Harmony Day

On Thursday, 19 March 2015 we celebrated Harmony Day at Coolamon Central School having students engage in activities that are common practice in other countries.

It was a great day where students participated in Irish dancing, origami ninja stars, bocce, cooking (gnocchi and potato cakes), creating harmony hands (with the how2learn values), Kubb (which is a throwing game involving wooden sticks), African drawing on the pavement, craft, storytelling, and African music.

All students from K-12 were mixed into groups where the secondary students did a fantastic job of interacting with the younger ones and getting them engaged with each activity.

The cultural diversity that we have in Australia allows everyone to enjoy new foods, skills, technology, games, sporting personalities and people in general. At Coolamon Central School, we embrace the values of Harmony Day where caring, respect and acceptance are central to all parts of schooling life. Thank you to all teachers who went to a lot of effort preparing a variety of activities from different cultures and thank you to all students’ for your participation in Harmony Day.

Mr Manuel

Principal's Report

The students have certainly had a busy couple of weeks at school with lots of wonderful activities taking place both inside and outside the classroom. Thanks to all the staff who have put in the extra time and effort to organise all of these exciting opportunities for our students:

- Year 8 spent three fantastic days camping at Blue Waterholes with Mrs Crocker, Mrs Lucas and Mr Besgrove;
- In previous weeks Year 7 and the Peer support leaders spent two days at Laurel Hill with Mr Rerden, Ms Elliott and Miss Edyvean;
- At the same time, our Gold Duke of Edinburgh students spent an exhausting week in the bush with Mr O’Neill and Mrs Holgate.
- Thursday saw the whole school involved in Harmony Day with some great multicultural events, musical activities and lessons taking place.
- The Year 11 Hospitality students provided a tasty lunch for the staff on Friday. Thanks very much to Mr Schulz for stepping in at the last moment due to his wife being unwell.
- Mr Celi has been coaching the senior debating team who performed admirably in their competition against Leeton on Friday.
- Secondary students assisted by umpiring the PSSA AFL trials on Friday.
- This Thursday our Links to Learning program commences, which Mrs Crocker and The Coolamon Shire Council have coordinated. Selected Year 7 -11 students will be involved every Thursday for fifteen weeks, where they will be learning Hospitality or steel working skills.

Congratulations to Mr Maxwell who has accepted a promotion as an Assistant Principal at Junee North Public School. The students and staff at Coolamon will miss his passion and dedication. It is a busy time for Staff appointments at our school with the positions of Principal and Head Teachers of English and Maths to be decided before the end of term.

Don’t forget that Tuesday from 4pm is our Secondary Parent/Teacher evening. This is a marvellous opportunity for you to come and chat with your children’s teachers in regard to their learning and wellbeing at the school. The exciting 2015-2017 Draft School Plan will be on display and I will be available to discuss it and the implications for the school in the future. It will be finalised by the end of term and posted on our web site on day one next term. It is an exciting and rapidly changing environment in education in 2015.

John Beer

Primary Easter Activities

Primary students are asked to bring in their hard boiled eggs on Monday, 30 March 2015 so that they can start decorating them ready for the Easter Activities on Thursday. If you have chooks at home and would like to donate extra hard boiled eggs, it would be much appreciated.

John Beer
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### Community Notices

- **Afternoon Tea** to raise funds for women living with ovarian cancer. Saturday 28 March 2015. 2.30pm - 4.30pm. Royal Tavern Coolamon. Entry by gold coin donation or $5 that will include a raffle ticket.

- **Ian Lucas Memorial Bike and Hike.** Grong Grong. 29 March 2015. Contact Brian for more information 0269562123 or 0427487505.

- **BlueScope Youth Orchestra Regional Tour.** Times of Change—Music from the Renaissance to the Present. Including a performance by the Junee Bank. 6pm, Saturday 11 April. Athenium Theatre, Junee. $10 adults/$5 children (free for under 5’s)

- **Hoppers under 15s training** will commence this Friday at 5pm at the footy grounds. All other grades will start training on Friday, April 10 at 5pm. Late registrations can be made from 4.30pm on April 10 in Festival Hall.

- **Kindra Park Trustee’s Easter Garden Show.** Saturday, 4 April 2015. 10.00am-4.00pm. Tickets available at the Up-To-Date Store. $15.00 per person (school ages children free). Sponsored by Beyond Bank. There will be 9 gardens on display ranging from country style to succulents and cacti. Contact Bill Thompson 0427 273 106.

- **School Holiday Tennis Lessons** with Roman Adamciewicz. Tuesday 7 April-Friday 10 April. Ganmain Tennis Courts. 9.00am – 12.00 noon. $80 per child. Children must be 8 and over if they have not received coaching previously. Information and registrations Kellie Hamblin 69276 150 or 0419 276 150.

- **Big Band Bash** - Ganmain Hall Saturday, 28 March 2015. Doors open 3pm, tickets just $5 per adult, children free. Plaza picnic to follow the concert with food and refreshments for sale or grab something to eat from Ganmain takeaway next door. Details on the event page here: [https://www.facebook.com/events/438451452997797/]

- **Coolamon Comets Netball Registration Day.** Saturday, 28 March 2015. 10.00-11.30am. Coolamon Main St (next door to newsagency) Juniors - $70 (Thurs evening comp). Seniors - $85 (Ladies Fri Night comp). Net-Set-Go - $50 (if sufficient numbers to run). Coaches and umpires also wanted!!! For more info contact Karly – 0412476279 (juniors) or Kasey 0429911288 (Ladies)

### Coolamon Library News

The next storytime for will be held this Friday 27th March @ 10.30am with the theme of “Easter”. Please note Storytime will not be held over the school holidays.

The library is hosting a glamorous story of Australian fashion photography called “Flashback – 160 years of Australian Fashion Photos”. The travelling panels will be in the library from Tuesday 31st March – Thursday 9th April.

The school holiday program has a variety of activities planned to coincide with Youth Week celebrations. They include “Fashion with Friends ‘ a clothing and accessory swapping event, a fishing trip to Narrandera, “Flying High” come and make planes with polystyrene form and “Fairy doors”. Programs are available from the council website or the Library.