



# Coolamon Central School Newsletter

WEEK 8 TERM 4 2020

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

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## TERM FOUR 2020

### DECEMBER

- 1 2021 Year 7 Orientation Day
- 4 Primary Assembly (Students only)
- 10 Secondary Wellbeing Excursion
- 14 Presentation Day (by invitation only due to COVID-19)
- K-6 Pool Party 10.30am - 3.00pm
- 16 FINAL DAY 2020

## TERM ONE 2021

### JANUARY

- 27 Staff Development Day (no students)
- 28 Staff Development Day (no students)
- 29 All Primary students and Years 7, 11 & 12 return

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Years 8, 9 & 10 return
- 11 Twilight Swimming Carnival



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Unfortunately, due to COVID regulations, we are changing our Presentation Assembly format this year. The Primary Assembly will commence at 9.10am and the Secondary Assembly at 10.30am on Monday 14th December. Only the prize winners and invited parents will be able to attend. The full information has been sent home by note to all parents. The invitations will be forwarded this week, please make sure that you RSVP by the required date.



On Thursday evening we held the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and again it was necessary to abide with COVID regulations. The students were very dressed up and they looked fantastic and all had a great time. Thanks to Miss Daniel for organising and Mrs Crocker and her food team students for the delicious meal and their professional service.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Walker and her Work Studies students who organised and ran the Santa Photo Day. It was a great community event which showcased the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff and students.

It is a busy time of the year with lots of school activities taking place. The Stages 2&3 students attended Borambala Sport and Recreation for a fun filled and physically testing day. Everybody enjoyed the experiences that were offered. Our students were great ambassadors for the school. The K-2 students enjoyed a trip to the park and water activities. Our primary students are looking forward to their Swim School sessions which start this week. Tomorrow is also Year 7 Orientation Day for all of our Year 7 2021 cohort.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sparkes-Carroll as our new Assistant Principal in the primary school. She is the Substantive AP at Woollahra Public School in Sydney but this year she has been working at Barellan Central on the Rural Experience Program. We look forward to her joining our team next year.

Coolamon Central, like all Departmental schools, is placing an increasing emphasis on numeracy and literacy skills. As part of our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan we will be continuing to place an emphasis on literacy and numeracy. It is very helpful in primary school mathematics if students are able to rote learn their times tables. This is critical for students entering Year 7 as it is a building block for more advanced numeracy. Mr Eddie Woo, a recognised expert in maths teaching has stated, "Being able to recall facts really quickly is a foundation for deeper thinking".



There won't be anymore borrowing from the school library this year. Students may still come in and enjoy reading our new books, play games etc. We would love it if any borrowed books are returned to the library as soon as possible please.

## Stage 5 Aspire 2021

Congratulations to all the students who applied for the Stage 5 Aspire class for 2021. A list of the successful candidates is below. The overall quality of the applications was great this year.

Edward Hatty	Alexander Ballard	Claire Dennis	Melody Moses
Caitlin Neucom	Chloe Clark	Katie Cox	Joshua Cork
Eboni Corliss	Abigail Crocker	Abigail Carthew	Baxter Graham
Charlize King	Noah Hatty	Thomas Riley	Tanner Lewis
Lacey Harris	Charlie Horan	Isabella Stuart	Bradley Griffith
Riley Kenny			

*'Those who seek to aspire are those who achieve greatness'*

## Presentation Day Assemblies

Due to Covid regulations Coolamon Central is changing its Presentation Assembly format and times so that we are able to be compliant with our NSW Government COVID-19 Safety Plan.

This year we are holding separate assemblies for both primary and secondary students due to the restrictions placed on the number of people that we can have in our school hall.

The Presentation Assemblies will be held during the day on **Monday 14th December. The Primary Assembly will run from 9.10am until 10.10am. The Secondary Assembly will run from 10.30am until 11.30am.**

The only students attending will be the award winners, which will include all of Kindergarten students. Each award winning student is allowed to invite one parent/carer to attend. Once the award winner list is finalised an RSVP invitation will be sent out to all eligible parents. Tickets will be issued and must be used for entry to the assemblies. Only essential school staff will be attending to ensure we can cater for as many parents/carers as possible.

Parents/carers will be ushered in and out through the pedestrian gate at the main carpark. Mingling before and after the event is to be avoided. The school will be taking photographs of award winners and where possible these will be posted online.

I am sorry for the inconvenience that these arrangements may cause but it is essential that we follow NSW Health and the Department of Education's guidelines.

John Beer  
Principal



## Year 6 Graduation



Congratulations to our Year 6 students who had a fantastic time celebrating their graduation recently. Thank you to Mrs Crocker and the Hospitality team who did an amazing job with the catering, and Miss Daniel for her organisation of the event.



## *Stage 6 Writing based on Sensory Experiences*

### Waterfall

Eyes are squeezed shut as the waterfall cascades down  
and pools of salty water form upon your button-up shirt.  
This shirt no longer holds the warmth of your body  
or your scent of firewood and a musky cologne.  
Instead, it hugs my soft white pillow,  
plays me a tune and lulls me to a deep and peaceful sleep.  
Here I dream of you in colours  
as your figure dances amid the stars  
and my heart squeezes tightly  
with a similar force to the one you would grasp  
my much smaller hand inside of yours.

Your name is engraved on the rock inside your garden,  
surrounded by splashes of pink and blue.  
Your dog rests beside it and whimpers softly  
as he calls out to you.  
I look around the yard and see the green, wooden steps  
that we built when I was young.  
I hear the birds that we would spend hours watching  
as they continue to chirp their sweet and innocent melodies.  
Your once proud and tall, grey metal shed now sinks to the ground in defeat,  
dominated by lustrous green vines and probably a snake or two.  
The red car we would drive around town,  
is now rusted as it rests under the shade.  
Your brown hat silently collects dust  
as it remains perched on the silver hook beside the sliding screen door.  
Your spot on the right side of the bed now empty.  
It's not like it was before.

The hospital room was painted in all shades of blue,  
but none of which compared to the ocean eyes that blessed you.  
Vivid clouds roamed within those eyes as you began to fall asleep.  
You murmur meaningless words as your thin,  
blue pillows lull you to a deep and peaceful sleep.  
Here you see the stars and take a step closer,  
dancing with the orbs and smiling a little brighter.

I now wake from my slumber,  
eyes red and puffy after my visit to you.  
The waterfall has ceased  
and the pools have dried too.  
Another day without you, but your presence is still felt inside.  
Your eyes just as blue, your smile just as wide  
and your grasp still as tight as the feeling your absence leaves inside.

Lara Fryer

## Trip

The start-up sound of my headphones fill my ears, as the rumbling growl of the bus disappears from beneath me. A series of swipes unlocks my phone. It was a routine I had performed countless times. Open Spotify, press play. I had saved these few songs just for this trip. Finally in my own space, I could allow myself to be distracted by the view outside. Rays of light reflected and refracted from the snow, gently complimenting the silky sunset. Resting my head on the side of the window makes vibrations. Its annoying yet somehow comforting. Hearing, or feeling any of these things returns memories from that day.

Daniel De Haan

## Elizabeth Arden

*The smell of Elizabeth Arden lingers  
I watched as each piece of jewelry was carefully placed.  
The gold bracelet,  
The gold necklace,  
The charmed bangle,  
The wedding ring.  
Red door reminds me of those moments,  
The awe of watching her get dolled up,  
The admiration of her beauty.*

*The smell of flowers,  
Mixed with sandalwood and honey.  
The remembrance of her home,  
The feeling of family.  
The connection with Elizabeth connects me with my father  
The idea he smelt the same smell,  
Admired his mothers beauty the same way.  
The smell of Elizabeth Arden lingers,  
A reminder of a memory to last eternity.*

*While she ages the smell stays youthful  
The forever smell of Elizabeth  
Of roses and violets with sandalwood and honey  
In a not forever world  
Her smell stays the same  
The Red Door reminds me of her,  
A smell of comfort,  
A smell of home.*

Hannah Marshall

### 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 2020.







# Harmony Day Song Writing/Poster Competition

## WHO CAN ENTER?

The Harmony Day Song Writing Competition is open to school students in all schools in NSW and the ACT. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2021.

## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

\*Secondary (Year 7 – 12), Primary (Year K – 6)

- State Winner: Secondary & Primary \$300 each
- State Runner-up: Secondary & Primary \$150 each

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The Harmony Day Poster Competition is open to school students in all schools in NSW and the ACT. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2021.

## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

\*Primary (Year 7 – 12), Secondary (Year K – 6)

- State Winner: Primary & Secondary \$500 each
- Regional Winners: Primary & Secondary \$150 in each region\*
- State Winner's School: Primary & Secondary \$500 each

For more information contact Mr Szery or go to the following website: <http://movingforwardtogether.org.au/>



The canteen's last day of trading for 2020 will be Friday, 11th December. Warrick and Sharon would like to thank families for their support throughout the year.

# Community News

## Coolamon Town Library

### Story-time Returns

The Libraries story-time sessions have returned, it's so wonderful to be able to provide this service again. The sessions will be held Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am – theme is “Zoo”. The next session will be Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am – theme is Christmas. COVID-19 regulations will apply and bookings are essential.

### Candle Rolling

Christmas Candle Rolling kits are available from the Library in a take home kit. Kit includes pre-cut pure beeswax sheets plus instructions to roll them into 4 Christmas tree candles. The kit cost is \$10.00 and with limited kits available – phone the Library 69272492.

### Remembrance Tree

This year the Library will have a Christmas tree of Remembrance. This is an opportunity for community members to include lost loved ones in the festive season. Community members are invited to write a message to their loved one, to include them in the spirit of Christmas. The message will be hung on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory. After Christmas, it will be dismantled and a small ritual will be held to honour the memories contained in the messages.

### Food Appeal

The Library will be holding a Christmas Food Appeal this year - this will be replacing food for fines. We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods which will then be given to our community members in need. Donations can be accepted from the 24th November – 24th December.

### Christmas and New Year Closure

The times for our closure over the Christmas period are as follows

Closing Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December @ 5.00pm

Re-Opening Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January @ 8.30am – 5.00pm



**Slip** on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.



**Slop** on SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen liberally to dry skin, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors.



**Slap** on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.



**Seek** shade



**Slide** sunglasses that meet Australian standards.

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# Christmas late Night Shopping

EXTENDED TRADING

*One night only*

**TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER  
4PM TO 8PM**



Purchase between 4pm and 8pm from participating stores (min spend \$20) to receive an entry into the Coolamon Christmas Mega Draw (vouchers to participating stores).

1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

**MEGA PRIZE POOL VALUED AT \$1000**

**Participating businesses and more details listed on [www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au](http://www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au)**

Coolamon Christmas Mega Draw proudly sponsored by the following local businesses....







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