

# Coolamon Central School

## Newsletter



WEEK 5 TERM 4 2023

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

### TERM FOUR

#### NOVEMBER

- 7 Year 12 Formal
- 8 Kinder Orientation  
9am -12pm  
Year 11 Cake Stall & BBQ
- 9 Year 11 Visual Arts  
Workshop @ Albury
- 9 - 15 Stage 5 Assessment  
Week
- 10 Secondary Assembly
- 15 Kinder Orientation  
9am - 3pm
- 17 Primary Captains  
Speeches and Voting  
assembly 2.10pm in  
Hall
- 20 - 24 Stage 4 Examination  
Week
- 24 Secondary Assembly  
  
Belvoir St Acting  
Workshop
- 27 - 30 Primary Swim School
- 28 Year 7 2024  
Orientation Day

#### DECEMBER

- 1 - 8 Primary Swim School

### from the Principal

The term seems to be moving very fast and Year 12 have finished all HSC examinations. Great work to every one of you. Our Year 12 Formal will be held this Tuesday evening. Enjoy the night and good luck with your post school options. With one group finishing another is starting. A big welcome to our new Kindergarten who will attend orientation over the next couple of Wednesdays - a big adventure begins.

We have had some changes around our buildings and playground. We have purchased new blinds in the library which are very exciting and really lift the feel of the environment. We have also received our long awaited "Cubby House" in the primary playground. It looks great and is already a very popular place for students to play. If you are in and around the school, make sure you check them out.

A massive thank you to ALL our Primary staff with the excursions last week. These events take a huge amount of organisation and dedication to run, and our staff did a fantastic job. From all reports everyone had a terrific time and learned a lot.

Our secondary boys' cricket team moved to the next stage of their competition next week. Great job and good luck.

I recently had the pleasure of taking a school reunion group on a tour around the school. The group was for people who attended Coolamon Central 4th form in 1967 - 1968. What great stories they had to tell me about the school back then. One highlight was the description of getting the water from the well, "it was sooo cold and nice", the well is still in our grounds near the flagpole garden but is covered with a steel plate. It was great to see such strong connections all based around attending this fantastic school.

Mr Ireland  
Acting Principal



# Primary Cubby House



Primary students are enjoying the new cubby house that was recently installed in our playground.





# Library



1/2 Sapphire look very excited about the new blinds that were recently installed in the library.





## Stage 3 Excursion - Ballarat

Stage 3 students had an incredible time last week consolidating their knowledge of The Gold Rush, one of the units studied this semester in History. They started their adventures touring the Port of Echuca and enjoying a leisurely cruise down the Murray River on a paddle steamer. Once in Ballarat, they spent the second day exploring Sovereign Hill, discovering the properties of gold and learning all about the making of candles that lit the narrow passageways in the mines. There were plenty of activities to do including panning for gold. A lucky few struck gold! The Aura light show was next which shared the history of gold as well as its discovery in Ballarat, followed by the subsequent expansion of the community into the bustling town that it is today. Exploring an old mine in Bendigo 61m below the ground topped off an amazing three days.







## Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Program

### Wednesday 8th November 2023



Time	Activity
9.10am	<b>Drop off</b> Students and parents/carers will come in via the side gate in Douglas Street and be met under the primary COLA where students will receive their name badge. Students will be guided to the Kindergarten classroom where they will say goodbye and prepare 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 fresh fruit or vegetables, 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 /d/. This will be followed by a craft activity based around the /d/ sound that students will be able to take home.  <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 and 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 – 12.00pm	<b>Session 2</b> Students will return to the classroom for a story and photo with their 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 at the Douglas Street gate or returned to their learning centres.



# Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Program

Wednesday 15th November 2023



Time	Activity
9.10am	<b>Drop off</b> Students and parents/carers will come in via the side gate in Douglas Street and be met under the primary COLA where students will receive their name badge. Students will be guided to the Kindergarten classroom where they will say good-bye and prepare 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 and 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 fresh fruit or vegetables, and listen to a story.  <b>Name craft</b> Students will complete a name tracing and drawing activity that they can take home with them.
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>Mathematics</b> Students will return to the classroom for some fun mathematics 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 and shape and number tracing/drawing.  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 /b/. This will be followed by a craft activity based around the /b/ 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 go on 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 side gate in Douglas Street.

# State Spelling Bee



Last Friday 3rd November, the State Spelling Bee was held in Ultimo, Sydney. From a starting field of nearly 180,000 students, 30 students made it into the final. This included our very own Sienna Kirkman, a talented Year 3 student from Amber.

Sienna spelt some very tricky words to make it through to the 7th round. It was all over by the 9th. The only thing separating her from progressing further - a pesky 'e' in the word 'provenance'.

In the state final, 80% of the students were from metropolitan areas, and only two small rural schools, including Coolamon, were represented. Sienna placed equal 7th. An extraordinary achievement. Her achievement not only reflects Sienna's talent but also the support and dedication of the teachers at Coolamon.

Well done, Sienna! We are very proud of you!



## Get your kids packing everyday lunchboxes

When children help plan and pack their own lunchbox, they are more likely to eat it.

Encourage them to swap:

- Muesli bar to wholegrain cereal bites
- Pre-packaged cheese-dip and crackers to wholegrain crackers and cheese

**SWAP  
FROM**



Cheese dip & crackers



**SWAP  
TO**



Wholegrain crackers & cheese



# CHRISTMAS

## *Play Group*

9:30-10:30 FRIDAY

10 NOVEMBER

24 NOVEMBER

8 DECEMBER





All students K-6 must wear a school bucket hat in Term 4 and Term 1.

Our “**No Hat, No Play**” rule applies.

The office has bucket hats for sale for \$8.00.



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# SWIMVAC 2024

## Enrol your kids for summer!

SwimVac is targeted at children from 6 months to 14 years of the age with the aim of getting as many children as possible to the 6 to 12 year-old national benchmark for swimming and water safety.

Program Dates 📅  
8 January to 19 January

Bookings Open 🖱️  
1 October 2023



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# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### Storytime

Our next Storytime will be held this Friday 10th November @ 10.30am – “Pets”. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

### “It’s in the Bag” - Spread some joy this Christmas

The Coolamon Library is again involved in this appeal. This is an annual event where we encourage our community to put together a handbag filled with essential items for women, teenage girls, mums and bubs. The bags are then donated to someone in need for Christmas. A list of suggestions for the items are available at the Library. The Library will be collecting these bags in the month of November.

### Scam Workshop

The Library is hosting a free scamming workshop this Thursday, 9th November @ 10.30am. Learn how to protect yourself from scams – morning tea will be provided.

### Lego Club

Lego Club has commenced for the school term. It is held every Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Then Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am. The aim of the Lego Club program is for children to have fun, learn to communicate with others and to develop problem-solving skills.

### Delivery Services

Our free home delivery service is still available - the library will deliver every Friday morning. Please contact the Library for further details – 69272492.

**#ITSINTHEBAG**  
Share some joy this Christmas

Drop your donated bags and products into the Coolamon Library before the end of November 2023

**#ITSINTHEBag ESSENTIALS**

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap/Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Sanitary Items



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**We're coming to your community**



**NSW Government services will be available at our Mobile Service Centres in:**  
**Coolamon on Thursday 16th November 2023**  
**12:00pm – 4:00pm**

This includes:

- Savings Finder, for more than 70 rebates and vouchers to help you save
- driver licences, proof of identity documents and photo card applications
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks.

Call **13 77 88** or visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

 Find us at:

124-130 Cowabie Street





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