to select and complete. This will include; counting activities, number cards and blocks, number puzzles, shape tracing/drawing and number tracing. Students will take a toilet break and listen to a story. <b>Phonics</b> Students will listen to a song, learn a chant and interact with our Smart Board whilst learning all about the sound /a/. This will be followed by a craft activity based around the /a/ sound that students will be able to take home.
1.20pm	<b>Lunch</b> Students will take a break from a busy morning, enjoy some food and explore and play in our playground with their year 5 buddies.
2.10pm	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Tour</b> Students will get a full tour of the school. They will be taken to the library for a story, to the hall, bus area, office, science lab and hospitality kitchens. Students will pack their bags, ready to go home.
3.00pm	<b>Home time</b> Students will say goodbye to their teachers and be collected from the school front gate.

# Year 11 Advanced English

Year 11 Advanced English have begun their first module for their HSC, which is Texts and Human experiences. As part of their study they were asked to compose a poem based on the question 'What does it mean to be human?' I'm sure anyone reading them will agree that these students are off to a fantastic start with their studies and their creative responses in HSC English.

## **To be Human**

How beautifully chaotic is it?  
To watch the sky catch on fire  
With every rise and fall  
And with the fall, navy floods in  
Creating a blanket of darkness.  
Instilling a sense of peace and fear  
For fear of the unknown and peace of the quiet  
And in that moment one can ponder,  
Such a question.  
What does it mean to be human?

To be human is to fear  
To love, to cherish, to cry, to grieve,  
To be human is to feel.  
To be human is to create ourselves,  
In our own image.  
To create the best version of ourselves  
In spite of others' opinions and criticisms.  
To be human is to live without boundaries,  
To have the freedom and joy of life.  
To experience the hardships,  
Knowing it will all get better,  
All you have to do is be patient and remember,  
It's your life, live it the way you want too.

By Emily Humphrey

## **Human**

Humans are all made up of skin and bone  
Traveling the slippery sloping road of life into the unknown  
To be human is to be full of emotion,  
A mixture of fears, desires and hopes into a potion  
To be human is perhaps more sinister, more baleful  
To be human, life is often painful

To be human is to hold the fate of the earth in our hands,  
To know the secrets of the world's day,  
And to learn the things we don't understand.  
To be human is to take everything we need,  
Destroy anything that's in our way,  
Just to fulfill our unlimited greed.

By Simeon Cork

## **What does it mean to be human?**

A steady pulse, a calm breath  
The inevitability of a dance with death.  
One long day, a short goodnight  
A world made of illusion

A high tide, feet plunged within  
Birth is a peace in which we begin  
A conflicted heart, a beautiful sight  
What does it mean to be human?

A warm embrace? Key you misplace?  
Or the moments you live?  
We count our blessings, take in the settings  
As to be human is to forgive.

By Madeline Cutler

## **What does it mean to be human?**

What does it mean to be human?  
Is it, in fact, that question that makes us, us?  
Our desire to know, our curiosity, our consciousness of our species mortality,  
Is that what it means to be human?

Is it our search for meaning in life that makes us human?  
Is it our values, ethics or morals?  
Empathy? Sympathy? Love? Hatred?  
Is that what it means to be human?  
To feel for not only ourselves, but for others?

Perhaps, our ability to ponder questions is what makes us human,  
But then, perhaps, what it means to be human varies from person to person, from experience to experience,  
Perhaps, what it means to be human can not be answered with any one reply or by any one person.  
Perhaps, what it means to be human is a question that evolves as we do.

So once again;  
What does it mean to be human?

By Bethany Crocker



My name is Jeremy Atkins, I am the new head teacher of English/HSIE. I grew up in North-West NSW, but have worked as a teacher in the Riverina for a number of years. My most recent school was Ungarie Central, and I have a real passion for rural and remote education - particularly the unique nature of central schools. Personally, I'm a massive Manly Sea Eagles fan and spend a lot of my weekends in my boat chasing yellow belly and murray cod. I'm already really enjoying my time at Coolamon. It has a dynamic staff and great students. I look forward to restrictions easing so I can get out and meet the parents and members of our community.

## Coolamon Central School's Mobile Phone Policy

From the beginning of Term 3 Coolamon Central implemented our **"Off and Away"** Mobile Phone Policy. Students are not 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.

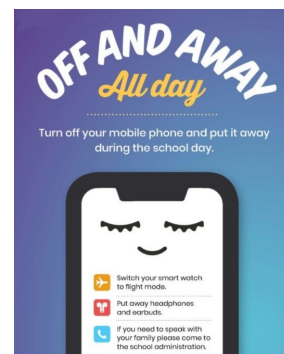
If the Mobile Phone rules are broken and they are used during the school day, mobile phones will be confiscated and stored with the Deputy Principal. The offending student is to collect the phone from the Deputy Principal at the end of the day. If students show a repeated failure to follow the regulations, 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.

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

John Beer  
Principal





# Farewell Year 12 2021



*Good Luck with the HSC*





**Back row:** David Harper, Sonny Christopher, Lewis Thain, Daniel de Haan, Nicholas Furner

**Middle row:** Mrs Corbett, Lara Fryer, Brodie Hard, Casey Foster, Hannah Marshall, Brooklyn Richens, Zara Armstrong

**Front row:** Brinley Lewis, Peter McCallum, Molly Sloan, Hannah Walker, Jack Christopher, Claire Wiltshire

Absent: Megan Kent

# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### **Library new regulations**

New regulations will apply when entering the Library as from Monday 11th October. Proof of vaccination must be shown before entering the Library. Also when entering a face mask must still be worn and don't forget to check in and out using the QR code. Library staff will offer assistance with this new process. As always your health and safety is our top priority so we will be strictly complying with the NSW Public Health Orders. Phone the Library for further details—69272492.

### **Home deliveries**

Our free home delivery is still available for our elderly in the community or residents that are unable to get to the Library.

### **Storytime**

Storytime has started up again. Our next storytime session is on Friday 29th October @ 10.30am. Bookings are essential—phone the Library—69272492.

### **Bowls and More**

Enjoy a crafty morning with Jenny and learn about her business 'Bowls and More'. It will be held on Tuesday 26th October @ 10.30am - no cost, bookings are essential. Phone the Library - 69272492.

### **Family History Group**

Interested in Family History, come along to the Library on Saturday 30th October @ 10.00am. Chat about family history or history in the area - everyone is most welcome.

The school canteen will be closed on Thursday 21st October. Please ensure your child brings recess and lunch.



**SEASON 2021**  
8 WEEK SEASON  
COMMENCES  
FRIDAY, 29th OCTOBER

### **FEES**

U18yrs \$55 O18yrs \$70  
includes referee levy  
er/upper primary will also have \$10  
rt fee, with \$5 refund on return of  
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