NAIDOC Debating State Champions

This year the State NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge was held in Sydney at Parliament House on Monday 23rd November. This year's NAIDOC theme "We all stand on sacred ground" directed the debating topic "All sacred land should be returned to their traditional owners."

Coolamon Central School team Ben Dalgarno Fixter, Alice Quinn, Jeff Clark and Jennaya Clark attended the day with a desire to go home State Champions but understood the competition would be strong. We debated against both Airds High School and Forbes High School.

Our team debated with passion and vigour and were announced winners on the day. Coolamon Central School is the first school within the Cootamundra Network to take out this prestigious award. The moment Coolamon Central School was announced the crowd went wild with excitement about our win! All students should be congratulated on their achievements!

We would like to thank Aunty Gail Clark and Debra Wray from Griffith Office for all your guidance and support throughout the challenge. It was an extremely proud moment seeing our students achieve such an amazing result and represent Coolamon Central School and our wider community to a high standard. We are looking forward to defending our title at the 2016 State Championship.

Joshua Celi
**Principal's Award**

2015 has been a very busy and exciting year of change and consolidation for Coolamon Central School. Last night’s Presentation Evening was a great success and a fantastic display of the outstanding efforts and achievements of our students in wide variety of academic, community, cultural and sporting fields. Congratulations to all of the award winners and a big thanks to the special guests and the award sponsors.

The school will continue with the implementation and development of the 2015-2017 School Plan. It focuses on our three strategic directions:

- **Students, Parents and Community Engagement**
- **Students becoming 21st Century Learners**
- **Raising Student Expectations and Performances**

We have all of our staffing in place for 2016 and I am sure that the year will provide great academic and social success for the students. We will continue with the How2Learn program across the whole school, which is based on developing and practising new learning habits as well as becoming the foundation of our Wellbeing Policy.

Next year will also see the full implementation of the ALARM process (A Learning and Responding Matrix) throughout the high school. It is a simplistic and engaging method of breaking down information and questions into a variety of scaffolded sections and then putting them back together as detailed answers that demonstrate learning and understanding. This will help students in their learning, understanding and preparation for their assessments and examinations.

I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for the support that I have received in my first year as Principal of Coolamon Central School. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2016.

John Beer  
Principal

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**Schools Spectacular 2015**

Congratulations to Brent Rollins for his performance as part of the NSW State Dance Ensemble in the 2015 Schools Spectacular last weekend.

The show will be broadcast on:
- Saturday 12 December, from 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm, on GEM.

The entire show will also be available to view via catch-up TV at Jump-in from Sunday 13 December 2015. Jump-in is a free, downloadable app. For details please see [www.jump-in.com.au](http://www.jump-in.com.au)

**Coolamon Central School’s Got Talent 2015**

Coolamon Central School’s Got Talent is on this Thursday in the school hall featuring individual and group performers from K-12. The show begins at 6pm. We look forward to seeing many students and families supporting the performers on the night. The cost is $2 per audience members and there will be a lucky door prize on the night.

**Christmas in the Park Coolamon Lion’s Park 2015**

The Primary Choir will be performing at Christmas in the Park at the Lion’s Park this Sunday 13th December. There will be a sausage sizzle from 6pm followed by some carols performed by the Choir and a visit from a very special guest. Families and friends are all invited to attend this community event.
Year 6 Graduation Assembly

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held on Friday, 11th December 2015 starting at 2:00pm in the hall. We welcome everyone to attend the assembly. The usual Friday assembly will follow where Emerald will be presenting a song. We hope to see you there.

Coolamon Central Hospitality

Coolamon Central School’s Hospitality students have certainly embraced their Course Certificate Two in Hospitality Food and Beverage.

It has been an eventful year with many and various service periods within the school and community.

The students have gained knowledge and experience in working as a team, time management, workflow plans, safe work practices, food preparation and service, serving espresso coffee and non alcoholic beverages, workplace hygiene, interacting with diverse customers and finally showing cultural and social sensitivity to others.

Their efforts have included catering for school debating, SRC functions, Up2Date Art Exhibition opening night, Australia Day 2015 Award Recipients, The Principals Conference and Allawah Lodge, finishing the year with a staff luncheon.

As you will note, there has been a fair amount of participation and the students have blossomed gaining self confidence and worth. They have been a great team and I look forward to working with them in 2016.

Merrin Glasgow
Hospitality Teacher

Do you have questions about your child’s development?

Parentline is now online

To chat with an online Parenting Counsellor visit our web site at www.parentline.org.au and simply click on the ORANGE button.

Book Council of Australia Awards

The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards 2015 is a good starting point for recommendations, or try their previous award winners.

When selecting a book, the most important advice is to choose one that will generate enthusiasm for and an interest in reading, leaving the student with a feeling of achievement and motivated to read another book.

- ensure the book is at a recreational reading level for the student (5 or more words on a page that the reader is unsure of or does not know indicates it is too difficult)
- identify a suitable genre, theme or topic that is interesting to the reader
- suggest books where there are other books by that author. This will make finding the next book easier
- speak to the school or local librarian. They are experts in children’s literature and will be able to make recommendations specific to each child. They also know the most current popular books.
## Diary

### Term 4

**Week 10 (A)**
- **Mon 7 Dec**: Presentation Night
- **Wed 9 Dec**: Year 6 Farewell dinner at the Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club 6.30-9.00pm
- **Thur 10 Dec**: Rail safety talk for Primary students, 11.30am in School Hall
- **Fri 11 Dec**: Primary Assembly 2.00pm in School Hall featuring Emerald and Year 6 Graduation item

**Week 11 (B)**
- **Mon 14 Dec**: Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - returning Thursday 17 December
- **Tue 15 Dec**: Primary Pool Party 10.30am - 2.30pm (selected students)
- **Thur 16 Dec**: Staff Development Day
- **Fri 16 Dec**: Staff Development Day

### Term 1 2016

**Week 1 (B)**
- **Wed 27 Jan**: Teaching staff return
- **Thur 28 Jan**: New enrolments, Years 1-6, 7, 11 and 12 return
- Kindergarten Best Start program
- **Fri 29 Jan**: Years 8, 9 and 10 return
- Kindergarten Best Start program

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## Coolamon Library News

Our final storytime for the year will be held on Friday 11th December, theme “Christmas”. A small Christmas party will follow and a very special guest will be appearing. Hope everyone can join us for this special occasion.

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.

The Summer School Holiday program has lots of fun activities for the children to enjoy over the long break. Some activities include – "Make your own Gingerbread Christmas Tree", “Sandtastic Sand Craft”, “Xmas Origami” and Jewellery making. The program is available on the Coolamon Shire Council website and at the Coolamon Library. Also it is available from your local school offices.

Join the Library today – it FREE!!

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us.

## Community Announcements

- **Riverina Conservatorium of Music** parent and student information night. Tuesday, 9th February. 6.30pm - 7.30pm at the Riverina Conservatorium of Music. www.rivconmusic.org.au.
Please take your order in an envelope or bag
with your payment to school office by 9:30am
Or to Canteen no later than 11:25 thank you

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Hot Food Include 1 Tomato Sauce extra are 40 cents

| Mrs. Mac’s Meat Pies           | $4.00 |
| Mrs. Mac’s Sausage Rolls       | $3.00 |
| Mini Pizzas Bacon & Cheese only | $3.00 |
| Schools Chicken Nuggets X6     | $3.00 |
| Hotdog Wed/Thru/ Fri           | $3.50 |
| Nachos Fridays only             | $4.00 |

Limited Lollies also Available

Golden Circle Cold DRINKS

| 250ML Cans LOL                  | $2.20 |
| Fruit Boxes 250ML               | $1.50 |
| Juices 350ml Bottles           | $2.40 |
| Bottle Water 600ml             | $2.00 |
| 375ML can of Sprite             | $2.50 |

Dairy

| Flavored Milk 300ml        | $2.40 |
| Flavored Milks 500ml       | $3.50 |
| Frozen Zooper Doopers      | $0.50 |

Smiths

| Small Chips                  | $1.00 |

Other Snacks

| Small JJ’S                   | $1.00 |
| Small Jump’s                | $1.00 |

Cakes

| Sara Lee Choc chip Muffins  | $2.40 |

Street Ice Creams

| Shaky Shake                  | $2.00 |
| All Paddle Pops              | $1.50 |
| ICY Twist                   | $1.00 |

New Prices start from January 2016