9/10 Music Student Performance

Congratulations to Georgia Armstrong, Emma Crocker, Charlie-Jane Alchin and Isabelle Furner for their outstanding performances at the Principal's Conference held at school last Friday. Thirty Principals from the Cootamundra Network attended a conference at Coolamon Central School for the day and the 9/10 Elective Music students performed Hello by Adele showcasing Charlie-Jane Alchin and Georgia Armstrong on lead vocals, Emma Crocker on keyboard and Georgia Armstrong on Drum Kit; Renegade by Paramore, performed by Georgia on lead vocals and electric guitar. Emma Crocker also performed The River Flows in You by Yiruma on piano as a solo piece. The students were congratulated by Toni MacDonald, the Director of Schools as well as many other Principals. All students are to be acknowledged for their professional conduct, initiative to perform, responsibility and self-motivation.

Mrs Rebecca Saxon

Home Learning

This will be the last week for Home Learning for the year, for all students in Kindergarten through to Year Six. This is due to all of the events that we have coming up, including; Swim School, Presentation Night, Year Six Graduation Dinner, Coolamon's Got Talent and many more.

We encourage your child to continue reading daily and to participate in activities around the home, such as; helping with the cooking, doing chores, playing games such as I Spy etc.

Budding Book Worms

Last week, Year One students Emmerson Buchegger, Millar Dyason and Penny Higman were delighted to show their fantastic reading skills to Ms Elliott.

These girls have almost finished a novel study on the Famous Five, Treasure Island which was written by the wonderful children’s author, Enid Blyton.

Absent from this group is Amy Carmichael and Ricky-Lee Campbell.
Term 4

**Week 7 (B)**
- **Mon 16 Nov**: Scholastic Book Fair all week
- **Thur 19 Nov**: School Disco. Primary 4.00pm-6.00pm, Secondary 6.30pm-9.00pm
- **Fri 20 Nov**: Kindergarten Orientation Day 9.00am-3.00pm

**Week 8 (A)**
- **Mon 23 Nov**: Primary Swim School all week
- **Fri 27 Nov**: Primary Assembly 2.10pm in the School Hall featuring Garnet

**Week 9 (B)**
- **Mon 30 Nov**: Primary Swim School all week

**Week 10 (A)**
- **Mon 7 Dec**: Presentation Night 7.00pm in the School Hall
- **Tue 8 Dec**: K-6 Town Library visit for Christmas activities
- **Wed 9 Dec**: Minister for Education - Adrian Piccoli visit 2.30pm
- **Thur 10 Dec**: Lake Talbot Excursion selected Secondary students
- **Fri 11 Dec**: Year 6 Farewell dinner 6pm

**Week 11 (B)**
- **Mon 14 Dec**: Coolamon’s Got Talent
- **Fri 18 Dec**: Staff Development Day

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### Community Notices

- **Learning to swim is great fun with Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive** program. Sport and Recreation delivers Royal Life Saving Society’s national Swim and Survive initiative and operates throughout regional NSW in communities where limited learn to swim opportunities exist. Our classes offer multiple grades across preschool and school aged categories. Children progress through these skill grades dependent on their age and ability. Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for eight or nine consecutive weekdays. For more information on lessons near you, or to book, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

- **Suicide Prevention and Calvary Palliative Care** car boot sale. Sunday, 22 November 2015, 8.00am-2.00pm. MTC Travers St Wagga. Sites available, everyone welcome waggacarbootsale.com

- **The Burrumbuttock to Bourke Hay Runners** are looking for hay or money donations to help the Queensland farmers going through the drought. Any amount of rolls in good condition would not be knocked back. A 100 truck convoy will (approx. 3000 bales) will be leaving Burrumbuttock on 9th January 2016 for Windorah Qld. A Guinness World Record Attempt. Money donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Sydney BSB: 062438 Acc: 1021156 Description: Drought Appeal. For hay donations or chook, dog, cat food donations phone John Taylor 0428295250, Tracy Taylor 0427811660, Wes Taylor 0427311988.

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### Coolamon Library News

- **Our next Storytime will be held this Friday 20th November** – theme “Fire Engines”. Our local Coolamon Fire Brigade will be showing the children the fire truck at “Redgrave Park” on the morning of storytime. Please meet at the library and then we will walk down to the park – everyone is most welcome.

The library welcomes author John Sheahan to launch his new book “The Kapooka Tragedy”. On 21st May 1945 at Kapooka Amy Base, 26 members of the Royal Australian Engineers were killed when 50kg of explosive ignited during a demolition training exercise. It is to be held this Thursday 19th November @ 10.30am - phone the library for further details - 69272492.

Our “Food for Fines” campaign has started again for another year at the Coolamon Library. This is a great opportunity to clear all outstanding fines by donating non-perishable food in lieu of money. All collected food will be donated to St Vincent de Paul in Coolamon. They will then distribute the food to our local families within our shire.
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, and 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

Late arrival 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.

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 of over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.