



Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 4 TERM 2 2021

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM TWO

MAY

- 11-21 NAPLAN
- 14 RYDA Year 11
Primary Assembly @
2.10pm in Hall
- 21 Secondary Lawn Bowl
Trials
- 28 Zone Cross Country
Primary & Secondary

Primary Assembly @
2.10pm in Hall

JUNE

- 1 Secondary GRIP
Student
Leadership
Conference @ Albury
- 2 Biology Depth Study
- 3 Primary GRIP
Leadership
Conference @ CSU
- 7 Biology Depth Study
- 10 Riverina Primary
Cross Country
- 11 Riverina Secondary
Cross Country
- 16 Secondary Zone
Athletics @ Arian Park
- 17 Primary Zone Athletics
@ Arian Park

Secondary Boys/Girls
Tennis Trials

from The Principal

The Coolamon RSL Sub-Branch sent a letter of appreciation to thank Coolamon Central School for their participation in last week's ANZAC Day Commemoration. The continued presence of the students is greatly appreciated by the Veterans and their families. In particular, they thanked Molly Sloan, Hannah Walker, Thomas Riley and Daniel de Haan for their contributions. They went on to say, "The community can be justifiably proud of the quality of students being educated at the Coolamon Central School and we thank you and your staff for the efforts you put into their education."



Coolamon Central has been represented in sport at the highest level in recent weeks. Our swimming relay team of Peter McCallum, Bethany Crocker, Noah Hatty and Abigail Crocker came a close second in the NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships in Sydney. Jarvis Pritchett and Lucas Hatty were part of the winning team at the NSW Combined High Schools AFL Championships held in Coffs Harbour last week. The Riverina-South West team was made up of students from 12 schools, across a geographical area of 600kms. It was encouraging to see you come together, work and play as a team during the carnival.

Friday April 30th was a fantastic day for our school with the visit of Mr. Eddie Woo, the leader of the NSW Mathematics Growth Team. He held workshops for our Years 5 to 12 students and staff. His presentations were engaging, thought provoking and educational. Everybody found them to be highly motivational.

I would like to thank the parents and carers who attended our Parent/Teacher evenings. After the COVID restrictions it was a great opportunity for staff and parents to reengage and discuss their children's education. This week our Years 3,5,7 and 9 will be undertaking their NAPLAN tests, which provide an insight into how our students are progressing and in what areas of Literacy and Numeracy they need additional support.

The school is undergoing some minor disruptions with the establishment of a long overdue staff toilet in the primary block. The costs of this project are being met by a 50/50 split with the State Government under a special grants scheme.

I hope everybody takes the opportunity to look at the proposed changes to the Australian Educational Curriculum. The Federal Education Minister, Mr Alan Tudge, has urged the public to offer feedback to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. This is an important opportunity for you to have a say on your children's future education.

John Beer
Principal

Eddie Woo



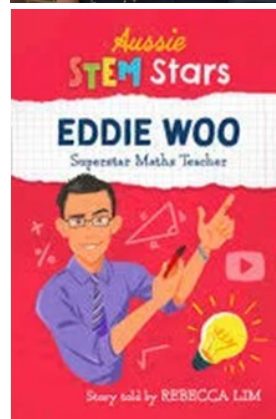
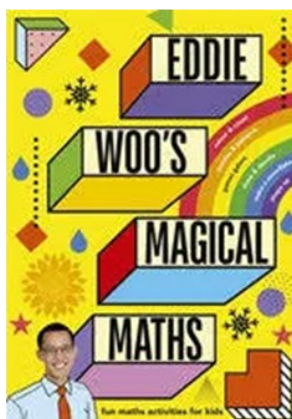
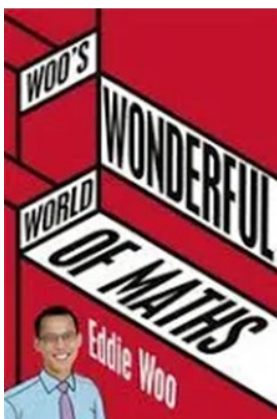
Have you ever said to yourself or to others, “I’m not a maths person?” Some people believe that Mathematics is a skill that people are either born with or not. The truth is... “Maths is found everywhere and is for everyone.” – Eddie Woo

On Friday 30th April, Eddie Woo, as leader of the Mathematics Growth Team visited our school. Eddie is most famed for his Wootube channel where he has thousands of Mathematics videos, which have helped students and teachers alike. He is also an author, TV Host and has been named Australia’s Local Hero 2018, amongst many other awards for his commitment to Mathematics education.

Eddie started the day serving breakfast from the Canteen, before showing our students some mathematics card tricks in the playground. Craig Holden, who is the Coordinator of the Mathematics Growth team, accompanied Eddie and assisted in the delivery of professional learning to teaching staff and shared his vast knowledge of strategies and research into Mathematics teaching.

Eddie ran engagement sessions for Years 5-12 throughout the day, to show students that Mathematics is all around us and is interconnected within many aspects of our lives. Students were excited and captivated at these presentations, even staying afterwards to get signatures and photos with him. Eddie was kind enough to present the school with signed copies of his books, which will be available in the library soon for borrowing.

Mr Thomas Pollard
Mathematics Teacher
Trainer, NSW Mathematics Growth Team



Eddie Woo



NSWCHS State Swimming

Congratulations to Bethany Crocker, Peter McCallum, Noah Hatty and Abigail Crocker who achieved Silver in the 4 x 100m relay at the NSWCHSSA Swimming Championships in Sydney on 29th April 2021.



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.

World of Maths

On 28th and 29th of April, World of Maths – a travelling, interactive, hands on workshop visited Coolamon Central School.

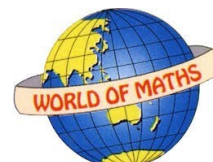
They ran workshops with students from Years 1-10. Our senior students assisted during the Year 1/2 sessions and demonstrated great leadership while supporting students through the activities.

The two days were highly successful, with students enjoying solving a variety of problems in small teams.

Mr Pollard

Mathematics Teacher

Trainer, NSW Mathematics Growth Team



World of Maths



2021 Champions

Primary Swimming Carnival Champions 2021

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Jnr 8-10 Boys	Harrison Delaney	Tomas McKeever	Joseph Dillon
Jnr 8-10 Girls	Imogen Crocker	Pippa Clarkson	Allie Vine
11 Years Boys	Phoenix Wise	Lachlan Johnstone	Will Dyason
11 Years Girls	Reaghan Crocker	Aaliyah Coleman	Annabelle Cork
12+ Years Snr Boys	Declan Johnstone	Patrick Thain	Toby Foster
12+ Years Snr Girls	Jorja Clarkson	Ayla Moses	Emma Riley
Kinwabbie Awards	Wyatt Vogt	Zac Kennedy	Patrick Moses
	Charlie Cochrane	Emelia Quinn	Aleiya Gilchrist



Secondary Swimming Carnival Boys Champions 2021

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12			
13	Lawson Buchegger	Lennard Stone	Levi Wise
14	Aaron de Haan	Lucas Hatty	Oliver Furner
15	Noah Hatty	Keenan Crocker	Tristan Hare-Niki
16	Edward Hatty	Mitchell Dryden	Mark Dixon
17+	Peter McCallum	Blake Thompson	Ben Dennis
Kinwabbie Awards	Nikolas Madeley	Will McTernan	Daniel de Haan

Secondary Swimming Carnival Girls Champions 2021

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12			
13	Emmerson Buchegger	Maddie Vine	Millar Dyason
14	Olivia Walker & Allie Delaney	-	Eva Lucas
15	Chloe Clark	Lacey Harris	Abigail Crocker
16	-	-	-
17+	Bethany Crocker	Summer Buchegger	Hannah Walker
Kinwabbie Awards	Claire Cochrane	Olivia Crocker	Caitlin Thompson

2021 Champions

Primary Athletics Carnival Champions 2021			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Jnr 8-10 Boys	Samuel Dyason	Noah Watterson	Alexandah Sladden
Jnr 8-10 Girls	Shilah Gain	Jessica Graham	Imogen Crocker
11 Years Boys	Melvin Kyaw	Phoenix Wise	Lachlan Johnstone
11 Years Girls	Aaliyah Coleman	Khya Mead	Emelia Quinn
12+ Years Snr Boys	Toby Foster	Tyson Sladden	Zac Kennedy
12+ Years Snr Girls	Jorja Clarkson	Aleiya Gilchrist	Ellyse Quinell
Kinwabbie Awards	Joseph Dillon	Cooper Graham	Maurice Craig
	Pippa Clarkson	Reaghan Crocker	Emma Riley



Secondary Athletics Carnival Boys Champions 2021			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12			
13	Lawson Buchegger	Sam Taylor	Braith Gain
14	Joey King	Oliver Furner	Xavier Furner
15	Noah Hatty	Jahl Norden	Brad Griffith
16	Ryan Furner	Edward Hatty	Angus Hilton
17+	Jakob Taylor	Blake Thompson	Benjamin Dennis
Kinwabbie Awards	Lachlan Caldwell-Higman	Thomas Francis	Matthew Sladden



2021 Champions

Secondary Athletics Carnival Girls Champions 2021

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12	Isobel Lamb	Allie Leaver	-
13	Emmerson Buchegger	Millar Dyason/ Summer Griffiths	-
14	Emma Claridge	Olivia Walker	Caitlin Thompson
15	Chloe Clark	Isabelle Stuart	Tanner Lewis
16	Michaela Rook	Katie Leigh Cox	Monique Kitchener
17+	Emma Pullen	Nellie Whyman	Claire Wiltshire
Kinwabbie Awards	Makenna Seary	Breanna Stoddard	Jessica Hard



2021 Champions

Primary Cross Country Carnival Champions 2021			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5-7 yrs Boys	Harry Maddox	Levi Dyason	Harry Winstanley
5-7 yrs Girls	Summer Gillet	Heidi Vogt	Dakoda Oppelaar
8-9 yrs Boys	Lachlan Rutland	Samuel Dyason	Royce Gillet
8-9 yrs Girls	Gracie Coleman	Jasmine-Rose Pullen	Indy Karlberg
10 years Boys	Noah Watterson	Alexandah Sladden	Harrison Delaney
10 years Girls	Shilah Gain	Jessica Graham	Imogen Crocker
11 years Boys	Melvin Kyaw	Phoenix Wise	Isaac Bischoff
11 years Girls	Aaliyah Coleman	Matilda Munro	Reaghan Crocker
12 years Boys	Zac Kennedy	Toby Foster	Patrick Moses
12 years Girls	Ayla Moses	Emilee Dillon	Riya Bond
13 years Boys	Tyson Sladden		
Kinwabbie Awards	Emma Riley	Allie Vine	Matilda Hard
	Wyatt Vogt	Lachlan Johnstone	Ryder Robinson

Secondary Cross Country Carnival Boys Champions 2021			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12			
13	Lawson Buchegger	Sam Taylor	Levi Wise
14	Oliver Furner	Joseph Bell	Joey King
15	Tristan Hare-Niki	Christian Gallagher	Noah Hatty
16	Ryan Furner	Lachlan Caldwell-Higman	Riley Irvin
17+	Jacob Taylor	Blake Thompson	Nick Furner
Kinwabbie Awards	Lewis Thain	Sam Harper	Edward Hatty

Secondary Cross Country Carnival Girls Champions 2021			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12	Isobel Lamb		
13	Emmerson Buchegger	Maddie Vine	Millar Dyason
14	Olivia Walker	Eva Lucas	Sophie Pullen-Illston/ Caitlin Thompson
15	Isabella Stuart	Tanner Lewis	Abigail Crocker
16	Michaela Rook	Sophie Griffith	Tahlia Pullen-Garvey
17+	Summer Buchegger	Emma Pullen/Nellie Whyman	
Kinwabbie Awards	Ruby Horan	Tamar Harper	Penny Caldwell-Higman



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual event that aims to engage children of all ages to enjoy books by creating a sense of excitement around reading. Reading ignites a spark of adventure that a child can carry within their heart well into their adult life. With **Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)** celebrating 21 years of NSS, we are proud to again support **ALIA** and **Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)** to promote the value of literacy through this vibrant and fun event.

This year, join us on an intergalactic adventure thanks to **ALIA** and **Story Time From Space**. For the first time ever, not only will the official story for National Simultaneous Storytime be read by over 1 MILLION kids across Australia and New Zealand on Wednesday 19th May 2021, but it will also be read by astronauts from the International Space Station!

This year **ALIA**, along with Scholastic, the **Australian Space Agency** and the **Office of the Chief Scientist** want to invite you to join us for an out-of-this-world event!



Book Fair

We had another successful Book Fair in the Library last week and would like to thank all the Parents and Carers for their support.

The school would especially like to thank Hudson Walker and his family for purchasing and donating, 'Give me some Space!' to our library. This book will be read by over 1 MILLION kids and also by astronauts from the International Space Station as part of National Simultaneous Storytime.

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Community News

Coolamon Town Library

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

The 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is up and running. The Library has a wide variety of books for children to make their selections. Be part of the reading challenge, be involved and starting reading. Phone the Library for further details.

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 held this Friday, 14th May @ 10.30am here at the Coolamon Library. Come and join us- new families are most welcome.

Family History

The Family History group will be meeting in the Library on Saturday, 29th May 2021 @ 10.15am. The committee welcomes new members.

Community Recycling Station

The Library has a recycling station for your household wastes. Items that can be dropped into the Library are Fluoro Globes, Mobile Phones and accessories, Smoke detectors and Household batteries.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!





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