

Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 6 TERM 3 2020

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

TERM THREE 2020

AUGUST

24-28 HSC Trial Exams

25 Stage 4 Debating

26 K-6 Gymnastics

28 Primary Assembly (Students only)

31 Stage 4 Debating

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Yr 12 EnglishStandard StudyDay
- 9 K-6 Gymnastics
- 10 R U OK Day

Official opening of the new AG classroom

11 Primary Assembly (Students Only)

16 K-6 Gymnastics

16-23 Year 11

Examinations

17 Vaccinations

25 Last day Term 3



From the Principal

Last week an email was sent to all parents and carers outlining the latest Department of Education protocols regarding COVID -19 and schools. Please familiarise yourself with these, as we work towards keeping everybody safe and healthy. One of the major changes is that all students with flu like symptoms must remain home and cannot return to school until a negative COVID-19 test is presented. Another is the reinforcement that only essential visitors being allowed into the school. This applies to parents and carers, with the exception being important student meetings or interviews.



Mrs Crocker and Mrs Griffin have visited our partner primary and local Catholic primary schools to speak to their Year 5 & 6 students about the marvellous educational opportunities that Coolamon Central presents for future Year 7 students. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we have had to postpone the Year 7 Taster Day until next term.

Information notes have been sent home regarding the Parent/Teacher nights which this year are being conducted as phone interviews using our school booking systems. Primary have completed their interviews and secondary will commence these next week. We realise that most people would prefer the face to face event but this is not permissible at this stage. Please take this opportunity to speak to your children's teachers.

Good luck to our Year 12 cohort who are sitting their Trial HSC Examinations this week. The school recognises the difficulties that 2020 has presented to all of our students and in particular those who are completing their HSC course.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Barker and the primary debating teams for their success so far. Good luck to Miss Griffin and our Stage 4 debating and the NAIDOC public speaking teams who will be competing via zoom this week. Science Week was a great success with our energetic science teachers leading the way.

Year 5 and 9 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy Check-in assessment over the next two weeks. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning following the period of learning from home.

John Beer Principal

SASS Recognition Week

This week is School Administration Support Staff Recognition Week. We all need to acknowledge and celebrate the marvellous work our Administration Staff, General Assistants and School Learning Support Officers contribute to the running of the school and the education of your children. The office staff have the difficult task of negotiating COVID-19 rules in regards to people visiting the school and explaining the





School Contributions and Elective Fees

Statements for school fees, including electives, have now been posted.

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 2020.



Please remember you MUST complete your online Student Reading Record by 28 August.



Eli Brabander, Nicholas Furner, Peter McCallum and Brett Lucas

Secondary PDHPE

The 'PE Cup' is a point system that rewards students for undertaking fantastic safety and hygiene practices in our PDHPE lessons. It also places classes against each other with a winner for the 'PE Cup' announced at the end of each term.

Points are added for the following practices;

1 point - CORRECT SHOES (covered, school uniform, practical appropriate)

1 point - CORRECT PANTS (uniform shorts or pants, NO tights)

1 point - CHANGE OF SHIRT (CCS logo must be present - old CCS school or sports shirts)

1 point - CAP AND SUNSCREEN (both need to be applied)

Bonus point - BUCKET HAT AND SUNSCREEN (both need to be applied)

It is important to note that if students are missing one or just some of these things, they will not be disciplined or sat out of PE. Our aim is to reward individuals and classes that do the right thing - which is to be safe and hygienic.

Mr Besgrove, Mrs Maddox and Mr Hughes

Olympics Unleashed - Online Talk

The Coolamon Central School Mathematics/PE faculty are excited to announce Olympian Alex Almoukov



will be speaking exclusively to our students on Thursday 27th August in normal sport time. Born in Tyumen, Russia, Alex Almoukov moved to Australia when he was seven. He made his Olympic debut as a 19 year old, competing as Australia's sole Biathlon representative at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Almoukov competed in the 10km sprint and 20km individual events in 2010. Four years later in Sochi, Almoukov made history,

recording Australia's best male biathlon result at an Olympics in the 20km individual event. Through his presentation, Alex aims to inspire students to be the best version of themselves - whether that's in the classroom, the sporting field or at home.

@AusOlympicTeam and @nswinstituteofsport using the hashtag #OlympicsUnleashed.

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Science Week 2020





The theme for Science Week this year was 'Deep Blue: innovation for the future of our oceans'.

To finish off Science week, Stages 4, 5 and 6 got their 'Mad Scientist' on with some dry ice and liquid nitrogen. Students learned how science is involved with everything from Hollywood fog to super conductors to rocket propulsion. The students left the classrooms with smiles and laughs so we feel we can call the day a success.



Science Week 2020 continued



Stage 5 Visual Arts

Stage 5 Visual Art students are working with photography this term and are producing excellent results.

There are three sections the students are required to photograph. Section one requires micro photos that show close up images showing texture. These include insects, flora and textured surfaces.



In section two students are required to take a series of photos of a person/s that show an emotion, fear, love, isolation etc.



Stage 5 Visual Arts contin-

In section three they are to research the great artists, modern and past, that show the human figure. From a chosen image they are to recreate this image using any props available to them.



Nellie Whyman, Jasmine Thomas and Chontal Costello - photograph by Tahlia-Jane Pullen-Garvey

Week 4 Merit Award Winners



Year's 5 & 6 Premier's Debating Challenge

On Tuesday 11th August, the Coolamon Central Crusaders and Cool Kids had their first debate against Junee North Public School for the Year's 5 & 6 Premier's Debating Challenge. Students were assigned a topic, then had one hour to prepare for the debate. Both teams put forward great arguments and strong rebuttals and came away with wins.

On Tuesday 25th August, both teams competed against each other to complete round two of their zone debates. However, the Cool Kids, consisting of Ricky-Lea Campbell, Maddie Vine, Penny Caldwell-Higman and Millar Dyason were victorious. The adjudicator provided constructive feedback to all team members and commented on the impressive standard of debating so early in the competition. Well done to the Crusaders; Ayla Moses, Riya Bond, Allie Leaver, Oliver Furner and Maddie Holz whose skills and confidence grew with each debate.

Both teams will face Ariah Park in the final round of debates later in the term.

Miss Barker





Spooks in the Library

Our library has a fantastic range of Goosebumps books for students to borrow. Goosebumps is a series of children's horror fiction novels by American author, R.L. Stine. The stories follow child characters, who find themselves in scary situations, usually involving monsters and other supernatural elements.





Real Care Babies



Our baby simulators have arrived. These will be used in Child Studies and Community And Family Studies for students to learn the skills needed to care for an infant. These hi-tech simulators will record anything from temperature to frequency of nappy changes. Students are already keen to care for the babies and gain an insight into what commitments are required to care for an infant.





BE COVIDSAFE

COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Cough	Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing	No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHQ, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is very difficult to distinguish between the symptoms of COVID-19, influenza and a cold. If you have any infectious or respiratory symptoms (such as a sore throat, headache, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, cough or runny nose) don't go to work. You need to self-isolate and to be assessed by a medical professional. You may need testing for COVID-19. You must not return to work until cleared by a medical professional. You need to ensure that the people you care for are protected and safe.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY
For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) visit health.gov.au

Community News

Coolamon Library

The Library is opened for business-call in for a browse. New stock arriving weekly, books, dvds and magazines. We are still offering our FREE home delivery service to our borrowers within the town limits. All programs and events such as Storytime are cancelled at this stage. Storytime is live on our Coolamon Library Facebook page every fortnight for children to enjoy.

Brain Games Booklet

Come and pick up a brain games booklet from the Library. This will be a monthly activity booklet containing puzzles and brain-teasers to keep your mind active. Suitable for all ages and is available now – Cost is a gold coin donation.

Library promotion

During the month of August and September the Library will be running a promotion to encourage children to read and borrow from the Library. Each time a child borrows a book they will enter a draw to win book vouchers. Join your child/children today – its FREE

Community Recycling Station

The Library has a Recycling Station for your household wastes. Bring in your unwanted household batteries, fluoro globes, smoke detectors, mobile phones and accessories. This is permanently stationed at the Library – lets protect our environment and health of our community.







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