



# Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 8 TERM 1 2020

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE READY TO LEARN

## *from The Principal*

As you would be aware the information surrounding Coronavirus is constantly changing. There is a lot of misleading and contradictory information, particularly on social media, in regard to the Coronavirus. We will be following the official information as supplied to us by the Department of Education and the Department of Health in relation to COVID-19.



### **Maintaining healthy work environments**

"I would like to stress that the single best way to protect ourselves from the spread of any respiratory infection is to maintain good hygiene standards:

- 1. Practice regular, 20-second hand washing with soap and water.**
- 2. Cough or sneeze into your elbow – or better still – a tissue (and dispose of it immediately)**
- 3. Stay at home if you are sick."**

Please see the detailed [Schools to implement distancing measures](#) in this newsletter. All classrooms have been provided with hand sanitiser for student use. We will be following Department guidelines and sending home any member of staff or student who shows signs of being unwell. Parents and children should also consider medical advice in regard to vaccinations for the influenza virus.

I would like to ask all parents/carers to allow and encourage their children participate fully in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* online survey. This is a valuable tool that provides feedback to the school on what we are doing well and what we can do better. A letter will go home to all parents/carers with more details about this.

Students in Years 5,7 & 9 will be undertaking the NAPLAN practise tests which start on Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The actual NAPLAN tests will be carried out in May. Students should not feel pressured by this testing, as it is a means of finding out where their strengths and weaknesses lie in numeracy and literacy. This allows us to provide individual assistance or extensions where it is required.

Our students have represented the school in a lot of different sports over the last two weeks. These include; swimming, AFL, cricket, touch football. Thanks to all of the staff and parents who have helped with these teams. Some of our students have been very successful in making regional and state teams. The Primary have enjoyed the activities in the Hot Shot's tennis program.

Unfortunately, we are postponing the Parent /Teacher nights until next term. All students will be given a note today updating the present situation. If there are any further developments affecting Coolamon Central School you will be notified by school notes and on Facebook.

John Beer

Principal



The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in our schools.

Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education, today announced that schools would adopt social distancing measures requiring them to cancel assemblies, excursions, travel, some events and conferences.

Mr Scott said these measures are precautionary and designed to reduce exposure via non-essential gatherings.

"Schools have been a focus of the community and the government as the impacts of coronavirus have developed globally," Mr Scott said.

"From Monday onwards, I expect school assemblies and substantial gatherings to be cancelled, along with all excursions.

"The community expects schools to be as safe as possible. We are implementing these measures to provide peace of mind for students, parents and staff."

"These cancellations also extend to inter-school arts, sports, initiative activities and events.

All major arts, sports and initiative activities and events will temporarily be ceased until further notice. This includes whole-school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools.

"Local inter-school sport and other activities can proceed, but we ask organisers to ensure that as far as possible, reasonable precautions are taken," Mr Scott said.

"I trust our principals and staff to show leadership during this time."

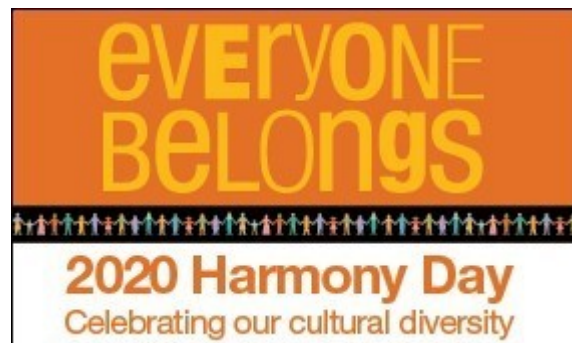
Schools will be provided with more detailed advice and suggestions on how they can adjust their day to day activities with minimal disruption.

The department is continuing to prepare for further closures if necessary with scaling up of technology, additional training of staff and preparation of offsite lessons.

Families and students in self-isolation can find useful information to continue learning from home at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/continuity-of-education/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

For the latest information, check <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus>

*Harmony Day* celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The ongoing theme of *Harmony Day* is 'everyone belongs'. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for all. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Coolamon Central School will be celebrating *Harmony Day* on Friday 20th March. The School Representative Council will be collecting a gold coin donation from students to raise funds for future SRC initiatives. Students are encouraged to wear ONE item of orange clothing with their school uniform. Classes will be conducting activities throughout the day.



During week 10, this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between Monday 30th March and Friday 3rd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Thursday 26th March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

#### **REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020**

School photos will be taken tomorrow Tuesday 17th March, 2020. Full summer uniform is to be worn, which includes black shoes. Photo order envelopes have been handed out and must be returned by tomorrow, whether you are ordering photos or not. Please include correct money as no change is available.

**IMPORTANT:** Every student must return their envelope - even if not purchasing photos.

**If your child is sick tomorrow and you have ordered photos please contact the school before 9am tomorrow and we can hold the envelope to return to you.**



# CHS Riverina Swimming Carnival

On Monday the 2nd of March, 21 secondary swimmers travelled to Leeton to compete in the Combined High Schools Riverina Swimming Carnival. Effort and participation levels were high, in particular amongst our junior students and all students did a fabulous job at ensuring they marshalled for their events on time. Coolamon Central is very proud of the effort of all students on the day but special mentions must be made for several swimmers. Lennard Stone had a red hot go at six events, narrowly missing out on a berth at state, finishing an impressive fourth in the 12 years Boys 200m and 100m freestyle. Noah Hatty also impressed, placing fourth in three of his seven swims, dazzling bystanders with his swims in the 14 years Boys 200m freestyle, 50m freestyle and the 100m butterfly.

This year with an abundance of talented female junior swimmers we were able to enter the 13 years and 14 years 4 x 50m freestyle relay events. The 13 years team consisting of Eva Lucas, Allie Delaney, Olivia Crocker and Olivia Walker. The team raced home with a strong finish and placed an impressive fourth against super school Murrumbidgee Regional College, Temora High School and Leeton High School. Our 14 years Girls relay team consisting of Chloe Clark, Lacey Harris, Isabella Stuart and Abigail Crocker swam an impressive time of 2 minutes 31 seconds and again, gave much larger schools a competitive race. The Mixed Central Schools 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay team consisting of Bethany Crocker, Summer Buchegger, Peter McCallum and Benjamin Dennis were our most successful relay team on the day. They raced through the water to hit the wall with a convincing first place against Hillston, Barellan and Coleambally Central Schools, breaking the previous record by held by Coleambally by one second in a time of 2 minutes and eight seconds.

Our twelve year old girls impressed on the day with Prue Clancy qualifying for State with a massive personal best time and a third place in the 100m freestyle. Swimmer of the day this year must go to Hannah McDonald who qualified for the Combined High Schools State carnival in six of her seven individual events. Hannah placed first in the 12 years Girls 200m freestyle and shocked herself by winning both 100m freestyle and 50m freestyle from the outside lane. She continued the day with more personal best times and two second place swims in the 100m butterfly and 100m backstroke.

Thank you to all parents and carers who spent the day supporting CCS students with plenty of cheering and assistance with travel.



14yrs girls relay team competing



Mixed Central Schools relay record breaking team



Left: 13yrs relay team



Right: Noah Hatty competing in breaststroke



Left: 14yrs girls relay team



Right: Hannah McDonald



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2020 commenced on Monday 2 March. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The PRC is open to all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 9, and does not close until Friday 28 August.

Entering the PRC is simple. Just go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website and register your name. Each time you finish a book, log it on the online entry form - school does the rest. Details about how many books you need to read are in the table below:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 can either read the books on their own, read them with someone or have someone read them to you. The library is full of PR books - come on in and start reading.

Mrs White is waiting to help get you started.



# Primary Assembly Award Winners



Pictured above are the class award winners from our Week 6 Primary Assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

## *K Emerald*

Tahlia Mauger, Indyee Hayward and Spencer McPherson

## *K/1 Garnet*

Harry Maddox, Jasmine-Rose Pullen and Ethan Harper

## *1/2 Sapphire*

Indy Karlberg, Addison Rutland and Noah Cain

## *2/3 Opal*

Alexis Copley, Meila O'Reilly and Alexandah Sladden

## *4/5 Ruby*

Reaghan Crocker, Melvin Kyaw and Emelia Quinn

## *5/6 Topaz*

Millar Dyason, Toby Foster and Ellyse Quinnell

## *5/6 Diamond*

Tate O'Reilly, Maddie Vine and Ryder Robinson

## *SRC Award*

**Noah Curtis** for helping Kindergarten students in the playground

## *Principal's Award*

**Lachlan Johnstone - Opal**

For consistently displaying positive learning behaviours which enable him to achieve our learning outcomes.

# Book Fair

**2020 Scholastic Book Fair will be at  
Coolamon Central School Term 2, Week 2**



Scholastic is the nation's leader in quality Book Fairs, with an exciting range of recently published children's books and educational products from Australia and around the world.

Students will have the opportunity to view the books for sale at set times prior to purchasing. They will bring home a wish list and be able to purchase books during the times detailed below. (Look closely – you can purchase before, after and during both recess and lunch.) Remember, the vast mass of knowledge in the world is often gained by reading; now is the perfect opportunity to encourage your children to acquire a love of this valuable tool.

Purchasing Date	Time
Tuesday 5 May	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30
Wednesday 6 May	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30
Thursday 7 May	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10, 3:00-3:30
Friday 8 May	8:30 – 9:00, 11:10-11:40, 1:30-2:10

NB: Cash is the preferred method of payment. All cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

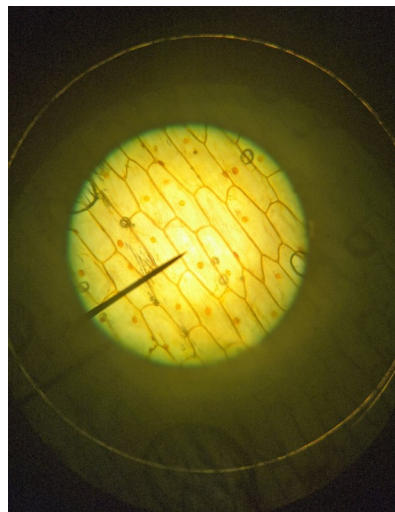
We look forward to seeing you in the library. Parents and carers are welcome to call in during our purchasing times. We also have prizes to give away!



# SCIENCE



Students in Stage 4 have been learning about cells in Science. As part of this they prepared their own onion cell slides successfully and observed the cells with light microscopes.





# Chloe Clark



**Name:** Chloe Clark

**Nickname:** Chlo

**Sporting Achievement:** Netball, played with the NSW Echidna's at Runaway Bay and then trialled and was picked in the Budgies Indigenous Junior Netball team to represent Australia.

**Favourite position on the court:** GK/GS, I like Goal Shooter but I am good at Goal Keeper.

**Why do you love the sport you're playing?** It is very social and you meet a lot of new people.

**What are your goals for the carnival?** To get one of the best players and for the Budgies to win the series.

Hopefully Chloe will get the opportunity to participate in this carnival, to be held on the Gold Coast during the school holidays.



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Sport Lifestyle and Recreation braved a cool change in weather to participate in an aqua aerobics lesson with a qualified instructor.





Think outside



the Birdbox



## Art Wars and Auction

Bring your friends, get a team together...  
or just come and watch

Your birdbox masterpiece will be auctioned at 11...

The winner will take home \$100

Participation is free.

All materials provided.

**Where:** Cowabbie Street, Coolamon  
Top Park opposite the Fire Station

**When:** Easter Saturday, April 11

**Time:** 9am – 12 noon

Contact: Eileen 0427278510 for  
information and to register.  
Limited to 9 teams – call Now!!



The Coolamon Rotary club is seeking host  
families for the July 2020 to June 2021 period.

If interested in hosting an overseas student for  
part of the year please contact Anne Rzeszkowski  
0428 146 123

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Fees	
<b>Live-in</b> – Live-in students must be at least ten years old. Includes accommodation, all meals from Sunday dinner to Saturday dinner inclusive, tutorials and all concerts. Please see note overleaf about accommodation.	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Long Day</b> – Includes Camp participation from 8:30am until 9:00pm, midday and evening meals, tutorials and all concerts.	<b>\$730</b>
<b>Short Day</b> – Includes Camp participation from 8:30am until 5:30pm, midday meal, tutorials and public (i.e. Friday and Saturday) concerts.	<b>\$570</b>
<b>Morning Only</b> – Includes Camp participation from 8:30am until 1:00pm, tutorials and public (i.e. Friday and Saturday) concerts – morning tea each day plus lunch on Saturday.	<b>\$370</b>

All fees must be paid in full by 5 June 2020 or you will forfeit your enrolment.

**Deposit**  
If you are not paying your fees in full at the time of your application, we require a deposit of \$370 with your application. The deposit will be forfeited if a Camper withdraws after acceptance, unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons. In this case a doctor's certificate should be forwarded.

**Financial Assistance**  
Financial support is available where there is genuine financial hardship. To apply, please email [studentadmin@bordermusiccamp.org.au](mailto:studentadmin@bordermusiccamp.org.au) and request a Financial Aid Form.

**Come and join us!**  
Visit [www.bordermusiccamp.org.au](http://www.bordermusiccamp.org.au) to complete the application form online. Phone applications are not accepted. Camp acceptance emails are sent within three weeks of closing date. Applications open 23 March. Applications close 5 June.

*We are a welcoming, inclusive community  
for musicians and lovers of music*



# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### Story time

Our next storytime will be held this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am theme "Under the Sea". The morning is filled with lots of stories and songs. Finishing up with a craft the children are able to take home. We welcome any new families to join us. Then on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March Story time will be held at the Ganmain Hall from 10.30am.

### Scentsy Consultant – Sally Dean

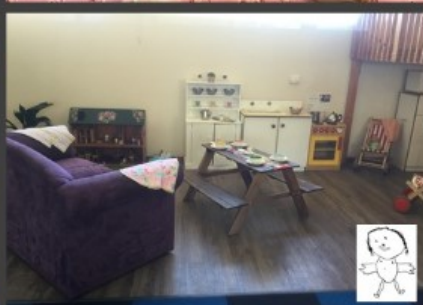
Sally Dean a sales consultant with Scentsy Australia, will be giving a brief talk and display on her Scentsy products. The products offer personal fragrance and stylish innovative products designed to warm the heart. It will be held on Tuesday, 31st March @ 10.30am at the Library. Morning tea will be provided.

### Lego Club

Lego club has commenced again for another year, which is held every Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm – 5.00pm and 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. This is a free program and is being offered to children from 5 years to 15 years of age. All lego is provided and is held weekly at the Library

### Family History Group

The family history group will be meeting at the Library on the Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



## Coolamon Preschool ENROL NOW FOR 2020

Research shows that children who participate in quality Preschool education for at least 600 hours from the age of 3 to the year before school, are more likely to arrive at school equipped with the social, cognitive and emotional skills they need to engage in learning.

**Limited positions available**  
**CALL now on 69 273 270**



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